



The Anglers Rest

Members' Newsletter

July 2015

Inside this edition is some very good news!

Good News!



What's On?



SAT 4th July: Cycle to the Cinema, enjoy a meal at the Anglers followed by the cycling film 'Slaying the Badger' at the Institute. To book go to cycletothecinema.co.uk

Bamford Carnival Week



SAT 11th July: Gig in the Pub, organised by BCAC, 8pm



WEDS 15th July: Carnival Quiz - 9pm



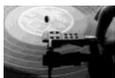
THURS 16th July: Jon Alex Band, 9pm



SAT 18th July: The Farmers Market this month will be held on the recreation ground as part of carnival, 2-4pm



SUN 19th July: All About Bees - in The Anglers Rest grounds. This is part of Bamford Open Gardens which celebrates the Centenary of Bamford Gardening Society



THURS 23rd July: Vinyl Night in the Rest Cafe- this month's theme is fruit and veg so bring your records for an eclectic night of music and chat (please note change of date from the usual third Thursday)



Every Wednesday at 9pm is our regular quiz night.



Every Friday night is fish & chip night!

Available to eat in or take-away from 5pm. (The full menu is also available.)

BCS Extraordinary General Meeting

This summary is provided by myself, The Editor, for information and is not intended to replace official minutes

The BCS EGM was held on Saturday 20th June 2015. 35 Members attended with 12 apologies.

Welcome- by Simon Hill

Finance - Chris Williams

Chris explained that the reason for the EGM was to represent the accounts for the year ending August 2014. The Finance team have been working extremely hard to fully itemise every small expenditure. Once all of this work was done it became apparent that last year's accounts looked significantly different and recorded a loss of over £28,000. This meant that the Board were bound to resubmit the accounts to the Financial Conduct Authority and represent them to the members.

Chris explained that the main reasons for the significant differences were (amongst other things):

1. Allocation of grant monies
2. Unrecorded invoices dated prior to 31/8/14
3. Other accruals not made

Chris went on to say that the situation in November last year was serious with The Anglers Rest making a loss. The Board put together a rescue plan with immediate effect. This consisted of many actions including:

1. Cutting staff costs
2. Reducing food service hours
3. Installing accounting software (Xero)

The month on month losses have continued into this year but the plans are now reaping rewards and the financial situation is turning around. Monthly profit in March, April and May is forecast to continue to the end of this financial year. Thanks must go to Amanda and Sarah France for significantly reducing staff costs and working extremely hard themselves.

Chris gave a warning not to expect a profit overall for this financial year as we were making a loss at the beginning. He did express his confidence that the situation is now firmly under control and the Board are confident as we move forward.

A discussion took place around the large staffing and energy costs reported in last year's accounts. The Directors explained that our situation is incomparable with other pubs due to the nature of our business and staffing the café and post office from 8am. However staffing costs have been reduced for this year. The discussion around energy costs led nicely into the next item on the agenda.

If any members would like a copy of Chris's presentation it can be provided on request.

Power to Change Grant Award - John Soady

John discussed the current situation with the Capital works programme. We were reminded that we had taken on a building that had had no real maintenance for many years. Significant works are required to secure the external building. The roof is in need of replacement as are the windows and insulation is required. An energy efficiency expert has been asked to assess the building to find ways of making improvements.



John then went on to announce the incredible news that **we have been awarded a grant of £100,000 (yes - one hundred thousand pounds!)** from the Lottery funded "Power to Change". An audible gasp was heard from the Members and a round of applause! We have been classed as "trail Blazers" for this round of grant allocation. This money is allocated for specific improvements and we must not

expect to see significant difference in the appearance of the building. What it will do is to allow us to replace the roof and windows and improve insulation (this should all help to reduce our energy costs). Any remaining monies could be used to secure the structure of the bunkhouse. **A further £20,000 has also been granted** to professionally work up plans for the upstairs section to allow us to begin to utilise this space to increase our income. This would mean we would be in a strong position to bid for any future grant monies.

This grant is a fantastic achievement by all concerned. The biggest thanks must first and foremost go to Rebecca McIntyre for completing the application. Sally Soady had the foresight to arrange for the architecture students to draw up plans which showed we were serious and could move quickly. Maureen Ranyard and Keith Wilkinson spoke to the visiting assessors and told them how much the Anglers Rest means to us all. (Apparently they did such a good job that the assessors were quite emotional following their meetings!). Finally the whole Board for making this happen. One member stressed the need to ensure that any major roofing works were carried out with full regard to the unique façade of the building and John reassured us that this money could only be spent under very strict guidance and professional workmanship is a prerequisite.

