

# Poppyfields' Post! July 2020



## Club to Re-Open Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>!

What strange times we are living through and now that the Government has printed some strict guidelines to follow, the Club Committee held an outdoor, socially distanced meeting out on the football pitch on Thursday afternoon. Fortunately it was a lovely day and, following a frank discussion, it was agreed that we would re-open the Club. Therefore, we are getting ready to re-open the doors on Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>, but it will be far from business as usual as we will have to adhere to the Government social distancing guidelines to help to keep our members and staff safe.



To begin, with we will be opening to Members and their Guests only, to see how popular and effective the reopening is.

Entry is via the main door and then into the Hilton Suite.

We will be opening the downstairs bar only for the time being and everyone who comes into the club **MUST** sign in to allow for track and trace, should anyone prove at a later date to have had the virus when they visited the club. Following the signing in everyone must use the Sanitiser Gel to sanitise their hands prior to entering the bar.





There will be a one-way system in place for entering, leaving and going to the toilet.

Access to the bar will be restricted to allow 2m spacing between people queuing to order drinks. The floor is marked out to ensure 2m spacing is maintained.



There will be a staff safety screen where you place your order and pay, preferably contactless payment. Card payment is possible, and we can accept cash but it is preferable not to.



You will remain at the order point whilst your order is made up and taken to the service point before you will be allowed to go and collect your drinks and take them to a table.

Only people from the same household (or family bubble members) may sit at any one table.

Tables must not be moved.

You may talk to friends and families on adjacent tables, but you must not visit other tables, breaching the two-metre rule, and no one will be allowed to stand and drink at the bar.



You may sit outside but the social distancing regulations remain in place and again only people from the same household (or family bubble members) may sit at any one table.

There is a maximum safe occupancy of 30 people in the room.

There can be no children's play areas.

Children will be permitted when accompanied by an adult but only until 9pm.

There is to be no live entertainment, especially singing.

There can be no cards or dominoes due to breaching the social distancing rules and to sharing the cards and dominoes increasing the chance of virus spread.

Empty glasses will not be collected but may be taken to a collection point if you wish to clear your table.

Each table will be cleaned when it becomes vacant before anyone else can sit at it.

The rear doors will remain open for additional ventilation, to allow access to the outside and for people to exit and go to the toilet. People can then re-enter the building via the bowls door to access the toilet or to exit. Always allow other people space in the corridors and foyer.

These really are difficult times for everyone so please be patient and courteous to everyone.

We have introduced a strict daily cleaning routine which will see all surfaces and door handles cleaned thoroughly and glasses will be double washed after use.

Screens have been put in place to protect members and staff; staff will be issued with visors to be used when cleaning tables and they will have access to a face mask and protective gloves.

As no one can possibly predict how successful and popular the reopening will be we intend to have a phased reopening and we will initially open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings from 7pm to 10pm and on Sunday from 12 noon to 3pm.

These times are not completely fixed and we will monitor the success and we may adjust them accordingly. If there is a second spike we may be forced to close again.

### **Functions**

At present we will not be able to cater for private functions.

### **Club Entertainment and Speciality Evenings**

**Monday Circuit Training** – Postponed until further notice.

**Monday quiz night** – The quiz will be reintroduced when we can safely ensure social distancing. Only members of the same family bubble will be able to sit together, other members of the team will have to sit at least 2m away. Papers will not be able to be swapped over and only one team member will be able to handle the answer sheet. It may be that when reintroduced we ask people to bring their own Paper from home.

It is not fully evident how we will manage it yet but we will look into it.

**Club Tote Draw** – Postponed until further notice.

**Tuesday Indoor Games** – This is currently not permitted due to the sharing of cards and dominoes and having to sit in close proximity to each other.

**Tuesday Line Dancing** – Postponed until further notice.

**Wednesday Bingo** – This has also been put on hold and we will reintroduce a socially distanced version in the near future.

**Thursday Film Nights** – Cinemas have been permitted to reopen and as soon as we have worked out some social distancing seating, we will recommence the film nights. – Please let us know any suggestions of films that you may wish to see.

**Friday Jazz Nights** – Currently suspended as no live entertainment is permitted and we will look at reintroducing jazz at a later date if we get the demand.

**Friday Speciality Food Evenings** – It is very likely that we will introduce a socially distanced Fish Night in the very near future – Keep your eye out for the adverts.

**Saturday Breakfast** – Again we are looking at ways to reintroduce the breakfasts safely, but it may be a while before we do.

**Saturday Live Entertainment** – This is currently not permitted under the Government Guidelines, but we will re-introduce it when we can.

**Sunday Lunches** – We intend to start doing Sunday Lunches if we get sufficient people wanting them again. We will not be able to have a carvery but we can provide plated up meals. Please let us know if you would be interested.

### **Other events and Sections**

#### **Coach Trips**

All trips have been cancelled for obvious reasons; anyone who has paid will have their money refunded. We would prefer to repay directly into a bank account but we can

refund in cash if you prefer, please let us know your preference by emailing [secretary@mickleoverrblclub.org](mailto:secretary@mickleoverrblclub.org) giving your name and which trip it relates.

### **Bowls Section**

Bowling is not going ahead at present as the current Covid 19 regulations make it very difficult to control, however, the Bowls Section have provided a grounds maintenance team who have all been working very hard during lockdown and have kept the area around the green, the front of the club and the scout drive looking immaculate. This has been a great help, imagine how it would look with 4 months of neglect.

### **Indoor Games**

The indoor games competitions have been cancelled but thanks again to Barry, John, Mark, Steve and Lyn for everything they have done. All games fees paid will be repaid when we have agreed with the organising team the best way to handle it.

### **Snooker**

It is very possible that we will soon allow snooker to restart but tables will have to be booked and play will be singles only, unless there are more than two people from any recognised family bubble. All snooker balls, equipment and the table surround will be cleaned and sanitised each day; everyone who plays will have to hand sanitise before they play on the table and after they have been out of the room to fetch a drink or visit the lavatory. They will also be expected to wipe down any equipment after use with the wipes which will be provided.

### **RBL Golf Society**

Golf is a permitted sport and the golf society, which is open to all Club Members; has recommenced. The Cooper Rose Bowl was played at Mickleover on the 26<sup>th</sup> June and was won by Liffy with Dan James claiming the Runner-Up spot on count-back. The next game is at Allestree on 20<sup>th</sup> July and then at Beaudesert, near Cannock, on 17<sup>th</sup> August. Anyone interested in joining please contact Dave Hayman or Steve Rogers.

### **Football Teams**

All football has been postponed at present but the Football Section have kept the grounds in tip top condition and the surrounding area too. Couple this with what the Bowls Section have done and we really do have a very nice looking Club. Let's hope that we can now all start to enjoy it.

### **3G All Weather Court**

This is currently not available and we hope to carry out some routine maintenance before we reopen for public use.

We hope you understand how difficult it is to run the Club in these troubled times but please be assured that we understand the seriousness of the current situation, due to the pandemic, and we take the safety of our staff and members as our utmost priority.

We hope to see you all in the Club again soon but only when you are happy and confident to do so.

Please stay safe and we will all meet up safe and well very soon.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "The Committee!" with an exclamation mark.

The Club Committee