The light at the end of the tunnel is shining and the Club is planning to reopen on a limited basis from Friday 16th April.  We are unable to use the indoor facilities for eating or drinking but can do so outdoors.  A marquee is to be erected on the car park by the fire doors with tables/chairs inside and a number will also be available on the car park.  All facilities will be Covid compliant  with regulations in place as required by Government guidelines.

The proposed hours of opening are as follows :-

Friday 16th April - Café - 10am to 1pm.  Bar 1 pm – 8pm (can be varied)

Saturday 17th April – Café 10am – 1pm.  Bar 1pm – 8pm (can be varied)

Sunday 18th April – Café/snacks 10am – 1pm.  Bar 1pm – 8pm.

Closing times may be varied dependant on numbers present.  These initial opening/closing times may change for the following week dependant on members using the outdoor arrangements in the first week.   Information of any alterations will be on Facebook or on the outside notice boards,

The Friday takeaway service will continue as at present and it may be possible to serve light snacks during that afternoon when the takeaway meals are being prepared.  During the past four weeks the Club has received many favourable comments about the presentation and standard of meals and each week we see new customers ringing up to order a takeaway.

Come and support the Club as we endeavour to make it possible for members to meet and greet again after a long period of isolation.

The Bowls section will also open the green on the 16th April.  Hourly slots can be booked by phoning 07985037121 or 01283 812072 .  Only 6 people are allowed to be on the green at any one time (three singles or one group of four family members in their own bubble and one singles).  Strict Covid regulations will be in place and the green will be open from 11.00am – 5.00 pm.  The League Bowls matches are subject to further consultation and will not take place until 17th May at the earliest.  Hopefully, some members will book an early game and have a drink afterwards to get ready for the season.

The Club is in the process of recruiting a new Chef, Nicky who has indicated she is very keen to accept the appointment.  We are still exploring the possibility of recruiting further catering assistance but this will take time and more information will be communicated next month.  All our other catering/bar staff are very keen to return to the Club and will be in action as we move to full opening.

The Club has received a good response to membership renewals and those who have not yet re-joined should do so at the earliest opportunity.  Those members who have not paid their subscription have had their card de-activated and non-members prices will automatically apply to the bar/lounge prices.  The Committee at the meeting in March agreed to keep prices (except an increase in the price of coffee by 10p) at their existing level.  Unfortunately, Molson Coors have contacted the Club informing us that the Brewery are increasing their prices by the equivalent to 10p pint from 30th April. We have no alternative but to pass this price increase on in the current climate, however regrettable.

Fitness groups have been contacted and Fitsteps and Yoga will return when regulations allow although the Pilates sessions are to stay in Tutbury.  If someone knows an instructor who may be interested in organising such classes please contact Lisa or myself as we have had a number of members who would like to attend such a class in Rolleston.

In conclusion the Bowls section have been granted £567.00 towards five items of equipment to help maintain the bowling green. The Burton upon Trent Sports Council have again supported our application and we wish to thank them for the grant which is greatly appreciated.  A photograph of the official presentation from the Sports Council will be arranged following receipt of the equipment early in April.

For those of you who have not heard, Ann Preston one of our members of staff  had an accident and damaged her shoulder earlier in the year.  She is progressing slowly and we wish to send her all our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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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