



Dear Member,

October 2020

I am sorry to have to write this but everyone needs to be aware that if you have an impromptu celebration in the club with friends, it is your responsibility to clean up after yourselves. This club is run and managed by volunteers. Our volunteer bar man came in on Saturday morning to set up to find the club in a filthy condition with the remains of party poppers, strings and crisps all over the floor. It is not the job of our cleaner (or the volunteer bar staff) to clear up after something like this. She is paid to clean the club which she does on a Monday and finishes off the floors on a Friday. If further cleaning is required after an official club event, she is paid extra to do so. Two of our volunteers had the task of hoovering and cleaning up the club room to enable them to open at 12.30 p.m. It doesn't take much to get out the hoover and run it over the floor. Would you leave your own home in that condition? No? Then don't leave the club in the same state.

Thank you to everyone for observing the new rule of 6 and masks/visors and for following the entry and exit signs. This has been a great help in keeping everyone safe. We did notice that on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October a police car was sitting at the bottom of the driveway checking that the club was closing at 10 p.m. and making sure people left the club at that time. Please do be vigilant. Also, do use the QR code which is on the notice boards. This is part of the NHS trace and test and is in addition to our own track and trace records. You turn on your phone and camera, point it at the code and voila. Please do remember to use the sanitisers and antiseptic wipes. Just a reminder that masks/visors must be worn by everyone (even bar staff) at all times unless eating or drinking. Once finished, the masks etc. must be put back on. I am sure no one wants to pay a hefty fine!

Unfortunately, the rule of 6 has meant the AGM has had to be postponed. We hope to have it in January if restrictions are lifted, but if not, it will be on Zoom. Anyone who does not have Zoom or a computer can telephone in to take part. Details of how to do so will be posted on the website, FB page, and the club notice boards nearer the time.

Dale Smith, who is doing our general maintenance, has made a very good start on the veranda posts, cutting out the rot, resealing, undercoating and painting. They are beginning to look very good and once finished, he will also paint the black supports. Joe's Gardening is keeping the window boxes stocked with flowers. Hopefully some winter pansies or other cheerful flowers, will also be there to enjoy during the cold and dreary months.

Phil Williamson would like some volunteers to help him start getting the bowls green ready. This will involve scarifying initially. If anyone can help for a few hours, please let Phil know. He can be contacted on: philwill12@icloud.com. He will be very glad of the help as it is a quite a big job. Please contact him direct. He hopes to get a start within a week or two.

The first Bingo night was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. It apparently was a fun night but the organiser could do with more people attending. The next one is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we have a Quiz night. Our President is organising this so watch out for tricky questions! He is keeping very quiet about it at present.

We would like to see more members attending the club. We started off very well in August but numbers have dropped off slightly since then. Just to remind you that under the new restrictions, we must close at 10 p.m., on Friday evenings (as well as Mondays for the Bingo nights). Last orders are 9.30 p.m. and there is no drinking up time. We shall be very pleased to see you. Film nights are slightly earlier in that the club will open at 6.30 p.m. and the film will start at 7 p.m. The club will still close at 10 p.m. The bar will be open. If members don't support the club (and we have 125 of them), the club management committee will have to think seriously whether or not it is viable to carry on. Ideally, we have to take £250 per week to cover expenses and the running of the club. We have a good range of beers, wines and soft drinks so something for everyone. Crisps and coffee are also available to purchase.

Have a quiet and hopefully, illness free October and we hope to see you at the Quiz Night on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Dorothy  
Chairman, Anmer Village Club.