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Facelift... We all love our Club building, but in some ways, it is looking 'tired'. A little work was done last year to upgrade the ladies and the special needs toilets, and now we are moving onto the next step, as part of our long-term plans for the Club.

From Sept 21, for between one and two weeks, the main entrance hall will be closed as we undertake a redecoration project. I won't be holding my breath, as our decorator has confirmed it's not a five-minute job, but we hope to deliver something that will be a real facelift for our fabulous entrance hall.

Arrangements will be made for snooker players, while that side of the ground floor area is closed, until the work is complete. All other areas of the Club will be unaffected but accessed differently. Please bear with us, it will be worth it!

The Rule of Six... On Thursday, the Chairman sent us a very clear message describing the protocols which we will be



following to benefit our safety / health, as well as safeguarding the good name of the Club.

The rules taking effect on Monday, Sep14, present a challenge, but we are undeterred, as we believe there are

ways we can maintain a semblance of normality in the Club without contravening the rules and, importantly, the law.

So, we will be strict with the rules, but adventurous with ideas. Look out for 'pop-up restaurants' every now and then!

Our Buddy System... *by Joan Chadwick*

We are aware of how difficult it can be to become part of something that is already established, so it can be with new members of our Club.

Understanding this, we are re-introducing a 'buddy' system, which seems to have fallen into disuse. It will have existing members on stand-by and aware of all proposed and new members, ready to offer guidance and a helping hand. We have a detailed and informative welcome package to follow which hopefully will achieve a shorter and more enjoyable settling-in period for our new friends (please note: if there are existing members who feel they would have benefitted from this approach on their arrival please do not hesitate to contact us and catch up on what you missed).

Any members out there interested in being a name on our list of volunteers please contact Joan Chadwick – joan@thechads.org or mob 07802 484 569.



Not tonight Josephine!... The answer to last week's teaser: Napoleon's first wife was known mostly as Rose, and sometimes as Marie, according to my research.

That's it for now.

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