We eventually managed to have our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21st October with a Zoom presentation.  The original meeting was scheduled for early April but Covid 19 put a block on proceedings.  During 2019 we had another good year financially and coupled with 2018 surplus this virtually paid for the major improvements seen this year.

Three new members joined the Club’s Committee and we welcome Richard Phillips, Keith Widdows and Colin Wood.  It was disappointing that Steve and Ellen McManus resigned although we did appreciate their contribution whilst on the Management Committee. There was one other change to the Officers of the Club with Dave Sharratt confirmed as a Trustee.  Dave, an ex-Secretary and long standing member of the Club, will be a valuable asset and ensure the Club’s financial standing is kept in safe hands.

An amended set of rules for Rolleston Club was approved at the AGM with the draft copies available on the website and the notice boards.  The Club now has to have them approved by the appropriate Finance Organization for Club Activites and hopefully they will be available in booklet form in a few months time.

The Bowling season concluded on 18th October with a special competition organized for members.  Work now commences on preparing the green for next year and hopefully by April 2021 we can look forward to a full programme.

We must apologise for the table in snooker room ‘A’ not being repaired as arranged.  The Company has now been contacted and agreed to complete the project before Christmas.  If the standard of workmanship is as good as table ‘B ‘we will then have two very good playing surfaces.

The Café is now attracting increased numbers with many favourable comments being received about the food and prices.  Sean has provided his normal varied menu and on Wednesday 21stOctober did an afternoon/early evening opening from 4pm to 7.30pm.  This proved successful and is to be repeated again on 28th October.  Credit goes to Sean and the staff for their contribution during this difficult period and fully supporting the Committee in their effort to keep the Club on an even keel.  Your continued support would be appreciated.

A claim was submitted to East Staffs B.C. in June to apply for the Property Flood Resilience Recovery Support Scheme.  Following the very heavy rains in March the flood water reached the Club and seeped under the main doors and reached the carpets.  We have subsequently been awarded £5,000 to have designated improvement work done at the front/side of the Club and this will hopefully be completed before the full effects of winter sets in.

We were approached by some members asking ‘what happened to the beer left in the cellar at lockdown’.  In fact we received credit for full casks but part empty casks had to be tipped down the drain.  At a later date, once credit had been confirmed, we had to destroy the contents of the full casks in a similar manner to the previous operation.  (It actually brought tears to the eyes of those who carried out the task to see such a waste of what was fine lager and beer in March).

You may have noticed a fantastic and fitting tribute to this year’s Poppy Appeal in the Lounge windows.   Sean and his helpers, Tom O’Donnell, Lorraine Macpherson and Luis Castillon created the display last Sunday and thanks go to them for highlighting such an important occasion.

A special mention to the staff who have to serve food and drinks at the tables.  They have adapted excellently to this requirement ensuring members receive their order in an efficient manner.  Thanks to all concerned.

Finally, following the death of Stan Ebberley  we wish to offer our condolences to the family.  Stan, a long time Club member, was an ex-Trustee, bowler, snooker player and also assisted with the maintenance of the bowling green and snooker tables.  He was greatly respected by all who knew him and his passing will be a sad loss to many.  May he rest in Peace.

We have a Facebook page [Rolleston Club](https://en-gb.facebook.com/rollestonclub/) and a Twitter account [@Rolleston\_Club](https://twitter.com/Rolleston_Club) for up to date news and our website, [www.rollestonclub.org.uk](http://www.rollestonclub.org.uk) is now also live.  Join in our conversation.

Once again, thank you for reading the newsletter and for continuing to support the Club. We look forward to seeing you soon.