



Newsletter September 2020

Hello from the Management Committee!

We hope you are keeping safe and well at this difficult time. As Covid-19 guidance is continually changing we thought it would be helpful to issue a newsletter to contain all current information.

Amendments will of course be made where needed and we will continue to monitor the situation to do our best to ensure the Club is as safe and also welcoming as possible.

Unfortunately this newsletter isn't full of our usual exciting club & event news but we hope that you understand we are doing our utmost to keep the club open in these very difficult times.

EVENTS

We have decided that in view of the current Covid-19 guidance we will not be able to hold private bookings. Having held one booking since the end of lockdown it became apparent that it is not possible to ensure that guests remain outside and as the weather will be getting colder we cannot accommodate this, as well as allowing members to attend. This will be reviewed as and when guidance changes.

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

In view of the newly announced Covid-19 guidelines unfortunately we will need to revert back to member only attendance from Monday 14th September. With the limited number of seats available inside we feel they must be made available for fully paid up members only. We appreciate this maybe an inconvenience to some but if non-members were permitted it could result in members be turned away if we hit our small capacity on busy days. We are looking to increase capacity by introducing social distancing screens but this cannot be done overnight. This new rule will be under constant review as we move forward in this new phase of COVID-19.

You will still be required to sign in on arrival. Please remember when attending the club that you will need to be seated at a table with a maximum of 6 people per table. There is outside seating available as well (weather permitting).

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

From October 2020 annual membership will increase to £20 from £15. We have invested heavily in our facilities to create an inviting place to enjoy a drink and to socialise, however due to the lost 4 months when we were closed and the general down turn in trade due to COVID-19 we need to restore our modest reserves to ensure we can deal with any financial emergency that may arise. This decision has not been taken lightly and we hope you understand. The good news is that the bar prices will remain unchanged until the New Year!

New Membership applications will be accepted for consideration from 1st October. However this will only be for existing members' family that reside at the same address. You will find the application form on the BFA website and will need to supply proof of address with the form. The membership fee for new members will be £25 for the first year and then revert to the current member fee at that time.

CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS PREFERRED



CORONAVIRUS
PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS

Although we are still accepting cash payments, contactless and card payments are preferred.

You are more than welcome to pay a sum of cash onto your BFA card on arrival rather than paying cash for each drink/round of drinks. This would then reduce the risk of cross contamination.

A few reminders....

Please can parents not let children take cans or bottles on to the field. Unfortunately it damages the lawnmower as well as leaving sharp splinters on the grass which could in turn injury those playing on the field.



Dogs are allowed inside the club but must supervised and on a short lead at all times. They are also allowed off lead outside but the Management Committee asks that owners are again supervising. Please remember that not all members are comfortable around dogs and we ask you to respect that.

The BFA are proud to be affiliated to the Ruxley Beekeepers who are based at the BFA. Local honey is considered to be a great natural remedy for allergies as well as tasting great on toast etc! It is for sale behind the bar for £6.50 a jar so do give it a try! All proceeds go directly to the Ruxley Beekeepers so they can continue their work in promoting the vital role bees play pollinating plants for the food we need to survive as well as pollinating many of the trees and flowers that provide habitats for wildlife.



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Please check the BFA Facebook page & website for up to date information

<https://www.baldwynsfreetholders.co.uk/>

We appreciate that a number of you smoke but ask that you do so at the designated smoking area and use the bins provided to dispose of your cigarette ends. We are a voluntary run club and it is not acceptable for our grounds man to have to sweep up the cigarette ends to dispose of them. Nor is it pleasant for members to have to walk into the club through a mass of smoke. Please do adhere to this as we do not want to have to ban smoking on site.

Smoking

**BAR STAFF
WANTED!**

If you are interested in joining the bar rota please contact Kevin Sullivan to discuss training and for further information thebarcommittee.bfa@gmail.com

The Management Committee are always keen to hear suggestions from members. These can be placed in the suggestion box at the club or emailed to thesecretary.bfa@gmail.com



**Opening
Times**

Wednesday 20:00 - 23:00
Friday 20:00 - 24:00
Saturday 19:30 - 23:30
Sunday 13:00 - 21:00

Please note these are subject to bar staff being available.

Finally.....



Do remember

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE BFA IF YOU HAVE COVID-19 OR ARE DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS SUCH AS:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

THE SAME IS TRUE IF:

- you are self-isolating
- you have been certified by an NHS GP or Consultant as being in a high-risk group

Take care and keep safe all!