



Anglo-Saxons Friendly Society Ltd

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<https://www.anglo-saxons.co.uk/>

Welcome to the last Newsletter of 2022. A lot has been achieved this year but before we provide further details on some of these items, it would be remiss not to start with advising that a wreath was laid on Remembrance Sunday at Gravesend Memorial. Tony Verrill, ex Board member, once again kindly undertook this on behalf of the Board who are very grateful to Tony for conducting this and for his continued support of the Society.



Apologies that the message is too small to be seen clearly. It reads:

“In remembrance of the courage and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedom. From the Anglo-Saxons Friendly Society”

NEW SICKNESS PRODUCT LAUNCHED

We are delighted to advise that the new sickness product was launched on Friday 9 December 2022. Members who had advised of a family/friend that was interested in joining and had registered their details, were advised when the sickness plan was launched.



New members are now able to join the Society and can apply online at <https://www.anglo-saxons.co.uk>. It is a simple application process that does not take long to complete. Sickness plan payments for new applications must be paid by Direct Debit. All the relevant details including Key Facts, Sickness Plan Product Brochure, Frequently Asked Questions, Sickness Plan Application Form and an About Us leaflet are included on the website. Membership is also accepted via post and an application form, print friendly application form included on the Membership Application page, can be downloaded or posted to prospective members.

A tab entitled FAQ, Frequently Asked Questions, is also available on the website to assist with any queries. Enquiries can also be made to the office but we are not permitted to give advice on the product.

MEMBER GET MEMBER SCHEME



With the launch of the sickness plan, the member get member scheme is now effective. You can receive £50 as a reward for introducing new members until the end of January 2023. Thereafter throughout 2023, the reward will be £25. A flyer is attached to this Newsletter explaining the rules of the scheme.

If a friend or family member is looking to join the Society, please remind them to include your membership number when applying.



PARLIAMENT HILL

Parliament Hill benefits are now available for all members to access. This is a free benefit offered under the banner of Anglos Extras. You can access shopping, leisure, travel and health and well-being discounts from the Anglo-Saxons website by clicking on the banner located on the Home page



Free 24-hour confidential helpline
0800 028 0199

health  assured

or on the News page which includes a 'click here' button



VisionExpress
Opticians



Look out for the AS Extra logo, when you click on either of the banners, you will be taken to an Account Login page where you can either enter your date of birth or your membership number, or both, to access the ASFS extra page. From here you will see all the savings available which are updated as new/revised offers are available. The tabs across the top of the page show special offers, ways to save etc. You can also create an account and request that Parliament Hill keep you updated with new offers as they are introduced.

One of the current offers is a 30% saving at Vision Express when you spend more than £50 on glasses, sunglasses or contact lenses. It is a simple two click option to download the voucher, registering your details, enter AS Extra into the Scheme Name/Membership Association Name. Your voucher is then sent directly to you by email to use in store.

Shopping vouchers are obtained by purchasing either a physical or virtual gift card by direct debit. Once you subscribe to the Gift Card savings, a full list will be shown and currently includes 10% off Adidas, 6% off costa, 7% off National Book Tokens Gift Cards, 7% off Toby Carvery and many more.

We will be working with Parliament Hill to navigate how these offers can be extended to members without an email facility.

WEBSITE

The website has been updated with the launch of the Sickness Plan and the Claiming Benefits page now requests you to login to your account. You can access both through entering your date of birth or membership number. When you have logged in, information about your sickness and discretionary benefits is available. You can also access the claims forms that must accompany any discretionary benefit claim. In due course, the website will be linked with a new customer database that will advise the level of benefits remaining to each member and allow claims to be submitted online. Further details will be provided when available.

Please note that the website refers to a discretionary benefit pot of £500 which applies to new members only. Existing members will receive a pot of up to £1,000 as outlined under the Discretionary Benefits heading on the next page.

ENERGY GRANTS

We are pleased to advise that the energy grant has now been paid to members who registered to receive this. The Board hopes that this gesture has helped members, especially with the recent very cold weather, and is grateful for the messages of thanks received.



DISCRETIONARY BENEFITS



A reminder that from 1 January 2023, the new £1,000 annual pot limit and new member benefits are launched. Discretionary benefits will be paid at the rate of 75% of the invoice total for existing members to the category limits. The cut-off date for claims to be received this year was Friday 16 December, as advised in the covering email with the half-yearly October meeting newsletter.

Please remember to complete a claims form and attach a receipt/invoice showing the date, your name and address and that the payment has been made, to ensure that payment, if approved, is not delayed.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

Thank you to all members who have provided their email address. Our records show that approximately 100 households are not able to be reached by email which is a huge improvement from a year ago. This helps with the Board's Climate Friendly Strategy and has enabled postage costs to be drastically reduced which allows more money to be available to help members.



OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS

The office will close at mid-day on Friday 23 December and re-open on Tuesday 3 January 2023.



All that remains is to wish all our members a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year from the Board and staff. Thank you for your loyal custom in what we know has been a difficult year. We look forward to being of service to you in 2023.

CONTACT US

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any help, using any of the methods listed below:

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