



NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2022

We are now open again! We had a very successful Quiz Night on the 4th February and a good turnout for the Bingo on the 7th February. It's still difficult getting people to commit to coming in to have a drink on Friday evenings and Saturday lunchtimes. We're using the small card room at present which is quite cosy and warm once the heating is on. We will use the large event room when we have events on. The film night on the 11th was not well attended. Our fish and chip night on the 19th was well booked in advance and it seems that such events as Quizzes, Bingo and food nights go down well. We have another Quiz on the 4th March and films on the 11th March. We intend to hold a food night on Saturday 26th March and it will either be Pie and Mash or a Hog Roast. Please keep an eye on our website for more details. Food nights are always popular and get booked up well in advance. We have also booked a ukulele band for a music evening in April. They are local players and play for the love of it.

The club is now fully redecorated, curtains and blinds cleaned and back up and it looks stunning. So clean, fresh, light and airy. Huge thanks to painter Pete Benefer who has done a marvellous job. If anyone can help with the origins of the murals in the "card room" please let us know. One of the murals seems to feature the initials GE which could be George V and a date in 1915. We would love to know as they are very precious and need preserving.

We have also been asked to include details of church services at Anmer on our website. The next church service at Anmer is Communion on the 13th March. It is such a lovely little church and our congregation is quite small. All the snowdrops are out in the church yard, together with aconites and they look a real picture. The south window in the Lady Chapel has been replaced and looks marvellous and the water chutes in the tower have also been replaced and repaired. Like most old buildings the church needs constant upkeep – it dates back to the 14th Century. Queen Mary had a strong personal interest in it and gave some of the furnishings to beautify it, including a Florentine embroidered altar cloth. When the bells were taken down for repair in 2012 (the last Jubilee celebration), it was found that one of the bells was made at Norwich Foundry and engraved round the top in the late 1500s was "Tom made me". Seeing and touching that bell really brought it home how many centuries that little church has seen and its history. Linda and David Brown were instrumental in getting in the money for the recent repairs with Ann Holt and the Amazing Horse Ride. This raised over £4000 and enabled the repairs to be carried out. Very many thanks to them all. Another churchwarden is also needed as we are down to one at present. If anyone can help, please contact the Rector Mark Capron.

Unfortunately, we have lost two of our bar staff recently and one other has changed jobs so finding it difficult to help out. If anyone can spare an hour or two every 5 or 6 weeks, that would be a great help. Full training will be given. Please let me know if you can help.

We had to abandon the idea of a darts team this season – only 3 of us were willing to have a go and a mixed team (which we would be) needs 5 or 6. Again, let me know if anyone is interested - I would like to field a team for next season if possible. Also the bowls club which plays regularly in the league would welcome new members. Again, contact me and I'll pass the information onto our organiser.

Thanks to all members for renewing their subs for this year. If you haven't yet done so, then please contact our membership officer Michael Williamson, or pop into the club to pay them.

Keep an eye on our website for what's on and if you have any suggestions of events we could hold at the club, then please let me know. We intend to have a craft fair on the 28th May leading up to the Platinum Jubilee and a BBQ/street party for the Jubilee on the 4th June. More on that later.

We would love to see more members coming along to the club – you can be sure of a warm welcome. Thanks to all those who do support to club regularly. Do come and have a look at our stunning redecoration.

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