

There used to be no rules. That's all about to change.....!



One of the many great features of Cheam Sports Club is the amount of car parking spaces we have on site.

However, in recent years we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of what we shall call 'freeloaders' - commuters, local shoppers, local businesses....all using our facility as a free car park. Well, no more.

We need to reclaim these spaces for our Members and our Nuffield Neighbours. So we have taken action. It's taken nearly a year to negotiate and plan but we're finally there.

The next few pages will explain, in hopefully simple terms, what you need to know to play by the rules. Are you sitting comfortably? Then we shall begin....but this is important:

PARKING RESTRICTIONS ARE ONLY IN PLACE FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY

That's, er, NOT the weekend. Clearly. Not Saturday or Sunday. Monday to Friday. Ok?



On Thursday 26 July, two Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras will be switched on. These are located at the start of the slip road and capture registration plates as vehicles enter and leave the site.

One camera is for the **shared car park**, for use by us and also Nuffield. The other is for the **private car park**, also known as the 'lower','Bowls' or 'Tennis' car park, for exclusive use by us.

Let's start by explaining the new rules in the shared car park.....

You'll see a lot of these signs all around the shared car park. You can't miss them, although some people will 😳

Take a look. Three hours' maximum stay. This is for all of our Members and those of



Nuffield. You do not need to do anything. Find a space, park neatly, do what you came to do and leave in three hours. Did you get that? Oh, and don't come back before 1hr.

<u>SO, LEAVE WITHIN THREE HOURS. OR</u> IT'S A £100 FINE.

I think that got your attention.

Ok, so you want to do your thing at the Club for longer? No problem, but we need you to do a bit of Member participation. You need to visit the bar - buy something if you like and enter your correct registration plate into a shiny, iPad-like touch terminal. This will extend your stay by a further three hours. Repeat as necessary.



Top tip : make sure to enter your reg number accurately. You will be fined if it doesn't match what the camera saw

If you want to do your thing for the whole day, then mention it to the Bar Team who will probably cast you a suspicious glance and ask a few probing questions, but then do their thing on the terminal to make it happen. Voilà. All day to do what you came to do. Enjoy. But you must be on site. Don't be a freeloader.

Had a few sherries and sensibly want to leave your car in the car park? Well, it's probably sensible to take public transport or walk in the first place, *but* these things happen to the best of us. This is not to become the norm, though, as the parking company get the hump with what we need to do....you need to speak to the team and let them work their magic on the touch-pad terminal. When you return to collect your car, suitably rested, you MUST speak to the team again as they need to do some more wizardry on the gadget.

So, what have we learnt so far?

>Everyone can park for up to THREE HOURS without having to do anything except park neatly, etc.



>If you intend to extend beyond three hours, you MUST register at the bar, inputting the correct reg number on the shiny iPad-like gadget. If you get it wrong there's only one person to blame. And that's not us.

>If you're going to have a few sherries? Get the bus, then you don't have to traipse back

the next day feeling embarrassed about what you said to the Club President. But on the odd occasion we are more than happy to help you out. We just hope you can remember your registration number.....!

So, that's it for the **shared car park**. Now let's take a look at the **private** (lower, bowls, tennis etc) **car park**. This requires a bit more Member participation. Because it's ours, you see. But trust us, it's not complicated.





This bit is ours. Exclusive. Only for our Members and their guests or opposition. Not for Nuffield. Not for Peaches Close residents. Not for, er, other, erm....freeloaders!

All of our Members, their guests and opposing teams or players can park here for, yes, you've guessed it, three hours. **HOWEVER** at some stage during the three hour stay you **MUST**, and we repeat, **MUST** register your reg number at the Bar iPad-like terminal. Let's say it again:

AT SOME STAGE DURING YOUR THREE HOUR STAY YOU MUST REGISTER AT THE BAR IF USING THE PRIVATE CAR PARK - IF YOU DON'T, YOU WILL GET FINED. THIS INCLUDES GUESTS.

It is <u>your</u> or <u>your Section's responsibility</u> to ensure your guests or opposing teams are aware of this. If they fail to register, they too will get fined the rather nasty sum of £100.

"Can one Cheam Member collate the number plates of the Members, guests or opposing teams and take them to the bar at some point during the three hour stay for

inputting by that volunteer



Member into the touch screen gadget?", we hear you ask, rather awkwardly.

Yes.

"Can we indicate who is likely to stay more than the three hours, e.g. those who go to five sets, or committed bowlers, and thus extend our stay?",we hear you ask.

Yes. Tell the team. They'll work their magic.

"What if I'm just dropping off my little darling or large husband off to play sport? Do I need to register?", we hear you ask, getting slightly irritated at all the questions. No. No, you don't. <u>But you</u> <u>must be gone within 20</u> <u>minutes. In and out in 20</u> <u>minutes. Bold and</u> <u>underlined. 20 minutes.</u>



This is called the Grace Period, named after the famous cricketer W.G. Grace*

All understood so far? Great. There's a pass or fail exam coming up very shortly.**

As you can see, the signs in the private car park are different. It's for our Members (+ guests and opposition teams) and says pretty much that. Our own private car park reclaimed for our Members. No more freeloaders! We shall fight them on the beaches!

*no, it's not. We made that up. **no, there isn't. Ditto.

You're not free to go yet - let's head to the summary.....



Shared Car Park - free 3 hours - extendable by three hours at a time by using the touch screen in the bar. Can be extended to a full day if suitable reason is provided, eg. a midweek cricket all-day game.

Private Car Park - free three hours,

extendable by a further three hours but you **must**, at some stage during the initial three hours, register all number plates at the bar. *This is very, very important*. It

keeps the private bit, well, private and that's what we want, isn't it? There's also a 20 minute dropping off or picking up grace period - you must be in and out



within 20 mins or you will have to register (and prove who you are!).

And finally.....



We've worked to get this far. It has been necessary. We should have much more space, almost no freeloaders and an extra layer of security.

We expect all Members to 'play by the rules' and in the spirit of the game by not abusing or manipulating the parking regulations by becoming a freeloader themselves.

We think we've covered most things but clearly we're not perfect. Please address any questions to Secretary Colin via email to;

colin@cheamsportsclub.com

Thanks for reading. Class dismissed.

We said class dismissed. Get to the bar!