



# The Anglers Rest

## Members' Newsletter

### June 2015

#### What's On?

**Every Friday night is fish & chip night!**



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



**Saturday 13th June - The Call, 9pm**



**Saturday 20th<sup>th</sup> June - Farmers' market, 9am - 1pm at the Anglers.**



**Sunday 21st June - Father's Day, treat Dad to a delicious Sunday lunch from noon**



**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Dave Perkins - better than Bubl ! 9pm,**



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



#### Summer Events programme What's On?



We are continuing to try and promote our programme of events at least three months in advance and hopefully you will have had, or will soon have a postcard through your letterbox if you live in Bamford advertising our summer events programme. Posters will also be going up across the Hope Valley. In an effort to attract a wider audience to our events, it would be greatly appreciated if you could share this information amongst your networks, either by printing out the event poster (emailed to you with the newsletter) to display in your workplace or clubs / societies, or by picking up a stack of cards from the Anglers and distributing to friends and family. As members you remain our greatest advocates and can help make the business a success by passing on this information to others.

## Eroica Britannia 2015

The Anglers Rest is an official ticket outlet for the Eroica Britannia festival in Bakewell over the 19th, 20th, 21st June (see: <http://eroicabritannia.co.uk/> for more details). If you are considering going to this festival and purchase your tickets from us, we receive a small commission, so do pop in and see us for your tickets - it should be a great event!



## Please help us raise funds for Gig in the Pub

We have the opportunity to access a grant of £100 to help buy some new equipment for Bamford Community Arts and Crafts to help them run the regular Gig in the Pub event. To unlock this money we need to raise a further £350. If you would like to help us reach this target then please pledge your support here: <https://spacehive.com/giginthepub>



## Derby Telegraph Business Award Finalists

We are delighted that we have been selected as one of three finalists for the Derby Telegraph Business Awards in the category *Contribution to the Community*. We have already benefited from the publicity associated with this, including an article in the Derby Telegraph newspaper with more to follow, see: <http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/finalists-businesses-line-award/story-26488309-detail/story.html> We will find out at the end of June whether we are the overall winners - keep your fingers crossed!



## National Rural Community Co-operative Awards



The Anglers Rest has also been shortlisted for a prestigious award from national charity the Plunkett Foundation, in its national Rural Community Co-operative Awards, designed to recognise the very best examples in the sector.

We have been shortlisted for the Pioneer category, which recognises flagship community co-operatives that have done something new or different, have gone above and beyond to inspire others to do something similar and/or helped the sector to develop. The winners will be announced at a ceremony on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June in Warwickshire.

## Defibrillator Update

We are pleased to say that thanks to a generous donation from Bamford Carnival and a couple of our members we now have sufficient funding to fully install the defibrillator. The box has been ordered, some awareness training arranged for the staff, so in the next couple of weeks the defibrillator should be fully operational.



## Give the gift of the Anglers!

Anglers Rest Gift Vouchers are now available and can be purchased from the bar or cafe. The vouchers come in £5 denominations and can be used for food and drink across the site (not for Post Office services or for cards / retail items). The perfect gift for your loved ones!



## Art in the cafe

Our exhibition of art in the Rest Cafe is changed regularly and until June 18th is showing a series of watercolour paintings of animals and birds by Bamford artist, Judith Taylor.

Judith is donating all the profits from this exhibition to Mayflower Animal Sanctuary, a sanctuary she has supported since the adoption of her rescue puppy 'Miley'.

A portfolio of Judith's work is also on display in the cafe, showing several of her many animal commissions. For anyone interested in commissioning a painting please either leave your details in the cafe or call Judith on 651507



## Date of BCS Extraordinary General Meeting

**6:00 pm on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June in the Bamford Institute**

An Extraordinary General meeting (EGM) of the Bamford Community Society will be held at 6:00 pm on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June in the Bamford Institute. The main agenda item will be the re-presented accounts for our last financial year. This item will include a short presentation by members of the Finance Team led by our Finance Director, Chris Williams, on our current financial position.

In addition there will be two other items: Information about a new Members' Share Offer and a Capital Programme update. It is envisaged that the meeting will last about an hour.

These meeting details will be confirmed by the usual official members' notice which will be e-mailed to you in the normal way.

We do hope you are able to attend.

*Simon Hill. Chair of Directors*

## Finance Report

Due to finance team holidays there is no finance report this month



## Keeping Members Informed

At the BCS Directors' meeting of April 9th it was agreed to increase membership engagement in these meetings in 2 ways:

1. By inviting any member who wished to raise an issue with the Board to attend the first 15 minutes of the meeting, by prior arrangement with the Company Secretary.
2. By including a summary of the Board meetings in the Newsletter

The following represents a summary of the main body of that meeting

The Finance Director presented the latest financial figures which had been discussed previously within the Finance subgroup. It is clear that as a business we still need to increase the income (more customers and more sales) if we are to achieve both short-term and long-term profitability. This is our top priority. Also, whilst our income has increased in line with expectation for the time of year, the need to remain strictly within our budgets was emphasised. The General Manager stated the difficulty in keeping within the staffing budget in the absence of a permanent chef which has required employing a temporary agency chef for 3 weeks. Our recruitment drive has resulted in one application to date and the meeting authorised the additional expenditure to retain the chef for a further 3 weeks.

