



DEVIZES AND DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE CLUB

CLUB NEWSLETTER JULY 2020

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Yes! We are opening Saturday 4th July
12 noon – 4 pm 7.30 pm – 11 pm



WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

I hope you have all been keeping well and safe throughout our long-enforced closure. These have been trying times for everyone. Time for reflection, perhaps?

Now that the government have relaxed the restrictions on social gatherings, we are now in a position to open up our club once more. The committee and in particular Carol and Chris have been working tirelessly throughout to ensure that robust and compliant measures have been put in place to ensure everyone's safety, while also keeping in close contact with the various members of the staff. Please be mindful of these measures when in the club and follow the advice on notices posted throughout.

Carol, Andy and Stacey have been maintaining the club premises during the closure to ensure that everything is in order for our return – my thanks to them all for this.

We now need the support of you, the members, to get us back to where we were pre-pandemic days, your support is crucial in ensuring our continued success.

With support in mind, the club Annual General Meeting will be held shortly, date and time to be advised. The committee is in need of some fresh blood as numbers are dwindling due to losses for a variety of reasons. Could I please ask you for support in this area by putting yourself forward – notices will be posted shortly.

Happy drinking and socialising.

Robin

Club President

Temporary Opening Hours effective Saturday 4th July 2020

	Lunchtime	Evening
Monday	Closed	1930 - 2230
Tuesday	Closed	1930 - 2230
Wednesday	Closed	1930 - 2230
Thursday	1100 - 1430	1930 - 2230
Friday	Closed	1930 - 2300
Saturday	1200 - 1600	1930 - 2300
Sunday	1200 - 2230	

Sunday - Thursday - last frame of snooker to start no later than 10 pm

Friday & Saturday - last frame of snooker to start no later than 10.30 pm.

Hours have been changed slightly to allow for all the extra cleaning duties required to comply with the COVID-19 Secure Measures.

Please note we are closing earlier every evening and on Sunday we will be open all day from 12 noon.

Covid-19 Secure Measures Guidance at Devizes Conservative Club

Welcome to the re-opening of the club. No booking is required at this stage. We are operating with a limited capacity so arrive early to avoid disappointment. All rooms and the garden are in use but once our capacity has been reached, you will have to wait for a table to become available. Inside there will be no standing room. To maintain social distancing members must be seated at a specifically spaced numbered table to order. Bar service is not available.

Under no circumstances must you enter the club if you have, or suspect you have, symptoms of COVID-19. These include a high temperature, continuous cough, shortness of breath, and a new loss of taste or smell, among others. If you ignore this advice staff will ask you to leave, if you appear unwell, to protect the Club and its members.

On approaching the club from the steps 1m social distancing spacing will be in place, inside and outside. Hand sanitisers are located on the back wall in the foyer. Please use before entering the lounge or the function room.

The only entrance to the club is through the main foyer doors, to the left is the entrance to the lounge and front bar with the exit through the front bar, to the right is the entrance to the function room and seminar room with the exit being through the function room fire doors and the snooker room has its own exit through its fire doors.

You will be shown to a table of your choice if available. Once seated ordering can be made only via the app (if it is on-line – this is all in the hands of the bank now) or a waiter will be with you shortly. No ordering is available from the bar at this stage. Staff can assist with downloading the app if it is live. The waiter will take your details, name & contact number for NHS Test & Trace and your order. Payment can be made via card or we have a new system (hopefully!) where you can pre-load your membership card with cash to eliminate the handling of money. Children are welcome but they must remain seated at their table. Please do not approach the bar, even to return glasses, a member of staff will clear, clean & disinfect your table when you leave. When cleaning is in progress tables will be out of use, please be patient.

There are 6 toilets in use, all will operate a one-in, one-out system. There is a hand sanitiser located outside of every toilet and before entering you need to flip the sign to “OCCUPIED” to alert others not to enter. Please do not touch surfaces unnecessarily and please DO wash your hands for at least 20 seconds, and dry properly. This will greatly reduce the risk of any transmission. On leaving please flip the sign to “AVAILABLE”. Toilets will be cleaned regularly. If it makes you feel more comfortable you are more than welcome to bring your own surface wipes to clean cistern handles and tap levers. Please dispose of these in the bins provided and not in the toilet pans.

Each area has its own set of toilets to prevent queuing as the passageway is a pinch point that is difficult to manage. The front bar members and those in the garden use the toilet by the main exit which is now gender neutral, the lounge members use the toilets in the passageway and the members in the function room, seminar room and snooker room use the toilets in the main hall. Staff will be available to assist disabled members with access & exit if required.

Gaming/Lottery machines are in operation please use the disinfectant wipes located near each machine to wipe the buttons before and after use. Please dispose of the wipe in the bin provided. Machines do not accept the new £20.

