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With the latest news and firm request for everyone to avoid any unnecessary social contact, we have been debating the situation about keeping the club open. To help us make a decision I also asked one of our members who is a local GP and he issued some interesting comments. Whilst not telling us we should close, he gave the committee an easier choice to make and the club will close in 24 hours time.

It is clear that members could have the virus and be infectious even if they feel fine and have no reason to believe they have it. It is also possible that the exercise itself could create a worse infection to a member, including an otherwise healthy person. We cannot be sure who anyone else we play has come into contact with either directly or more importantly indirectly, and it only take one person to start spreading the virus around the local community of course. The world is still learning about the virus and at this time we feel we have no other choice and must take this action for the time being at least. We will of course monitor the situation closely and if there is a good reason to reopen the club we will do so.

This has been a very difficult decision for the committee to make and we appreciate that some members will not agree. However, please put yourself in our position and consider the bigger picture here. This is in the best interests of the community at large. At worst we all get a bit fatter, but if we stay open and someone dies as a result that will fall on the committees shoulders.

The next few weeks or probably months is going to be very difficult for everyone. As a community club we would like to use our position to help those members who need any help with their shopping, getting medicines etc. If anyone cannot do this themselves then please contact me and I will get some help.


Everyone's cooperation and support during this time will be appreciated.

With thanks

Tavistock Squash Club Committee



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