

The Joy of Drink! An Essential Guide to Entertaining at the RWYC.

Following the recent announcement by the First Minister of Wales, we're looking forward to welcoming you back to the clubhouse from **Friday 21st May 2021**. We are currently awaiting further details for the reopening but anticipate the implementation of similar rules and systems that succeeded in protecting all visitors to the clubhouse from Covid-19 when last we opened, whilst allowing us to maintain the friendly, welcoming atmosphere that you have rightly come to expect.

As you can imagine, we have all sorts of risk assessments, plans, contingency plans, guides and checklists prepared on just about every conceivable aspect of running the club. My aim here is to explain as simply as possible what you can expect when you come in.

Opening Hours

These remain as:

Friday – 19.30 – 23.00

Saturday - 19.30 – 23.00

Sunday – 19.30 – 23.00

Monday – 19.30 – 23.00

Tuesday – 19.30 – 23.00

To maximise table availability we have divided each evening into 2 sessions: **19.30 – 21.00** and **21.15 – close**. **Members will be able to book either session or BOTH.**

BOOKING is ESSENTIAL

To avoid overcrowding, congestion on the stairs, and to ensure that all our members and their guests have an equal chance to enjoy the club, we are introducing a booking system. Members should e-mail us on rwyc.barbooking@gmail.com to reserve a table. **In the absence of any member bookings by 5pm on the day the bar will remain closed.**

Your e-mail must include:

- the date of your proposed visit,
- whether you want to book the early or late session or both sessions
- names of those intending to come along (max. 6 people from up to 6 different households)
- A contact telephone number for the group
- Confirmation that nobody in your group have any symptoms of Covid-19

You may also wish to state a preference for a particular table. The two tables on the Barbican will also be available for reservation following the Club's investment in some all-weather parasols.

You will receive an e-mail response as soon as possible to confirm your booking or offer alternatives if we are full.

Seating arrangements

We have 5 tables set up in the main room, all of which are well spaced to ensure that the 2 metre social distancing rule is observed. These are numbered 1-5 internally with 2 more covered tables now available on the Barbican.

Table 1 – as you come through the door from the stairs

Table 2 – by the bar

Table 3 – by the window overlooking the Straits

Table 4 – the curved bench

Table 5 – on the internal wall.

Table 6 – Barbican Left

Table 7 – Barbican right

The tables will be set up for the number requested at the time of booking.

NB – the Barbican can still get cold! The new parasols do not offer protection from horizontal rain (or drifting snow). In the event of a group wishing to transfer inside, we will do our best to accommodate you in the main bar area, failing which the Tegarty Bar can be made available.

Getting in

To control numbers in the club the door will be kept locked. When you arrive, please press the button on the intercom system in the porch. This sounds a bell behind the bar so we know you are there. The door can then be released and you can enter the club – you should hear a “click” when the door is released and you can then enter as normal. I will endeavour to open the door as quickly as possible.

If for whatever reason you experience problems getting in please give us a ring on the club house telephone number **01286 672599**

There will be a “sanitising station” on a small table in the entrance to the Tegarty Bar, immediately as you come in. Please apply the necessary hand gel before going upstairs where you will be welcomed and shown to your seats.

Getting Drinks

To avoid possible bunching at the bar there will be table service available. For those drinking al fresco on the Barbican, if you find yourself getting thirsty, please feel free to attract attention to your dilemma either physically or, if you prefer, by phoning through your order. The barstaff have been programmed to respond to a variety of requests for service including the use of their name, “hello” or “oi you” (Garçon is frowned upon as being inappropriate due to the age of our staff). Frantic waving of arms is also acceptable, shouting is, however, not allowed in accordance with Covid-19 guidance.



Payment will be made at the end of your session, preferably by card.

Toilets

There will be antibacterial liquid soap and hand sanitiser available in both male and female toilets along with paper hand towels if required. There will also be antibacterial wipes available for you to wipe down any surfaces you have touched whilst you are in there, including taps, sink, loo seat, etc. **Please make sure that the blue hand towels and wipes are put in the bin as they quickly lead to blockages of the toilet and unpleasantness for your fellow members.**

Only one person may enter the toilets at any one time. For the gents a brightly coloured ball will be placed on the approach landing. We would ask that you move this to the middle when entering the toilet and to the side when leaving as an indication that the toilets are vacant (and an excuse to show off your footballing skills).

Food

The kitchen will be out of bounds for the time being, and takeaways are not allowed. I will make sure we have a good selection of crisps, nuts etc behind the bar.

Social distancing

In Wales we still have a 2m social distancing rule. I'm pretty sure that, as responsible adults, I don't have to remind you how seriously some people take this due to medical conditions, vulnerabilities or just that, like me, they see rules as rules. Please show due respect to your fellow members, and please do not take offence if staff, or other members, offer a reminder.

Exiting the premises

Unfortunately, every session must come to an end. Please leave your empties on the table and, on your way out, use the sanitiser station at the top of the stairs.

All tables and chairs will be cleaned and sanitised at the start and end of each session. All door handles, hand rails, etc will be cleaned at the start and finish of the shift and at regular intervals during the shift with sanitiser.

We've really missed your company and are looking forward to seeing you, hearing your stories and generally catching up. We're also hoping to do some catching-up on our social events calendar such as live music, dining, cheese and wine tastings, etc. just as soon as regulations allow. Please keep an eye on the Bulletins for details.

Finally, this is your club, and we want it to be a place where you can relax and enjoy yourself as much as possible within the current circumstances. I hope that I've covered any questions you may have had, but if you have any further queries, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to e-mail me @ rwyc.barbooking@gmail.com