



The Anglers Rest

Members' Newsletter

March 2015

What's On?

It's a packed programme of events at the Anglers Rest once again in March, save the dates in your diaries for the following:



Mon 2nd March - Folk night in the snug from 8.30pm, all welcome!



Sun 8th March - Roller Racing in the snug from 3pm



Sat 14th March - Blind Badger Irish Band will be visiting us, bringing songs from England, Ireland, Scotland and the USA and adding their own slant to toe tapping tunes - it's sure to be a great night, from 9pm. blindbadgeruk.wix.com/blindbadger



Sun 15th March - Don't forget Mother's Day! Treat your Mum to lunch from noon onwards



Sat 21st March - Farmers' market, 9am - 1pm at the Anglers. Hot & cold drinks and food also available at the Anglers.



Sat 28th March - Julia McInally returns to the Anglers Rest bringing her 'beautifully chilled out acoustic vibes', from 9pm. https://www.facebook.com/juliamcinnallymusic/app_7085335997



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

Help With Promotions!

We are working hard to make sure that news of our events and activities reach as many people as possible, and are now producing a quarterly event poster and postcards to advertise events. If you have access to a notice board in a place of work or other venue (particularly around Sheffield) and would be willing to put up an events poster or display a stack of postcards, please either print off a copy of the poster on the next page (also attached as pdf to the email), or call into the Anglers Rest and pick up some postcards from our staff. This will help us attract a wider audience to our events and grow our customer base, whilst keeping costs low.



The ANGLERS

YOUR SPRING EVENTS ~ programme ~

MARCH

Sun 8th: Roller Racing in the Snug - 3pm

Sat 14th: Blind Badger Irish Band - 9pm

Sun 15th: Mother's Day Lunch - Noon

Sat 28th: The Julia McInally Band - 9pm

APRIL

Fri 3rd to Mon 6th: Easter activities for families
in the Rest Café

Fri 10th: Rock n Roll and the Blues
with Chris Johnson - 9pm

Fri 24th: Pint of Mild, classic pub tunes - 9pm

MAY

Sat 9th: Jem Party Band - 9pm

Fri 29th: Johnny and The Moondogs
(*better than the Beatles!*) - 9pm

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New Chef

We are pleased to welcome Josh Everton to the Anglers as our Chef. Josh started on Friday 27th February on a full time basis. Josh served his Apprenticeship in Sheffield and, even though at the beginning of his career he worked at a variety of well-known places, he is joining us from Couch on Ecclesall Road, Sheffield. We are very much looking forward to working with Josh to develop the menu over the coming months.



(Note from the editor: I had Sunday lunch at the Anglers with my family today. I had the Sunday Roast which was delicious. My husband had poached salmon on a warm greek salad which he said was also very good. We have also heard reports that curry on Friday night was excellent. Not bad for his first few days! Well done Josh and good luck!)

Food survey

Over the last year we have had a lot of changes in our food service and learnt a lot as a business about what works (and doesn't work) for us. We know that we have not managed to get everything right with our food service and there are areas we can improve.

The arrival of a new chef provides a good opportunity to review the food service and to ask you, as members, to help with our market research. This, in turn, will help in defining the brief we give our new chef and the development of our food offer over the next 12 months.

We therefore hope that you will complete this survey by the 15th March. To complete the survey copy and paste this link into your browser or click on the link in the email that brought this newsletter.

<http://tinyurl.com/pbuxqag>

Beer and Sausage Festival

On a sleety afternoon in February, what better thing to do than head to the Anglers for the second beer & sausage festival. With 8 halves of beer and 8 sausages for a tenner it was a great value afternoon too. The beers on offer ranged from the palest wheat beer through to a porter and a stout, as well as my personal favourite, Bollington brewery's ginger brew. Breweries represented included Whim, Big Hand, Thornbridge, Great Heck, the previously mentioned Bollington and of course, our local Intrepid Brewing Company! Folks from the Sheffield branch of CAMRA came along too and were impressed by the variety on offer. See you at the next one?



Chairs

Are you sitting comfortably? If so, that might be because of the hard work of Davids Allwood, Randall and Treacher who have been busy repairing a huge pile of chairs that were a little worse for wear. Thank you, Davids!

Can You Help?

* We have a number of surplus items, including the brass lights that were replaced when we created the café. We would like to see if we can sell these, e.g. via eBay and wonder if anyone would be prepared to take this on as a project. If so, get in touch with Liz Marshall either directly or via bcscmpsec@gmail.com

* After wages, drink and food purchases, our next highest expense is energy costs. We are looking at how we could save energy e.g. by replacing the high-energy lighting on the front of the building with lower energy lights. If you could help us work out the costs, or have other ideas how we could save electricity, contact Mark Knight directly or via bcscmpsec@gmail.com.

* A reminder that we are organising a National conference for Community pubs on the 14th March. Thanks to those who have volunteered so far but we could do with a few more people to help, e.g. directing people to car parking, making and serving teas and coffee, so if you have an hour to spare, please contact Sally Soady either directly or via bcscmpsec@gmail.com.

