



*We are*  
**Open**

**THIS SATURDAY!**



**... NEW SAFETY  
GUIDELINES**



**SUMMER LEAGUES**

# OPENING THIS SATURDAY!



Whilst we are still on course for the full re-opening of the club on Tuesday 18th May, we are in the meantime opening on a limited basis, on Saturdays and Thursdays only, starting... **this Saturday, 1st May!**

During this limited opening, Paul, Ed and Laura, our new Club Stewards, will be running an outdoor only bar service, and Carl and Sam an outdoor only restaurant service.

They would all love to see as many fellow members as possible... so do come down and enjoy a drink or something to eat.



**The outdoor service will be available from 10am to 3pm.**



We have a number of tables set up outdoors (kindly donated by fellow members) and have more tables and chairs available to bring out if needed. So there is no need to pre-book ... just turn up and you'll be found a seat!

For those who wish to use the bowling hall (available on a 1 player / 1 household basis until May 18th) you will need to pre-book through Bowlr or your Club Stewards, in the normal manner.



Please do remember that until the full re-opening of the club on Tuesday May 18th, members may only access inside the club to bowl on their pre-booked rinks, to use the toilets or sign up to leagues, etc. All socialising, ordering, consuming and paying for food and drink is only permitted whilst seated outdoors. We are not allowed to mix indoors until May 18th. We must also remember that socialising outdoors is still subject to the rule of 6!

## Summer Leagues!

Sign up for the summer leagues now! See [here](#) for the available leagues.

To sign up you can message the club [here](#) or sign up within the club whenever open (see below for Club opening times). Please sign up by the end of May. The Leagues will start in the second week of June.

Members will be allocated to teams. But if there is a fellow member you particularly wish to bowl with, please let us know when signing up.

## Thank you!

When we re-opened the Club after the first lock-down last summer, the grounds were badly overgrown with weeds and shrubs and took quite an effort to get back under control. This year, thanks to our fantastic volunteer gardeners (Bob Bowlby and Norman Davidson) the club is looking very much smarter! Having volunteers rather than contractors keep the grounds tidy is a great help in minimising your club's costs.

## Lease Renewal

As reported in our last Newsletter, negotiations on our lease renewal have begun.

Unfortunately, the initial proposal from the Council included a number of conditions that the Directors considered unacceptable to our Club, including a very substantial increase in rent. Hence the Directors have decided to appoint a professional surveyor to support the Club.

## Rink Fees

The central strategy behind our Club Plan is to actively increase our membership in order to keep Subscriptions and Rink Fees as low as possible. However, given both the adverse impact of the pandemic on the Club's financial position and the uncertainty created by the ongoing lease renewal negotiation, the Directors consider it prudent to increase rink fees from 1 May by a modest amount and until further notice. The current rink fees (£3.60 per 2.5 hour session) were set back in 2019. From 1 May the fee will increase to £4 for a full 2.5 hour session, reduced to £3.50 whilst we are restricted to 2 hour sessions.

It is thanks to the generosity of members' donations and the various cost cutting measures taken in recent years that the increase can be limited to this relatively modest amount, despite the financial losses suffered over the last 12 months.

## Roll Ups. To start Tuesday May 18th

- \* Tuesdays 2.30pm to 5pm (Jim Hawkes)
- \* Thursday 12pm to 2.30pm (Jim Hawkes)
- \* Friday 9.30am to 12pm Assisted Bowling
- \* Friday 7.30pm to 9.30pm (Liz Kemp)
- \* Sunday 11.30 am to 2pm (Brian Simpson)

## Club Opening Times

For the full details of your opening times from May 18th see [here](#). We will extend opening times as soon as member activity makes it financially viable to do so.

## Club Stewards

When we return in to the Club in May we will now be welcomed by Paul Buss and his team, Ed Harris and Laura Edwards, in their capacity as Club Stewards.

In their new roles Paul and team are responsible for the day to day running of your Club. So do please liaise with them should you have any suggestions, queries or need support with anything.

There is no longer a separate office staff team.

And if the Stewards can't help you immediately they will liaise with volunteer Club Officers or Directors as necessary.

## Covid Safety

There are some important updates to the club's Covid Safety Guidelines that apply from May 18th.

Not least that we will then be subject to the "Rule of 6" in the bar and restaurant.

Hopefully, June will see a significant lifting of restrictions. In the meantime please remind yourself of all the Club Safety Guidelines [here](#).