



The Anglers Rest

Members' Newsletter

January 2015

What's On?

The staff team have another packed programme of events for you all to enjoy over the next few weeks. Hopefully there will be something for everyone.



Thurs Jan 22nd - Vinyl Night this month is Desert Island Discs in the Rest Cafe from 8pm. Bring your records or just come along for a listen.



Sat 24th January - Burns Night celebration including Haggis and Neeps with Irish folk songs courtesy of the Bamford Village Singers - singers and musicians welcome



Sat 31st January - Ben Drummond from 9.00 pm onward
<http://www.bendrummondmusic.co.uk/>



Mon 2nd Feb - Folk night in the snug. This is a regular event on the first Monday of each month.



Sat 14th February - Groovy Revolution from 9.00 pm onward
<http://www.groovyrevolution.com/>



Sat 21st February - Farmers Market at the Bamford Institute, hot drinks and food available in the Anglers Rest



Sun 22nd February - Beer Festival - Real ales from the local area and beyond!



Sat 28th February - Live music from 9.00 pm onward



Don't forget there is also our regular quiz night at 9pm every Wednesday.

Winter Food Service



Rest Cafe

We are changing our Rest Cafe food service hours for the dark days of winter.

The cafe continues to be open from 8.00am - 5.00pm Monday - Saturday and 9.00am - 4.00pm on Sundays but our hours for serving **hot food** and **sandwiches** on weekdays (Monday to Friday) are now 9.00am - 3.00pm. Hot and cold drinks and our delicious homemade cakes will be available outside these times.

On weekends the full café food menu continues to be available during opening hours.



Pub Food

Our menu in The Anglers has also now changed for the winter months and we will be offering a variety of Winter Warmer specials on the blackboard. On Wednesdays food will be served from 6.30pm - 9.00pm. For those quizzers amongst us it's the chance to feed our brains before the quiz starts at 9.00pm. For the non-quizzers in our midst, it's the opportunity to eat in peace before the start of the quiz! On Friday and Saturdays, hot food will be available from 12.00pm - 2.00pm and 6.30pm - 9.00pm, and on Sundays 12.00 - 4.00pm. Do call in and check out the new specials!

Pub food will not be available on Monday, Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Kitchen News

As part of the staff changes to accommodate our winter opening hours John Chattfield ended his fixed term contract with us.

We are also sad to announce that Malcolm France our head chef has decided to move on and we are sure you will join us with wishing him all the best.

As a result we are starting the process to recruit a new chef/cook and are also taking the opportunity to revisit our food offer. We would like your help with this and are developing a survey monkey questionnaire which will be sent round in the next couple of weeks.

Gardening Group/Working Party 25th January



Working Party 25th January 2-4pm



Following on from the hugely successful grounds working party last January, when about 35 people turned up, we are hoping for another big turnout for a working party on the 25th January, 2pm - 4pm. Work that we want to tackle includes: Starting work on clearing the bank at the back of top car park; Weeding the hedge planted last March; Cutting back more brambles, etc. from the bank by the footpath to West Lees; Cutting back brambles and saplings in the area above the main car park wall Everyone welcome, you don't need to be green fingered.

The following will be useful: thick gardening gloves, secateurs/loppers, spade, fork, rake, large trugs, yard brush, etc.



Art in the Café - A Big Thank You



Thank you for brightening our lives!

No one can have been in the Rest Café over the last year and not noticed the wonderful displays of local art. Time & time again we've popped in to our community hub for a latte, a sticky bun & a chat, to have our day further brightened by a wide range of paintings, drawings, photographs & other forms of artistic creativity.

I'm sure most of you will know who have been the driving forces behind Art in the Café; Meem Bernau & Jenny Mather. Meem & Jenny have tirelessly worked to plan the exhibitions, liaise with all the artists and do the considerable work involved in mounting & displaying the art. As they 'step down' from this co-ordinating role to a well-earned rest, can I thank both of them for their endeavours? They have made a significant contribution to making the Rest Café the place to be to have our spirits raised.

Meem & Jenny, thank you on behalf of all the artists, the Anglers staff, the BCS members & Directors and all the many, many appreciative customers.

Oh and if anyone is interested in becoming involved with Art in the Café either as an artist wishing to exhibit or to be part of a small team organising & hanging the work, please contact Liz Marshall on 01433 651283.

Simon Hill. Chair of the BCS Directors.

Community Pubs Conference



Bamford will be hosting the first national conference for community pubs on the 14th March. Existing community pubs from across the country will be attending together with groups who are hoping to secure their local pub. The event is being funded by the Department of Communities and Local Government via The Plunkett Foundation. There will be talks and workshops in the Institute and Methodists Hall as well as, of course, The Anglers Rest.

