

Dear Member

Its 3 months since the Government instructed us to shut and the world is certainly a very different place. Despite all the uncertainty of the future especially in the hospitality industry, we are confident that not only will the Club pull through this difficult and challenging time but it will be more secure and stable than many other Pubs and Social Clubs. Trying to shut a successful thriving business at such short notice with all the contractual, stock / supply and service / Employer commitments has been very challenging and something that none of the Committee has ever had to deal with so you will appreciate the delay in any substantial update. However we will continue to post any short updates to our website and social media page.

The Management Committee have been busy with the maintenance and upgrading of the Club whilst we have been shut. In March the Management Team committed to dealing with a historical building risk and had the old asbestos tiled floor lifted and removed. Whilst this was not causing an immediate risk to members, there was always the chance that at some point it may get damaged or we would legally be required to remove it so the decision was taken to get this done for our future generation of Members. Whilst we were having the old and worn carpet lifted and removed, a historical leak in our heating system was also discovered and fixed. This leak had been allowing water to slowly seep in under the floor for many years so finding and fixing it was a bonus.

The Management Team has been working hard to carry out extensive refurbishment work throughout the Club starting with the removal of the old stage earlier in the year and taking advantage of the closure to have improvements such as a new safety floor installed behind the bar as well as a new bottle cooler installed. We have also had a brand new floor fitted throughout the Club and entrance hall as well as repainting the entire Club. This has been a huge commitment by the Committee Members and we hope that this will improve the Club immensely making it brighter and cleaner throughout.

At the time of writing this there has been plenty of speculation about the Government's reopening plan and how the hospitality industry fits into it. We await to hear how and what the arrangements are but as we do not have a beer garden or outdoor area we are unsure whether we would be included in the 1st wave of reopening's on 4th July. We also have an old building with a narrow entrance hall and limited room to move past other people.

We still hope to reopen over the Summer period at some point however the safety and welfare of our Members and valued Staffing team is our top priority and we will need to carefully consider any social distancing requirements, how they would allow us to operate and we will need to ensure that the Club is safe as possible for everyone before we will reopen. The Management Team will not take any short cuts to open if it puts our Members and Staff at risk. We will update everyone throughout the next few weeks as to what we intend to do.

In the meantime, we hope that everyone is well and keeping safe. Please continue to follow the NHS and Government advice and look after yourselves.

Kind regards

Monson Club Ltd Management Team.