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April 2021 Newsletter – Club re-opens 12th April 2021

This newsletter concentrates solely on our plans to open on Monday 12th April and asks for your help and support in ensuring that we can do this in as safe a way as possible.

It also asks for your patience as we work through and get used to what is a completely different way to trade.

Plans for opening up on Monday 12th April

Opening Times

As I noted in March's newsletter, we will be opening upon Monday 12th April. With the unpredictable nature of our weather and recent arctic blasts still fresh in the memory we have decided to cut our normal opening hours as we can't see too many of you choosing to sit outside late into the evening.

Our opening hours will therefore initially be as follows :-

- Monday to Thursday – 4-8pm
- Friday – 4-9pm
- Saturday & Sunday – midday to 9pm

We will review these times and will let you know of any changes through future newsletters or updates on the club website at www.greenmountcricketclub.com.

GCC Members Only and Members of Opposition Clubs

The Covid regulations around the re-opening of outdoor hospitality are particularly stringent and require:-

- **Waiter / waitress service only**
- **Customers to be seated when ordering**
- **Customers to be seated when drinking**
- **Customers to abide by the rule of 6 in particular and social distancing in general**

This significantly impacts on capacity levels and **we will therefore only be able to serve drinks to GCC members and members of opposition clubs.**



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GCC club members are therefore reminded that they will only be served if they have their new 2021 membership card. I am afraid we will simply be unable to accept orders from people who do not have their membership cards with them.

The use of GCCmembers cards will allow us to capture track and trace data whilst we will ask opposition club members to manually complete the usual track and trace form.

Our waiting on staff will be doing their best to catch your eye should you wish to buy a drink. If they don't, please just raise your hand and they will hopefully be able to spot you. Your patience will be very much appreciated in this as they will have vast areas to serve and may not see you in the first instance.

Members will be able to bring their own chairs which is one legitimate way of increasing capacity, although please do be mindful of the need to maintain the rule of 6 / social distancing requirements should you bring your own chair.

The total focus on outdoor only drinking, allied to the very cold weather we are currently experiencing, means that **we will initially be serving drinks in plastic glasses only**. We will continually review this but we hope that you can understand why this, initially, is the safest policy.

Customers will once again be asked to pay for all drinks by card.

Use of Toilets

Customers are not allowed to enter the clubhouse at all other than to use the toilets. **The toilets in the function room will be the only toilets open.**

When using the toilet facilities, all visitors will be required to :-

- Wear a mask when inside the clubhouse
- Maintain social distancing when queuing for the toilets
- Observe the one in / one out protocol for the toilets using the vacant / occupied signs on the toilets as appropriate.
- Make good use of the hand sanitisers that are placed directly outside the toilets

Your support and patience will be very much appreciated

It will inevitably take a few days for all our staff to fully understand what works best, so your support and patience will be very much appreciated. It is all completely new to us and we potentially have a significant area to serve so please bear with us.



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Your support in also abiding by the “ordering and drinking whilst seated”, “rule of 6” and “social distancing” principles is also crucial to our ability to continue trading.

Feedback from the licencing teams within both GMP and Bury Council suggest that flouting of the rules will see the club fined along with errant customers, and any fines charged to the club will have a significant impact on the renewal of our alcohol licence. As the bar income accounts for a significant proportion of our total income the loss of our licence would have a catastrophic impact on our future.

I think that is about it for now, there will be another newsletter later in the week about plans for the cricket season which after today’s abandonment will now formally start over the weekend of the 17th /18th, preceded by our first Junior Practice on Friday 16th.

I hope the update is useful and I do hope to see you down at the Log Cabin over the coming weeks. Take care.

Rob Kilvington

GCC Club Chairman