



Dear Member

You will be aware that yesterday (26th November) we were placed into Tier 2 restrictions when the national lockdown ends next Wednesday.

This means that The Club would only be allowed to re-open if we were trading as a food venue, with alcohol sold only in support of a meal. At present we have no operating kitchen or kitchen staff.

Were we to open, the following rules would apply:

- 1) Meals would have to be "substantial." You could not order a drink unless you had purchased a meal.
- 2) You could not bring in your own food and you could not share a meal
- 3) Alcohol served would have to be proportionate to the meal e.g. you couldn't buy a pie and chips and order 3 pints with it.
- 4) You could not order more alcohol after finishing your meal.
- 5) You could not drag out your meal to take longer than normal.
- 6) You could not socialise or share a table with anyone outside your own household (unless outdoors).

The Committee is of the opinion that, given we are a Social Club and not a restaurant, this change to behaviour would be massive and place the staff in a very difficult position. Can they really be asked to decide if someone is eating their meal quickly enough?

Also, given that we couldn't share a table and enjoy a drink with our friends, how many people would actually want to use this service? It seems unlikely we could ever recoup the money required for staff wages, which is currently covered by furlough.

Regrettably therefore, the decision has been taken that we will not re-open, as hoped, next

week and will have to await the results of the next Government review, currently scheduled to be completed by 16th December.

### **Christmas Draw**

Rest assured that all tickets will remain valid and, if it can't be held before Christmas, then it will be drawn in the New Year. All the meat prizes this year will be in the form of vouchers, so nothing will be lost and winners can then get their meat of choice from the Farm Shop when it suits them.

We will update you further if and when anything else changes.

The Management Committee