

Monson Club Newsletter

January 2021

Thank you from the Management Team

2020 brought huge challenges for everyone including the Club. Closing a successful business at short notice in March, then reopening in September for a few weeks only to have to close again due to the COVID-19 restrictions has been an experience and something that has tested the Management Team time and time again. From financial, stock and staff management difficulties, trying to project manage a full refit, and having to implement difficult and costly legal restrictions including table service has been a huge team effort and the Committee would like to thank everyone including our valued Staffing Team who have helped make this happen. We will let everyone know when we can reopen so please keep an eye on our website and social media. If you haven't already done so please register your email address to receive regular updates.

The 2020 Club Refurbishment

We hope that you all approve of the Club's refurbishment. It is the first time in more than 25 years that any Committee has carried out such a major project and it has been challenging work.

Prior to the main work, Members removed the old stage that had been in place for many years. Volunteers then repaired, relevelled the floor and repainted the area. We had the wall repaired and replastered and then fitted another radiator in the rear meeting room. We then purchased and fitted a large screen TV for your entertainment. Most of this work was done by volunteer Members in their free time.



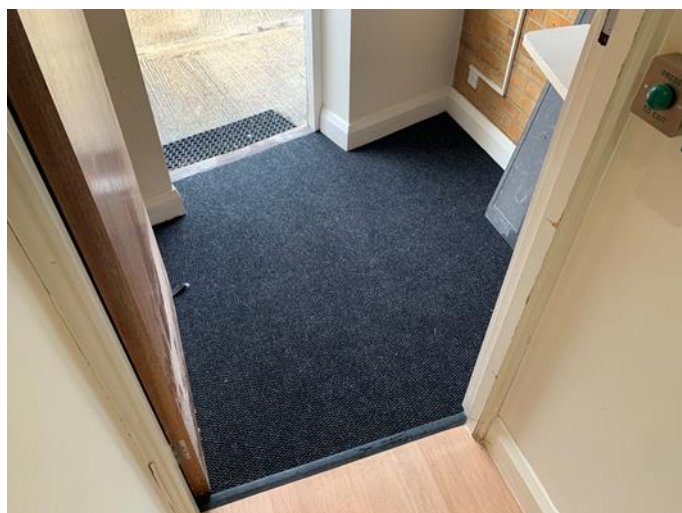
At the start of the main refurbishment, there was a lot of unseen work that had to take place including lifting and removing bags of asbestos floor tiles and repairing the old concrete floor underneath. We then had a damp proof membrane fitted to help insulate the Club for the future. Members have also fitted a new floor to the meeting room to finish that part of the project.

We had new upgraded internet fitted to run our systems digitally, new wi-fi timers throughout the Club to save electric costs and fitted an integrated card machine to help ensure accounting is easier and more accurate. We have also fitted new LED lighting outside for your safety.

At the start of the works, one of the bar bottle coolers stopped working so we replaced that with a new more economical one to save electric costs and reconfigured the bar layout to have both coolers next to each other. New shelving was then made and fitted under the bar. This work was again carried out by volunteer Members in their free time.



We decided to remove the hatch and extend the bar surface to improve the area. Contractors then sanded back the rear bar surface, hand built on site, levelled and fitted our new bar top including the dog-leg at the end and the entrance gate and then treated the new surfaces. Members fitted the cladding on the front and painted the area. We also moved the till to the front and bought a video screen to fit to the front of the till. Our electrician removed old wiring and fitted new electrics & lighting above and at the back of our bar whilst our flooring contractors fitted a new safety anti-slip floor behind the bar. At every stage, we ensured that all the old material including wiring and fittings were removed to ensure that the area was safe and to avoid future costs.



Our contractors sealed the entrance hall floor, levelled and fitted commercial matting whilst volunteer Members cut, painted and fitted cladding around the entire Club. Members also painted and decorated the entrance hall itself as part of the project. A huge special thank you is due to the Members who gave up so much of their time and worked so hard throughout 2020 to get this work done and to make the Club look amazing.



You may have noticed that the new floor has started lifting in places throughout the Club. The ends of the planks are curling and despite repairs by the Fitters they have been unable to resolve the issue.

Good news is that our Contractor EasiFit are returning during January to replace the floor at their cost and this time we have chosen a slightly darker colour.

Membership 2021

As previously advised, we will not be charging for Membership for 2021 unless you join as a new Member or have not yet paid for a recent membership application. Everyone who was a paid-up Member in 2020 has had their membership extended to the end of 2021. Please note that the Club rules and our License states that only paid Members can use the Club unless you are a member of a visiting Games Team or signed in Guest. Members' Partners can use the Club with the Member but must leave when the Members does. Processed applications are left behind the bar for your collection. Please let us know if you change your name, home address or email address.

Reminder:

As a Members Club we are required by law to have a door entry system that controls access into the Club. Regardless of any NHS Track & Trace requirements, all Members have been issued door cards and key fobs. These are personal issue and should only be used by the Member they are issued to. The Licensing Officers at Reigate & Banstead Council monitor our operations and our license could be put at risk if Members ignore processes that the Committee have put into place.

COVID-19 Tiers 2, 3 4 & Lockdowns:


We do not have a kitchen or food license so were unable to meet the "substantial meal" rule that Tier 3 required us to be able to open. Tier 4 then required us to shut. As soon as we can open and it is safe to do so then we will let everyone know. If we need to implement table service, one-way systems or other legal restrictions such as wearing masks etc then please continue to help us stay safe and stay open by following the rules advertised and as advised by the Staffing Team.

2021 and beyond:

Thank you for all your support throughout 2020. It has been a very difficult time with the constantly changing rules and regulations that we have had to implement. Only the flexibility of our valued Staffing Team and dedicated support & co-operation of our Members has enabled us to operate in a safe environment and secure the Club's future. We are all looking forward to the day we can operate as normal and usual business can resume. In the meantime, please keep safe.



The Management Team send you our best wishes and we hope that you have a very

Happy and Prosperous New Year. 

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