



## ANMER SOCIAL CLUB – NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021

Dear Members,

Firstly I and the club committee wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Despite the various contradictory pronouncements from the government, the club remains open as we are part of hospitality and although it is a requirement to wear face masks and use the hand sanitisers, there is no requirement for a Covid Pass as we are not a venue which can hold 500 unseated indoors or 4000 outdoors! Social distancing is not a requirement either. So I do hope you will continue to support your club.

We have the Grand Draw this Friday evening – come along and see which prize you may have won – the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday (Santa's sack is full now ready to distribute the presents to the children), the Charity Bingo on Monday with proceeds going to Bridge for Heroes and Blue Cross for Animals. Finally, on Wednesday we have the carol service at Anmer Church at 4.30 and afterwards at the club for some of Issy's famous mulled wine, Karen's Christmas cake and Mince Pies. Any donations of Mince pies will be gratefully received (homemade or bought in).

I met Yogi the Queen's fell pony the other day, which will be pulling Santa's carriage on Saturday. He is lovely and friendly, well used to children (and reindeer!). It looks as if we will have an adult female reindeer and her calf coming on Saturday. Again, well used to children and noise. I did ask the Chief Elf about carrots. If any children wish to bring some, they will be taken back to the farm and given to the reindeer on Christmas Eve as the extra sugar helps them fly. Anything which gets Santa Claus round the world faster helps so no child is disappointed.

After the 22<sup>nd</sup> the club will be closed until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Some of you may have noticed a strong smell of paint. Our decorator has finished the back corridor, toilets and kitchen and has just finished the main entrance. It looks really fresh and bright. He will start on the bar on the 4<sup>th</sup> January and after that the small room before tackling the larger function room. We may have to rearrange opening times or some events depending on how long the final decorating takes. The large function room will be a lot of work and curtains will need to be taken down in both rooms for cleaning as will the blinds.

Thanks to those who came on the 5<sup>th</sup> December to decorate the club and particular thanks to new members Lorna and Malcolm Dady. Malcolm is an electrician and happily sorted out the tree lights and put up the lights round the walls in both rooms. It does look very festive. The Christmas tree donated by the Estate is outside, and also is lit up when the outside lights come on. We added a wreath to the front door as well. The club Christmas tree is in the corner and is beautifully decorated with lights and baubles. Our nativity appears to have disappeared in the last 2 years and we only have the 3 wise men available (at least that's what I think they are – they could be shepherds!). Next year, we will try and source some new nativity figures.

It was disappointing that only 8 people attended the film last Friday. This was about the Welsh racehorse, Dream Alliance, bred in a garage, which went on to win the Welsh Grand National after suffering an almost severed tendon at Aintree. With loving care and stem

cell therapy he was better than new. He was raised by a syndicate in Wales in Blenavon. He retired from racing in 2012 and is living out a well-earned retirement in Somerset. Because of the cost of hiring films, we do need to have at least 16 people attending otherwise we make a loss. Keep an eye out on the events page for the next film coming along in January and do please make every effort to support the club. Members of the committee work extremely hard to put on events and give up their own time willingly to do so. Only one person attended the club on Saturday lunchtime so we closed up early and came home. It was a bitterly cold day but the club was warm. Please do remember that all our bar people are volunteers. Without them, the club could not function as well as it does. Martin and Jane particularly, look after the bar stock and make sure the shelves are kept filled. If there is any particular drink you would like to see stocked, then please let us know.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with running the bar, then please let me know. We really could do with 3 or 4 more people to call on. It's not an onerous commitment and training will be given.

Enjoy the rest of the events planned and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

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