



ANMER SOCIAL CLUB NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2021

It now looks as if there is some light at the end of the tunnel. The children are back at school and there will be a further easing of restrictions as from the 29th March, outdoor gatherings will be permitted (including in private gardens) of either 6 people or 2 households. Let's hope it doesn't pour with rain! Tennis and Basketball courts and open air swimming pools will also be allowed to reopen and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports. As from the 12th April non-essential retail will open including libraries and community centres as well as hairdressers and nail salons, and gyms provided people use them on their own. Outdoor attractions such as zoos, theme parks and drive in cinemas will also be allowed. Hospitality venues will be able to serve people outside although table service still applies. No mixing between different households. The number of people able to attend weddings, wakes and other commemorative events will increase to 15, funeral attendance remains at 30.

So how does this affect the club? At present not much and it remains closed but at least we are getting on with the jobs which need doing. Our two marvellous handymen Dale and Joe, have completed the refurbishment of the wood shed which is now roofed and waterproof and has a door which is locked. They are working on the garden seats and repairing those so that they can be used again in the summer. The major refurbishment of the club itself i.e. painting inside will have to wait until the autumn. Dale will continue to keep the grass cut and the edges strimmed and Joe will be organising hanging baskets for the front of the club as well as replanting the window boxes. We will also be carrying out a stock check later on and getting the glass washer up onto its stand and plumbed in.

As from 17th May things do improve. However, gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal. Indoors, the rule of 6 or 2 households applies. It's actually not clear if that applies to more than one group of 6 or only one. If it's only one group of 6 then we will be stuck. Most businesses can reopen but Covid secure arrangements must remain. Indoor hospitality can reopen but again table service. Hotels, hostels and B and Bs can reopen and indoor adult exercise classes and sporting events with a larger capacity. Up to 30 people can attend weddings, receptions and wakes as well as funerals and bar mitzvahs, christenings etc.

We are intending to hold a committee meeting in early April to consider how best to reopen the club. This may not be until after 21st June as if we were to hold a BBQ say before then, we cannot have more than 30 people attending and it would have to remain outdoors. Again, if it pours with rain, it won't be much fun. So that is something we are having to look at as well as consider when we can start holding events such as film nights, bingo etc. I also intend to look at a Christmas party for the children with Santa Claus. The Grand Draw will once again be put back to Christmas and those who have already put their names up will still be taking part. More information, I hope, in my next newsletter

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