Richmond and Twickenham Chess Club at Cambridge Park

Dear RTCC member,

As you know, the RTCC will change its venue on Thursday 9th April, 2026 from The Adelaide, Teddington to Cambridge Park Bowls & Sports Club at Cambridge Park, Twickenham TW1 2PG.

This venue is different in one very important respect in that the Club will be in control of, and responsible for the venue during our operating hours. The necessitates some additional work by everyone to ensure that we correctly follow procedures both administrative and practical.

Administration

All RTCC members will need to fill in and sign the "Chess Club Associate membership form" which binds you to the "CP Constitution October 2025 Final", it includes a code of conduct which needs to be followed by everyone. Note that it is imperative that no one steps onto the indoor bowling green, as it is very delicate and was recently replaced. All people will need to sign in each Thursday.

These two documents should be attached with this briefing note but if they are not, please contact one of the RTCC committee members for a copy. Please print, sign and hand in.

The £3 annual fee is paid by the RTCC. If you are not planning to continue to attend the club at the new venue, please inform us ASAP.

Facilities

Car Registration is requested for all members that wish to use the Cambridge Park Bowls Club car park. You will receive a parking badge at no charge, which entitles you to park there. All the surrounding roads have free parking after 4.30pm on Thursdays.

There are both male and female toilets which should be well stocked with necessary items. If there is any issue with them, please contact a RTCC committee member.

There is a Kitchen which is available for use by the RTCC. It includes "Make it yourself" Tea and Coffee, where everyone taking a cup needs to contribute £1, into the wooden box provided. There is also a Fridge, which can be used by RTCC members during our sessions but please do not leave items in there afterwards, as they may not be there when you return.

There is also a Bar which has discounted prices on Beer and other alcohol. We have been informed that prices will rise shortly by around 50p a pint of bitter (rising to £5). Since we do not have a full-time Bar person, it is likely that the Bar will only be available at specific times during the evening and may not be available at all. We are looking for people at the club who would be willing to help out at the bar. Please contact the Chairman, if you are interested in doing so.

There is a separate, sealed-off section for match play, so this should facilitate a more relaxed, less-hushed atmosphere in the main room. As before, we will need everyone to arrange and put away Chess sets and clocks and the beginning and end of each session.

Yours
Alastair Armstrong, Chairman RTCC