

Dear Member

As you are aware the Government has recently allowed Pubs and Clubs to reopen subject to a COVID-19 risk assessment and protection measures implemented.

Like the other local Social Clubs in Merstham, the Management Team took the decision not to reopen until we are sure that we have done enough to protect our Members and Staff. At the same time, we need to make the business viable so only having a few people in the Club yet have to cover the costs of running the business puts the Club at risk. We are committed to ensure the security and long-term prospects of the Club for the current and future Membership to enjoy. We have already seen on the news some Pubs opening only to have to close again almost straight away and we do not want to be in that position.

Currently the restrictions including no live sports or music levels that requires people to raise their voices, restricted numbers, no standing at the bar, social distancing, screens etc together with our narrow hallways makes it very difficult to meet the legal requirements or the needs of our Membership. We would not be able to offer pool, snooker or bar billiards and seating would need to be spread throughout the Club as well as some sort of one way system. There is also the unknown factors such a possible 2nd wave and the current industry wide stock supply problems that we need to deal with.

The Management Team have also taken into account the profile of our membership and the related risk COVID-19 poses, the activities that our members enjoy and the damaging effect that a potential or actual positive case in the Club would have on our Members, Staff and potentially our entire business. We believe that the restrictions in place now will change over the summer and as long as there is not a local or national lockdown or increase in COVID-19 cases we believe that it will be easier for us to operate as restrictions such as social distancing and the need for screens etc get reviewed and hopefully reduced.

The Management Team have decided that our provisional opening date will be Tuesday 1st September subject to any restrictions placed on us by the Government. Any updates including what the arrangements are, opening hours and COVID-19 restrictions & rules Members will need to follow will be posted on our website, Social media and emailed out to our Membership in advance. Please pass this on to anyone that you know who has not registered their email address with us.

The Management Team thank you for your understanding and support through these difficult times. We are looking forward to opening our newly refitted Club and welcoming our Members back to enjoy the hospitality we offer everyone. In the meantime, we wish you well and please keep safe. As usual any questions please contact us via reply email.

For & on behalf of the Management Team - Monson Club Ltd. 10/07/20