Christmas has come and gone and we now look towards 2021.  The Club will survive the winter period as a result of careful budgeting and hopefully things will improve in the spring.

As confirmed in the December edition of the newsletter the Committee decided to request the payment of subscriptions from January 2021.  There are many benefits of being a member of Rolleston Club which include :-

* Lower prices for the purchases of beer, wines/spirits and non-alcoholic drinks than non-members.
* Use of the bowling green and the opportunity to join one of the teams.
* Use of the snooker tables and participation in one of the four league teams, (availability permitting).
* Join in the darts team who represent the Club in the Burton and District League.
* Friday evening  ‘bingo’ with cash prizes to be played for with only members being eligible to win the major prizes.
* Saturday evenings (two in a month) are allocated to live bands where members pay a reduced amount to enter.
* Members only can book the Main Room for special occasions i.e. anniversaries, birthday and children’s parties etc.
* We also have line dancing (Monday evenings), weekly quiz (Wednesday) and whist (Thursday).

The cost of renewing the Club membership is as follows :-

Members under 65 -   £10.00/year for individual membership

Seniors aged      65+      £5.00/year for individual membership.

Juniors                          £7.00/year for individual membership.

The annual subscription is for a 12 month period and renewable from January each year.

The Committee hope you will join again and payment can be made by  the following methods –

* call in to the Club (when open) and Committee or staff members will assist in renewing your membership
* cash or cheques are acceptable and if you wish you can post your renewal in the post box or letter box with a note of your details including your membership number (from your card) if possible.
* E-mail the Club on [secretary@rollestonclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rollestonclub.org.uk)  and we will provide the necessary Club bank account details to enable payment by BACS transfer).
* On Friday 8th January we are arranging a further food takeaway service in the evening and the office will be open from 9.30am to 12 noon if anyone wishes to call in to renew their membership.

The Club has been active during this month with curtains and roman blinds fitted to the Lounge windows to provide a more comfortable and private setting.

The completion of the re-furbishment of the snooker table in room A has been completed and it is now ready for use by our members (once Covid regulations permit).

The Flood Defence provisions have been installed at the front and side of the Club.  The finance has been provided by East Staffordshire Borough Council with no actual cost to ourselves.

The bowling section are hopefully starting to make arrangements for the 2021 season.  Nick Parr (our retiring Bowls Secretary) is endeavouring to arrange a meeting in February  but this is dependant on Covid regulations.  If you are interested in playing bowls for the Club this year please let Nick or myself know.

We have been asked that when the Club returns to normal (no Covid restrictions) will we still use the main room as a food/drink outlet? The present answer to this question is that we wish to return to the Lounge and allow the main room to be used for various outside organizations to hire our facilities. (We cannot be definite at the present time but our intentions are clear).

I hope that all those who have used our takeaway service have enjoyed the facility.  We have received many favourable comments and part of the process was that we wished to fully participate in village activites and not just lock our doors.  Sean and the staff have supported us and are greatly looking forward to the Club being open again and members being able to have a meal or drink in a convivial atmosphere.

Thank you for your support not only last year but for some over many years and long may it continue.

I’d like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Very Happy New Year.

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.