One member voiced a well deserved “Well done!” to all concerned on behalf of us all.

Accountants - Chris Williams

Members were asked to support the Board’s proposal for a change in accountants to David Cadwallader and Co.. Although this is not a local firm (they are based in Oxford) they have extensive experience of the unique requirements of community businesses such as ours. They are recommended by the Plunkett Foundation. Pam Kenworthy pointed out that the Board had spoken to other community businesses represented by this firm who are very satisfied with the service received. The members present voted unanimously to support the change.

Share Offer - Sally Soady

Sally went on to talk about a new share offer which is about to open. This is a “Membership share Offer” which is to allow those people who missed out on the original share offer to become a part of our membership. Member’s shares will cost £250 consisting of 250 shares of £1 each. The total pool of shares available in the Anglers Rest is set at £275k, being the price we paid for the building, which means that there are approx. £10,000 of shares available via the membership share offer. Applications for shares beyond this limit will be placed on a waiting list. If any member in the future wishes to sell their shares they will become available to people on the waiting list. Sally stressed that these shares will not be subject to tax relief to enable the trading restriction imposed by the Enterprise Investment Scheme to be lifted from November 2016.

Meeting closed - Simon Hill

The new Defib and box were on display for anyone wishing to view it before it is secured in place outside the cafe.

Following the meeting we all had chance for a cup of tea and to discuss the tremendously good news before many members retired to **OUR** pub to enjoy the excellent beer and food.



New Websites

The eagle-eyed web surfers amongst you may have spotted our new websites. The Anglers Rest website has had a major update and under the "About" heading you will find a link via "About the Bamford Community Society" to a new BCS website. This contains information about the Society whilst the Anglers Rest site is about what is happening at the Anglers.

The BCS website includes a members' section with copies of newsletters, AGM papers, etc. This section is password protected. You will be notified shortly of the password via email.



New Share offer

A membership share offer has been launched to provide a fresh chance for people to invest. For those people who have recently moved to the area, who have only recently become aware of the Community Hub or did not previously choose to buy shares, this is their opportunity to become a Member. Membership shares cost £250. The total pool of shares available in the Anglers Rest is set at £275k which means that approx. £10,000 is available via this share offer. Once this limit has been reached any further requests for shares will be put on a waiting list. When shares become available, The Company Secretary will contact those on the waiting list. Please Note that Enterprise Investment Scheme tax relief is not available on these shares. Copies of the share prospectus and application form can be downloaded from the BCS website: bcs.anglers.rest under "investing". Or come and talk to us on Carnival day, where the BCS will be having a stand.



National Rural Community Co-operative Awards



We won!

Thanks to everyone who provided quotes, photos, etc. for our entry to the Plunkett Foundation Rural Community Co-operatives award. We won the Pioneer category and the citation says that the judges were particularly impressed by:

- The wide variety of services you offer, you are an exemplary community co-operative hub.
- The way you have thought of, and integrated all parts, of your community in your enterprise.
- The impact you have had on the co-operative pub sector by supporting other projects and co-hosting the community co-operative pubs event earlier this year.

As well as the plaque, which is on display in the café, we won £500. Part of this will be spent on new beer glasses, however if you have any suggestions on things we could spend it on, please let us know.

Art in the cafe



Some of you will know Joe Hall, our skilled and personable barman (and cocktail maker extraordinaire) but what you probably don't know is that Joe also holds a degree in Photography, having graduated from the University of Westminster in 2007.

Until July 16th Joe is exhibiting a selection of his original work in the Rest Cafe. These photographs were taken both at home and abroad and reflect his interest in both natural and manmade environments.

For other examples of his work please visit Joe's website: www.joehallphotography.co.uk

Defibrillator Training



What to learn how to use the new Bamford defibrillator?

Following the fund-raising and purchase of a defibrillator (which is to be installed on the outside of the Anglers Rest, Café end), the Hope Valley Community First Responders are offering a free, short, training session for all Anglers staff, BCS Members & locals.

The training will take about ten minutes. If you are interested you should come to the Rest Café at some time between **7:00 - 8:30 pm on Wednesday, 8th July 2015**. A qualified trainer will show you how easy one of these new semi-automated defibrillators is to use. There will also be an opportunity to hear about the life-saving work of the local First Responders.

Additionally there will be the official hand-over of the defibrillator. This will take place at 8:30 pm. We do hope you will take this opportunity to come along. Such community-based defibrillators have saved many lives. The more people who have the confidence to use one the better

Finance Report

Please see separate attachment.

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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