Post Office

How is our Post Office doing?

On the 27th January we had a visit from Neil Bishop, Post Office Manager, from Darnall Community Post Office in Sheffield. He provided some helpful advice when we were preparing to open our Post Office and is now a consultant for the Post Office as well as undertaking a Masters Degree in Charity Resource Management. His thesis is looking at community-run Post Offices, of which there are now about 140. He is visiting a range of different Post Offices and interviewing staff and customers. He was very impressed with our Post Office and thinks that we are probably one of the best community-run local Post Offices in the country. So, well done to Sarah and her team!



Neil Bishop (R) getting the customer's view from Keith Wilkinson.

How you are supporting our Post office

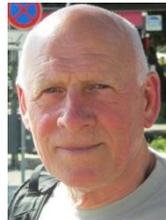
The Bamford Post Office is run as a franchise. But did you know that the Post Office pays commission to the Bamford Community Society for every transaction you make? Whether you withdraw or deposit cash, obtain foreign currency, buy stamps, pay a bill or collect a pension, we receive our commission. For the month of December, for example, this commission amounted to £699, which is a useful contribution to our income.

So when you are withdrawing money, buying stamps, posting parcels, getting your foreign currency or even buying a fishing rod licence you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are also supporting the BCS in a very practical way.

Meet Our members

One of the things that many members have said is how great it has been to get to know other people in the village through getting involved with the Anglers. So we have a new feature of the newsletter. In each edition, we will feature up to 3 of our members. If you would like to write a piece, or know of someone with an interesting story, let us know.

This month Peter Townsend



I happily moved to Bamford from Castleton (a picturesque but commercial tourist village) when I 'retired' from the Peak National Park's Losehill Hall back in 2001. I liked the new location in the centre and heart of the beautiful Hope Valley. It had good access, east to Sheffield via the moors of Ringinglow or Moscar and west to Manchester via the Snake Pass or the various routes beyond Chapel en le Frith. I wasn't too fussed about Bamford itself since I was now working freelance and travelling a lot in Europe. However it had two seemingly pleasant pubs and a couple of welcoming societies. So I settled in. Sadly both the pubs turned out to be disappointing places and when the Derwent Hotel closed in 2011 the focus then switched to the Anglers Rest, which however was a seriously declining pub. Even the local Post Office was under threat of closure.

By the time I had properly retired (April 2011) I hadn't yet discovered a 'community' in the village. I only knew a few folk. I felt restless and the pull of my family in Sheffield (3 grown up kids with partners and 4 grandchildren) had me contemplating moving to the city. Then in 2013 I started to hear and read about the Anglers Rest. The newly established Bamford Community Society wanted to buy the pub and save it from closing. I was asked if I wished to become a shareholder. Indeed why wasn't I contemplating such? Only £250 a share was a bargain at 30% tax relief! I duly signed up and met a lot of interesting, enthusiastic, talented, hardworking people who were determined to return the Anglers to its former real ale glory; but as more of a "hub" with the addition of a cafe and the transferred Post Office.

Now I have a wonderful place to take friends for a pint (in the pub) or a cuppa (in the café) or dinner (in the 'snug'). I can also cash my old age pension there. I enjoy telling my friends and family about visits to 'my' pub. It is most (male) beer drinker's dream to 'own' a pub. I love to josh my old Castleton mates, inviting them to come on down to the Anglers Rest where I will treat them to the first pint. And I can also tease my four jealous younger brothers who live west of the Pennines. But more importantly I can visit the Anglers whenever I'm getting restless, sure in the knowledge I'll bump into some of my new friends, either side of the bar or counter.

Finance Report

As expected January has been a very quiet month, with sales at a similar level to the corresponding period last year. The planned changes implemented after Christmas have helped us move in the right direction and our control of the processes, for example putting more suppliers on direct bank transfer and enabling local paying in of takings, continues to improve. The cash position is stable but has not yet turned round sufficiently and needs a few more months of healthy trading: so if you could encourage your friends to visit either the café or the pub - as that well known saying goes - "every little helps".

The Board now receives detailed financial information each month, reviewing the profit and loss, balance sheet, analysis of the profitability of events, payments to suppliers, margins and receipt of grants. The finance group are happy to meet with individual members to go through this. However, there is a degree of volatility of costs when looked at over a month (e.g. the difference between a large order for drinks placed on the 31st of one month versus the 1st of the next or large one-off payments) that means we feel it would be more helpful to provide quarterly updates for the newsletter.

We have also been asked to report the balance in our bank account at the end of each month (acknowledging that members will need to respect the confidential nature of this information especially with regards to non-members, and to bear in mind that it is just a snapshot). The credit balance at the 31st of January was £22,366.35.

Chris Williams, Finance Director



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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If you would like anything added to next month's newsletter please email Julia at: anglersnewsletter@gmail.com