Both tables in the snooker room are available for use. A hand sanitiser is located on entry. Each set of balls at the end of play will need to be returned to the trays provided and disinfectant spray applied. Please also wipe cues and rests. We encourage you to bring in your cues and take them home afterwards. Drinks can be ordered directly through the app (if available) table number 100, or by calling 01380 722005, your drinks will then be delivered.

Whilst the smoking shelter is in use please observe the 1m social distancing rule – please do not overcrowd.

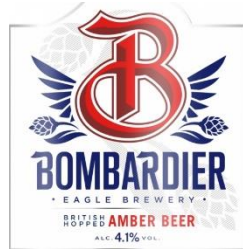
Thank you for your patience in advance – it will be a learning curve for us all! We are grateful to be opening.

Carol – Club Secretary/Manager

Guest Beers

We are back open with a great selection of real ales for you to enjoy over the next couple of weeks. No more cans or bottles. In our cellar (recently painted) we have a selection of your old favourites please see below. The availability from our suppliers has been limited over the past week or so but we will broaden our selections to include some local beers shortly. If you have a request for any particular guest ale, then please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate.

Bombardier 4.1% ABV



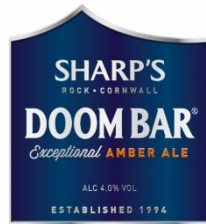
This beer features a burnished copper colour and peppery hops aroma. With a mix of rich malt flavours and tangy hops giving a spicy finish.

London Pride 4.1% ABV



Brewed on the banks of the Thames. This is a well-loved classic premium ale rich and smooth. It has a good malty base with excellent hop character resulting in an easy drinking beer with a great body.

Doombar 4.0% ABV



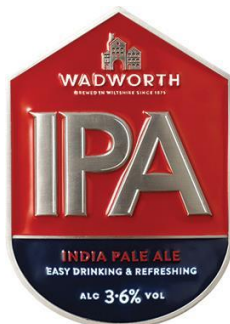
Brewed in Rock Cornwall. Doombar has a distinctive aroma and balanced moreish flavour. These qualities have underpinned its rapid growth to become the U K No 1 cask ale.

Butcombe 4.0% ABV



Made with the best Maris otter malt and blended with a variety of English hops. Clean and refreshing dry flowers. Butcombe original is the classic session beer

Wadworth IPA 3.6% ABV



This is a traditional crafted Indian Pale Ale with a malt led flavour and character. Provides a delightful malt aroma on the palate. It delivers a clean and refreshing malt notes and finishes with a crisp bitterness.

Chocolate Quiz

Get your teeth into this one!!

Name as many of the different chocolates as you can.

£10 cash on your membership card for the first two best responses put across the bar after we open. Closing date Saturday 4th July 10 pm.



Submitted by Chris

Club Treasurer

Saturday Night Bonus Ball



The bonus ball competition was last held on Saturday 21st March prior to lockdown with the lucky winner able to collect their prize when they next visit the club.

With the club due to re-open on Saturday 4th July the competition will resume for the Saturday 11th July's National Lottery Draw. Could all regular participants please ensure they are paid up to date, if your are not ready to return to the club but wish to continue to play please post your money through the letterbox, clearly marked with your name, regular number and date of draws paid for.

Good luck to you all, stay safe & well.

Andy – Vice Chair



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Contact Tim or Frank to discuss your requirements.

“These guys have done a great job at the club – would highly recommend.”

Membership Renewals are Due Now



Membership Renewals extended until 31st July 2020

Thank you to all those members who have now paid their subscriptions for the coming year. Currently, renewals have been extended until Friday 31st July. For help with renewals please contact Carol on 07929923433 or email devizesconservativeclub@hotmail.com.

Renewal Fees

- Full members – gentlemen under 65 and ladies under 60 - £15 each
- Senior members – gentlemen 65 and over and ladies 60 and over - £7.50 each
- Country members who reside more than 20 miles away - £5 each
- Students who are under 21 and in full time education - £5 each

Payment Options

Cash in a hand delivered sealed envelope with your details clearly stated

Cheque made payable to, "Devizes & District Conservative Club"

Club address: - FAO Secretary, Devizes & District Conservative Club,
30 Long Street, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 1NW

BACS transfer – please contact Carol at devizesconservativeclub@hotmail.com for our details

Membership renewal slips will be completed by the Secretary on receipt of payment.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD IN THE ENVELOPE;

Current membership cards will roll over to 2020/21 and be manually reactivated on the till.

Future Club Bookings

We are still taking bookings for 2021 in the hope that the New Year will see trade returning to some normality. Please email Carol at devizesconservativeclub@hotmail.com