



The Anglers Rest

Members' Newsletter

Sept 2016

What's On?



Friday 9th Sept 2016 - 7.30pm - 9.30 pm: Meet The Artist - Jacqui Hilson

Our regular 'Meet the Artist' programme continues with the wonderful textile artist Jacqui Hilson, who will be putting her vibrant designs on show. Join us to hear how she creates her work. For a sneak preview see: www.jacquihilsontextiles.co.uk
(See further info. below)



Monday 26th September - 8.30pm - Folk Night



Every Wednesday at 9pm is our regular quiz night.



The 3rd Thursday of every month at 9pm is Vinyl Night. There is a different theme each month. September's theme is "weather" on the 15th



Every Friday night is fish & chip night! Available to take-away from 5pm or you can eat in from 6.30pm. (The full menu is also available.)

Solar panels - Please VOTE!

We are really excited to have been shortlisted for the M&S Community Energy Fund and have the chance to win the money to install solar panels on the bank at the back of the top car park. You may remember that we had hoped to install the panels as part of the Power to Change grant, but the problems with the roof meant that we had to take them out of scope.

We have, however, done (most of) the hard work in clearing the laurel hedge to create the space and we have planning consent. If we get enough votes, we will also have the money!

Last year our energy bills were over £20,000 and with a building that is open, and using electricity, virtually whenever the sun is shining, we think we are the perfect project. To win the money we need people to vote for us between the 1st September and the 10th October. We are hoping that all our members will vote for us. Please ask your friends, family and colleagues to vote for us as well. Maybe you could find somewhere to display the poster that was sent along with the newsletter to get the word to as many people as possible.

Help us light our fire!

We have plans to improve the pub layout and décor, incorporate a log burner fire and add an accessible toilet.

The work will happen in two phases:

Phase 1 - change the entrance to the toilets, makeover the men's toilets, build in the fire and replace the carpet in the bar.

Phase 2 - remodel the toilets to include an accessible toilet.

We are exploring financing options, including a range of fundraising activities specifically to raise the money for the log burner. All ideas welcome. In the meantime, if you have a few spare coins, why not put them in the wonderful money box produced by Dave Treacher. It is on the counter in the café.



Volunteers Wanted!

One of the (many!) outstanding jobs in the Anglers is the sanding and varnishing of the bar top and this has now reached the top of our 'To Do' list. This is clearly a disruptive job as it requires the pumps to be removed from the bar top. The work will take a couple of days to complete and it does mean that we will need to close the bar during this time. However, we intend to make the most of this opportunity while the pub is closed to refresh the paintwork on the ceiling and walls (without getting under the feet of the volunteers working on the bar).

We have set the date for the pub closure from 7.00pm on Sunday October 2nd until Wednesday October 5th at 3.00pm. During these dates the cafe will remain open in the evening to serve drinks although the beer will be served in bottles.

The timescale for the paint work in the pub is fairly ambitious but we can work throughout the day and evening. So here's the rub. If anyone could spare a couple of hours during the day or evening on Oct 3rd or Oct 4th to help with the painting, your offer would be deeply appreciated.

Ideally we could do with 2 or 3 helpers at any one time. We would like to draw up a rota of volunteers so if you are happy to wield a paintbrush, please could you let Liz Marshall or Nigel Hopkins know? Liz can be contacted on 651283 or lizmarymarshall@gmail.com. Nigel can be reached at nigel.hopkins4@btinternet.com

Many thanks.

Customer survey



Thanks to everyone involved in the week-long customer survey, either asking or answering the questions. Those interviewing have said it was an interesting experience and something we may repeat in the future. It has provided a wealth of information, some of which requires in-depth analysis, but here are the headlines.

We had over 180 questionnaires completed.

Of those interviewed:

- 62% lived in the Hope Valley
- 50% visit The Anglers at least once a week
- 20% where there for their first visit

Of the non-locals

- 42% where just passing
- 30% were there as a result of word of mouth
- 8% were there due to press coverage such as the One Show

Two questions were aimed at providing evidence of social impact, something that grant funders are asking for more and more.

- In response to the question about having got to know more people since we bought The Anglers 47% said they had, but quite a few people said that they already knew everyone.
- 75% said that the facilities at The Anglers had made them feel more part of the community.

When asked how likely they were to recommend The Anglers to friends or acquaintances:

- 54% gave us 10 out of 10
- 83% gave us a score of 8 or more.

When asked what would improve scores, the majority of comments were related to the décor and atmosphere, in particular the gent's toilets came in for a lot of criticism, something that was also highlighted in the member's survey. You will see elsewhere in the newsletter that we have plans to improve the pub, including a makeover of the gent's toilets, building in a log burner and replacing the carpet - we just need to raise the finances to do it. There were quite a few comments relating to beer, food and speed of service and we have set up a couple of working groups to review these comments.

Art Exhibition



The next art exhibition in the cafe features the rich and beautiful work of Textile Artist, Jacqui Hilson. Jacqui's work uses the techniques of machine embroidery and reverse applique where richly coloured silk and organza are layered over each other and then cut back.

These techniques are very accessible to non-specialists and Jacqui offers workshops and classes to individuals and groups. Her inspiration comes from an eclectic mix of the Derbyshire countryside, the costumes of the Elizabethan period and the altar cloths of the Medieval period. She counts Van Gogh and Henry Moore as her influences.

Jacqui's exhibition will run from September 1st to October 10th in the Rest cafe and there is an opportunity to Meet the Artist on September 9th in the Rest cafe from 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Invitation to join the Board of Bamford Community Society

- Do you feel passionate about the future development of the Anglers Rest?
- Do you have the time and energy to invest in helping shape the business?

Then why not consider putting yourself forward to join the Board?

In line with our Rules, each year a third of Directors stand down. Those that do are eligible for re-election should they choose to put themselves forward. This year 3 of our 9 Directors are standing down, with a maximum board of 13, there are therefore 7 current vacancies.

Details about the role and the sort of skills we are looking for are set out in the nomination paper, available, along with the application form, from the Members Area of the BCS website: www.bcs.anglers.rest or request a copy from The Anglers Rest.

If you want to get involved, the main thing to do is fill in the application form and get your nomination supported by 3 other members, then submit it to the Company Secretary, Sally Soady.

Timetable

29th September 2016 - Closing date for applications for the Board of Directors.

If 7 or fewer applications are received then those applicants will automatically join the Board of Directors.

13th October 2016 - If more than 7 applications are received, a summary of those applications will be circulated to ALL members with instructions for voting for your preferred candidates.

3rd November 2016 - Closing date for ballot (if held).

10th November 2016 - notification to members of outcome of election result.

Finance Report

Please see attached pdf.

How To Contact Us

- There is a comments box on the counter in the café.
- Email The Board at: bcscmpsec@gmail.com
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