A discussion forum of those members who have signed up to receive the food updates was suggested to consider solutions to our ongoing problems in delivering a consistent food service. This to be arranged within the month.

The latest stock take reports have indicated that our beer prices need to increase slightly to achieve our margins and that some items on the menu may also need to increase. The stock taker will make recommendations after further analysis.

The business plan is currently being revised for next year and when completed will be presented to the members along with a second share offer which is currently under consideration.

An application has been made to Power to Change, part of the Big Lottery Fund, for funding towards the development of the upstairs area to create an additional income stream. 2 main options are being considered: office space and bed and breakfast accommodation. A survey monkey is to be circulated to members to test the demand in the village for office space. We are receiving assistance from Co-operatives UK to assess the business case for both options.

The General Manager felt that we needed to raise our profile to attract more passing traffic and to attract visitors to make a diversion to find us. It was agreed to place a number of roadside signs along the Hope Valley and towards Fairholmes.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 24th May at 7.30pm in the Rest Cafe

*Liz Marshall. Operations Directors.*

## Meet Our members

This month's featured members are Annette Nordhausen Scholes and Jeremy Scholes



Jeremy (who originally comes from Lancashire) has lived in the village since 1994. Annette (who comes from Bremen) moved here before we got married in 2008. We are both university law lecturers. We met when we were working together at Sheffield University, though our university work is now in Manchester (Annette) and London (Jeremy). We both do other working things as well. Jeremy is a solicitor, doing specialist commercial work (both here and in Leeds). Annette has been a part-time specialist adviser on consumer affairs to the European Parliament. She has recently trained as a mediator, which at the moment she is doing as a volunteer through Manchester City Council's mediation service. We both work from home for a lot of the time (so to anyone from BT who might be reading this: anything you can do to speed up the bringing into operation of the fibre optic broadband service in the village would make us ever so happy, as the limitations of the service we have at present are causing more and more difficulties in doing everyday necessary working things (and we are sure we aren't the only people suffering from that problem.....)).

Although we live somewhat hidden away in the middle of the village, we have rather a big garden. We shall be taking part in the first Bamford Open Gardens Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July. But anyone expecting a Chelsea Flower Show style display in our garden had better dream on.....

We grow fruit and vegetables in the garden, and at times have much more of those (and plants) than we know what to do with. We have given fruit and flowers to the Anglers' Rest from time to time, and gave our (major) over-supply of tomato plants to the primary schools in the valley and to the organisers of the local food bank. We have had a stall at the village market most months since it started, selling our surpluses from the garden and things we have made from them: tomato plants, damson gin and quince jelly so far. We have given all the money we have taken from these sales (total ~£300 so far) to good causes in the village (to date, the Old Folks' Fund, the Rec charity and the Village Institute) and plan to continue doing that. Making some assumptions about the weather (!), we expect to be standing the market with plums and damson later in the year. We think the village market is an excellent idea (well done Paul). We hope that, as the summer gluts arrive (fingers crossed), more people in the village (i.e. non-traders) will go the market and sell/swap/buy surplus produce from their gardens.

Working part of the time as we do in London and Manchester, the local train services are very important to us. We are involved (in a modest way) with the Hope Valley Rail Users' Group, which is clearly enormously respected in the railway world and does a remarkably effective job of lobbying for better train services locally. We keep the parish council informed on relevant railway developments (e.g. by attending most meetings of the local Community Rail Partnership). Our long-term dream is that Bamford station should become the public transport hub for the Hope Valley, with more trains stopping there and even an integrated bus and rail timetable. Might the current wave of Community Spirit in Bamford even extend as far as setting up a Friends of Bamford Station group? In the meantime, it would help reinforce the position of Bamford station if more people in the village used the local trains (e.g. to get into and out of Sheffield). This could be rather important in the light of possible changes in local rail services over the next few years.

We have not been actively involved in the Anglers' Rest project (though Jeremy provided some advice to the directors at one point in the flotation exercise). The transformation is remarkable. We have had some very decent food there, both in the pub and in the bistro (we liked the latter very much); the post office works very well; and as regular customers, we can recommend the laundry/ironing/dry cleaning service (which works well too). The revival at the Anglers' Rest has been a HUGE benefit for Bamford, which is a great place to live, and we very much hope it will get sufficient use to remain viable.

## 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](http://www.anglers.rest)

You can email us: [bamfordcs@gmail.com](mailto: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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