This is a really exciting venture and will be a great opportunity to showcase not only The Anglers Rest and Bamford but also the Peak District. We will need help on the day but we are also hoping that some people will stay for the weekend. We are therefore planning to organise some walks, visits, etc. for the Sunday for which we would like some help. In addition to all this we are hoping to be able to help people find accommodation. If anyone would be willing to put delegates up, that would be great. We are setting up a small working group to organise the event. If you want to get involved, offer help or have any ideas please let Sally Soady know. Tel- 650279, email - sally.soady@gmail.com

The Anglers Rest In The News

We hit the press twice recently with a great 2 page spread in Derbyshire Life as well as being listed by the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) as one of their 5 favourite Community Pubs.



Christmas 2014

What a great time we all had over Christmas at the Anglers. We had carols, The Bamford singers, fancy dress disco, lots of friends, plenty of beer and even snow! Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it all happen.



Carol Singing

A big thank you to Amanda and the staff at the Anglers for allowing us to re-arrange the Snug and move the piano for the carol singing. We had a fantastic evening, much beer was drunk and everyone seemed to have a good time. The attached photos give some idea of what it was like but to really appreciate it you will need to come along.

Perhaps we will see you next year?

Peter & Joanna Mackey



Finance Report

At the AGM the directors commented that we had identified that the business required significantly improved financial procedures, and that computerising the accounts would be an important part of that. We were aware that we did not have the necessary financial insight into the business, and indeed it was not possible at that stage to answer all the questions put at the AGM.

The new finance team has been working diligently to capture all the financial information in a new web-based accounting package, so that information can be updated and accessed more readily by directors and management. It has not been an easy process, but it is now complete. This has revealed financial information that was not appropriately reflected in the last financial year's accounts, and consequently we feel that the figures we now see are sufficiently different from the year-end results reported at the AGM that the year-end accounts should now be re-presented. Rather than last year being more or less a break-even position as reported, we have identified necessary adjustments that will mean our results for the year ending 31st August 2014 will be formally reported as a loss of around £30,000. Naturally the directors are very disappointed in this revised position as will be Society members. While disappointing, a loss in the first year is not uncommon amongst community pubs: the Plunkett Foundation report* on community-owned pubs reports an average net loss of 11.7% of turnover. By comparison our loss, for the year ending 31st August 2014, was not far different from that average, at about 11% of turnover.

Results for September to December are summarised below and it can be seen that the results for September to November do not make good reading either. Better results in December, due to improved turnover, are more encouraging.

As a result of having computerised our accounts we are now able to analyse our costs and income with a degree of detail previously absent, and we now have a very good understanding of the finances.

The reality of losing money is clearly an urgent problem to get to grips with. Therefore a recovery plan has been put in place to return trading towards break-even for January. To start with this will reflect the quieter trading period through the early winter months and will see a reduction in staffing, price changes and a rationalisation of the food menu, each of which has been identified as contributing to the loss-making position. We have also established a budget for the management team to work to that, although tight, will deliver a sustainable business and one on which we can build.

The directors, the new finance team, and of course the Anglers management team, are all totally focussed on making the business a success.

If you would like to discuss any of this in more detail please contact one of the finance team: Chris Williams, Peter Mackey, John Soady or Sally Soady, either directly or via the BCScompsec@gmail.com mailbox.

| Income | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Pub | £23,252 | £21,936 | £20,590 | £28,174 | £93,952 |
| Café | £7,007 | £7,652 | £8,209 | £7,278 | £30,147 |
| Post Office | £1,185 | £1,258 | £1,306 | £1,250 | £4,999 |
| Grants | £792 | £666 | £1,873 | £1,322 | £4,653 |
| Grand Total Income | £32,237 | £31,512 | £31,978 | £38,024 | £133,752 |
| Costs | | | | | |
| Direct costs | £15,936 | £18,551 | £13,223 | £13,251 | £60,961 |
| Wages | £15,915 | £15,852 | £17,961 | £15,416 | £65,144 |
| Overheads | £3,429 | £5,623 | £7,406 | £8,680 | £25,138 |
| Grand Total Costs | £35,279 | £40,026 | £38,591 | £37,347 | £151,243 |
| Net Profit | (£3,042) | (£8,513) | (£6,612) | £677 | (£17,491) |

*Co-operative Pubs 2014 - A Better form of Business, Plunkett Foundation.

The Management Team



Amanda Taylor - General Manager



Sarah France - Café and Post Office Supervisor

The Directors



Simon Hill - Chair



John Soady - Vice Chair



Pam Kenworthy - Company Secretary



Chris Williams - Finance Director



Sarah Bawden - Human Resources



Liz Marshall - Operations



Sally Soady - Community and Members Engagement



Mark Knight - Capital Developments



Rebecca McIntyre - Marketing

How can you contact us?

The staff will always know who to pass queries or suggestions on to. There is also a comments box on the counter in the café.

Many of the Directors are often found propping up the bar or eating in the pub.

We have a website: www.anglers.rest

You can email us: bamfordcs@gmail.com



Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/The.Anglers.Rest>

Please note that there are two facebook pages for the Anglers Rest. The official one that is managed by the Directors is "THE Anglers Rest Bamford". There is also a facebook forum "Anglers Rest Bamford" that the Bamford Community Society has no control over. It is owned and managed by someone else in the village.



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