

Dear Member

I am sure you are aware that as from Wednesday 2 December we come out of the national lockdown and return to a 3-tiered system of local restrictions to control COVID-19. Unfortunately this means that the hospitality industry (pubs, clubs, restaurants, etc.) is hit harder than most, especially in tiers 2 and 3. Hampshire is in tier 2, which is the one for areas with a higher or rapidly rising level of infections, where some additional restrictions need to be in place. The tier levels will be reviewed every 2 weeks, so the next review is on 16 December.

Everything is not all bad, however, and after a small emergency meeting on Thursday afternoon with some of the Club Committee, Bar Manager and Chef Sam, we are feeling positive and will be re-opening from Thursday 3 December, subject to the hospitality sector 'rules and regulations' of tier 2 introduced by the government, namely:

- you must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or a public space – this is called the 'rule of 6'
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-Secure manner, other than those which remain closed by law such as nightclubs
- pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals
- hospitality businesses selling food or drink for consumption on their premises are required to:
 - provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol
 - close between 11pm and 5am (hospitality venues in airports, ports, transport services and motorway service areas are exempt)
 - stop taking orders after 10pm
- hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, and 15 people can attend linked commemorative events such as wakes or stonings.

As a result of these restrictions the Club opening hours will change to align more closely with those of Chef Sam as it is clear that **only people having a substantial meal will be allowed to be served alcohol**. A substantial meal could be as simple as a filled jacket potato and salad, but not just a bowl of chips! It will be possible for members to come into the Club for soft drinks or tea/coffee and snacks (crisps, peanuts, etc.) without having a meal, **but no alcohol can be served**. It will also be necessary to **prebook your place for a meal** in the Club Room, Panel Room or Restaurant so that we can ensure the appropriate seating is available for you, allowing the necessary social distancing (2 metres) between you (and your support bubble) and other people in your group. Please call Chef Sam directly on 07943 997 519 to make a booking. If you already have a booking Sam will be contacting you ASAP to discuss your booking to ensure it conforms to these new rules. If you have any questions please call me on 023 9249 2281. We are able to open the Snooker Room, but only for 2 people on one table. Sadly, the second table will be out of use for the time being. We can only serve tea, coffee or non-alcoholic beverages for Snooker players.

Revised opening hours from 3 December to 16 December (another update will follow after the next review):

3 - 16 December	Bar (lunchtime)	Bar (evening)	Chef Sam (lunchtime)	Chef Sam (evening)
Monday - Friday	12 noon - 3pm	6pm - 9pm	12 noon - 3pm	6pm - 9pm
Saturday		6pm - 10pm		6pm - 9pm
Sunday	12.30pm - 3.30pm		12.30pm - 3.30pm	

On Saturday 5 December our Chairman, Geoff Mullins, will be providing entertainment in the Club Room and Panel Room - with his popular Music Request evening with a Music Quiz, so get your meal bookings in ASAP. There are only so many places available with the new social distancing rules. There will be other musical entertainment on Saturdays 12 and 19 December, so please watch the website for details.

We would be delighted to hear from members if you think these opening hours are about right, need to start earlier, etc., either via the website or directly to me at secretary@denvilleshouse.net

Thank you for your support this year and we look forward to seeing and hearing from you very soon.

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