Another month of lockdown has taken place but last Monday Boris Johnson did offer a glimpse of the light at the end of the tunnel.  In April the Club may be able to reopen and offer a limited outdoor meals/drinks service under strict guidelines.  This being successful could then allow us to move on and provide a near normal service indoors during May, although having to be aware of adherence to Covid 19 regulations.  We have only limited details at this time about reopening but hopefully we will have more information in time for the next newsletter.

We are continuing with our takeaway service on Friday evenings with Lisa and Fran doing the cooking assisted by Tracy.  As many of you know Sean has left the Club to take up a position of Head Chef with Busy Bees in Burton.  Sean has been an asset to the Club and added value by introducing a far greater variety of choice to the menu and also cooking/preparing tasty meals for our customers.  We wish Sean all the best with his new job and thank him for his contribution to the Club over the past two years.

After an initial hiccup during the first week of the takeaway service when difficulties were encountered we are now up to full speed.  It is hoped that anyone who experienced our initial problems will take the opportunity to try another takeaway and enjoy our varied and reasonably priced menu.  We are now introducing to the menu cottage pie ‘Italian’ style made from Fran’s recipe so why not give it a try,

Another initiative we are trying is to open the Club on a Saturday and Sunday morning between the hours of 10 am and 1 pm.  Bacon/sausage baps, soup and a variety of hot drinks are available on a takeaway basis.  These must be consumed off the premises with orders taken at the Lounge door.  If you are walking past just come to the door, place your order, pay and collect the takeaway which will be freshly prepared.  (Alternatively call 01283 812072 with a time if you wish to order in advance).

The Committee have decided to recruit two part time qualified cooks/chefs to cover our existing vacancy.  This would add extra cover to the Club and suit a job share opportunity for two people.  In total 32 hours are available covering a 5 day period and flexibility is key to both the Club and anyone who is interested.  The posts are presently being advertised and if you know anyone who fits the bill please contact myself with your details.

We are pleased that members have continued to pay their subscriptions for 2021.  On a recent check over 50% of last year’s membership have renewed which has considerably helped with our cash flow situation.  If you have not yet done so please speak to a Committee member or contact the Club by email for further information or leave your cheque together with your personal details in the letter box by the Lounge door.  As a Members Club the subscription covers the whole 12 month period and helps to ensure we will be open when the Government allows us to do so.

In February’s newsletter we advised that last year’s captains of the bowls teams would automatically be re-elected unless we heard something to the contrary. As we have heard nothing we assume that each captain is willing to carry on in their role for this year.  Unfortunately no one has come forward to be the captain of the Saturday second team and this vacancy is still open.  Len Torr has indicated that he wishes to stand down and he has not changed his mind.  If anyone is interested please speak with Nick Parr for further details.

As you are aware the Club’s Financial Year ended on 31st December 2020, all the necessary accounts/paperwork etc are to be sent to The Chartwell Practice and we will be looking to hold our Annual General Meeting at the earliest opportunity.

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

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