



**ANMER SOCIAL CLUB
NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2022**

Dear Members,

Just to let you know what is happening in the club if you haven't been on the website recently. Because of the dithering by the government on the will they, won't they, do another lockdown, we took the decision just after Christmas to close the club until the 28th January.

The Bingo and Film Night were cancelled and it was decided not to go ahead with Burns Night on the 22nd due to all the uncertainty. Now we know that another lock down did not happen and the powers that be in No. 10 feel that other than current restrictions, no other restrictions are necessary.

The upside of this is that our painter has completed the painting of the bar area and it looks really good. He has now completed the painting of the front entrance hall, the back corridor, toilets and kitchen. He starts on the smaller of the two main rooms on Tuesday 9th January. That room has been cleared as much as possible to enable him to have a clear run. Once that is finished, he will start on the large room which will be a much bigger job.

Part also of the reason for closing until the 28th January, was the lack of support in December when footfall to the club was very poor. I mentioned only 8 people came to the film night in December in the previous newsletter, which meant that we ran at a loss. The Grand Draw took place but only 3 people attended that. I have some unclaimed prizes – more on that later. Saturday lunchtimes were not supported very well either and we often closed up early as we did on a Friday night.

One really good event was the Children's Christmas Party accompanied by Santa and two of his reindeer. Thanks to everyone who made it a success. We had 26 children attending and almost as many adults. Visits to the reindeer continued during the party, all the food went, and the children had their presents from Santa with an opportunity to have photos taken with the reindeer and with Santa's pony Yogi who pulled his carriage. Yogi was all decked out in tinsel and antlers and looked very festive. Particular thanks to David and Linda Brown for all their help and support.

The attendance at the Carol Service was down on last year but nevertheless, plenty of people turned up. Not many came back to the club for mulled wine and hot mince pies which was disappointing so we have a dozen or more mince pies in the freezers and in my freezer at home. The carol service itself was lovely with many children doing the readings. Thanks to our Rector Mark for organising it all with the PCC members.

We have been trying to get a darts team going and it looked back in October/November that we had one! However, it now seems that we don't. We need a team of 5 minimum for a mixed team, preferably 6 so if anyone is interested, please let me know asap as the first match at Anmer is on the 3rd February! No fees are payable at this time although as Anmer as host club will be responsible for providing refreshments, a small charge of £1 per head will be made.

On the question of unclaimed prizes:
Warninks Avocaat - Steve Brown
Jacobs Biscuits – John W
Cadburys Roses – Tracey Smith
Heroes Chocolates – Dawn Lanchester
Cadburys Classic Collection – L. Raven

These are at present in safe keeping and will be brought back to the club on the 28th January when it reopens unless you wish to contact me first to arrange collection. If no prizes are claimed by the 28th January, they will go into the next Quiz Raffle on 4th February.

Bingo will start again on the 7th February, Quiz Night on the 4th February, Film Night 11th February and we hope to have a Fish & Chip Evening on the 19th February. Please keep an eye on the website which is kept up to date, for future events. We continue into March with a Quiz and Raffle on the 4th, Bingo on the 7th and a film on the 11th March.

Just a reminder – club opening times are Friday evenings 7.30 to 10.30 and Saturday lunchtimes 12.30 to 2.30. When we have an event on such as Bingo or a Quiz, the club opens at 7 p.m. with a start time of 7.30. We are also starting to look at events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM the Queen. Mooted at present, are a cream tea organised by Anmer WI on the Thursday, a BBQ on the Saturday and the previous week, we are looking at a fun Dog Show and a Craft Fair. Any other ideas will be well received. Let's do all that we can to celebrate our Queen's long reign. Most of us will have never known another monarch.

Keep safe and well and I look forward to seeing you all again once the club reopens.

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