

Notice to Members: AGM and ELECTIONS

Please be aware that due to social distancing requirements, there will be a limit to the numbers that can be admitted to this year's AGM. All Members must be seated. Based on the calculated capacity, and the number of people that normally attend, **we do not believe that this will be an issue**. However, if all seats are filled, we will be forced to refuse entry to any additional people.

Please bear in mind the reduced bar service capacity. Stick to the marked service points and avoid queueing. Getting your pre-meeting drink will take longer than usual so allow more time. Once served get clear of the bar and take a seat.

Note that in order to avoid additional printing costs, most paperwork produced for the planned March meeting will be re-used despite indicating the original date. Agendas for the March event have now been superseded and should be destroyed.

Elections

The Committee has decided the correct democratic course of action is to allow the members a vote to decide if they wish to hold the cancelled March elections in September. The arguments for and against are as follows:

For: There are some vacant seats on Committee that could be filled without having to wait until March 2021.

Against: The next scheduled elections will be in March. If elections are held in September, some of those elected will serve a term of just 6 months rather than the intended 2 years. This seems like a major effort for a minor benefit.

The Committee does not endorse either view and would like the Members to vote freely.

If the decision is taken not to hold elections, all current post-holders will continue until March and the March 2021 elections will be held in exactly the manner they would have been in March 2020, with the same positions up for voting.