



NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2023

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2023. We hope you are well and that the energy grant helped you to stay warm during the recent very cold weather.

2023 AGM

The 2023 AGM will be held on Friday 5 May at 7pm in the Gravesend Masonic Hall (Ruckland House), 25 Wrotham Road, Gravesend DA11 0PA

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This year's AGM will be held in accordance with Society Rule 24.1 and take place at 7pm on Friday 5 May at Gravesend Masonic Hall. The venue is a central location with car parking both at the venue and nearby and is accessible by public transport.

The notice of the AGM and accompanying documentation will be sent to all members in due course. This will include various rule changes relating to carpetbagging that was previously raised by a member. Rule changes in respect of amendments from the launch of the new sickness product will also be included together with a proposal to amend the date of the half-yearly meeting from 7pm on the last Friday in October to lunchtime on the first Friday in November.

All rule changes are subject to approval by Members.

NEW MEMBERS



We extend a warm welcome to our new members and thank you for taking out a sickness policy with the Society. We are delighted to have you on board and look forward to being of service to you for many years.

Thank you also to our existing members who have made referrals. As a result of the success of the Member-Get-Member scheme, the Board has extended the £50 reward to the end of March 2023. If you refer a member, please ask them to include your name on the application form to ensure you receive the reward.

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING AREAS TO
ENABLE US TO IMPROVE SERVICE LEVELS AND BENEFITS

- 1 Log in to your Claims page on the Claiming Benefits page of the website
- 2 Log in to AS Extra from the website
- 3 Complete the Savings Calculator on the AS Extra home page
- 4 Complete the Member Survey by following the link provided

More details, including how to access these, are given in the relevant sections below

SICKNESS/DISCRETIONARY CLAIMS

Access to sickness and discretionary claim forms is now obtained via the login page of the website. You are required to insert either your membership number or date of birth from the Claiming Benefits page. Please log in to ensure you can access the forms and of course let us know if you have any difficulty with this.

If you are a paying member, you have a sickness policy. If you are unfortunately sick and entitled to submit a claim, please complete a sickness claim form, accessed via the Claiming Benefits page of the website.

Please ensure you use the discretionary claim forms on the website as these are updated versions. Forms that contain tick boxes in Section D, Claimant Declaration and Consent, have been superseded. Old forms submitted without completing the boxes in Section D will delay processing your form and we cannot be held responsible for any delay in payment due to this. If you require copies of the new forms to be posted to you, please contact the office.

It is also important that receipts contain members name and address, date and details of treatment/service received and confirm that payment has been made in full. As above, any receipts submitted without this information will delay the process and subsequently your payment.

Claim guides and application forms for the three new discretionary benefits: Education, First Home Buyer and Energy Efficiency, are also available on the website. It is particularly pleasing to note that claims have already been received for the discretionary Education Grant from members who joined over 2 years ago and we are delighted to be able to offer assistance to members who are studying. The grant applies to members of any age who have been with the Society for 2 years and are enrolled on a full or part-time course or an apprenticeship.

The first phase of the new CRM system is now live and if you have submitted your email address, an automatic acknowledgement of receipt and updates are provided via email. This helps us to keep you informed every step of the way and will speed up the claims process. In due course, claims will be able to be submitted direct from the website which will assist with our climate change strategy and achieving a paperless office.

AS EXTRA

AS Extra, provided by Parliament Hill, is an additional free benefit provided to help members save on everyday items. Over 100 members have visited the site over the last 5 weeks. Please help us to improve our website and the member benefits offered on AS Extra by completing the following actions:

1. Please log into AS Extra from the Claiming Benefits page of the website <https://www.anglo-saxons.co.uk/claiming-benefits/>
2. Insert your date of birth or membership number.
3. Complete the savings calculator to help us understand the savings you could make by accessing the benefits provided (more detail on this is provided below).

If you are thinking of booking a summer holiday in the next few months, take a look at the savings from the various travel companies in ASFS Extra. A new member has advised that he obtained a saving of £1,000 on his holiday via the offers on ASFS Extra. Try it and see - it may save you some money.

[Savings Calculator: Find out how much you can save](#)

Discover how much you could save by using the ASFS Extra Savings Calculator



Save on everyday essentials and life's luxuries including:

- Groceries and life's essentials – Sainsbury's, Currys and Halfords
- Gym membership - Nuffield Health, Bannatynes and PureGym
- Fashion – ASOS, Timberland and Kate Spade
- Cinema tickets – Vue, ODEON and Cineworld
- Travel – TUI, Sandals and First Choice

[Calculate your savings here https://www.asfs-extra.co.uk/promocalc.01](https://www.asfs-extra.co.uk/promocalc.01)

*Terms and conditions apply. See website for details. Offers subject to change without notice. Savings Calculator - Potential savings generated from the calculator are not guaranteed, and are based on you using specific benefits. ASFS Extra is managed and run on behalf of ASFS by Parliament Hill Ltd.

To take advantage of this and other fantastic deals visit the [ASFS Extra Special Offers page](#) today!

Keep up to date with the latest offers available to ASFS members by [signing up to our mailing list](#)

Please complete the savings calculator to enable us to provide Parliament Hill with member feedback on the potential savings and member engagement. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

MEMBER SURVEY

As a mutual society, our priority is to provide our members with the things that matter most to them. Please follow this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F5YX9X2> and complete the seven question survey to enable us to understand the things that are important to you and help us to provide products, member benefits, service and communication levels that are relevant to you in the future. The survey will be open until the end of March. Once again, your help with this will be greatly appreciated to make ASFS a better Society for its members.



**TELL US WHAT
YOU THINK**

SOCIAL MEDIA



We are looking to launch ASFS on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Details advising when these are available will be emailed to members.

KENT INVICTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Society has joined Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce. This is a local hub that provides access to a broad range of business support and will help to spread Anglo-Saxons name within the community. Monthly meetings are held which Paul Osborn, Chief Executive, attends.

HERITAGE/MEMORABILIA

Arrangements are in place for the Curator of The Forester's Heritage Trust to visit the old office and collect the memorabilia that will be displayed at the museum based at Station Chambers, The Boulevard, Tunstall, Stoke on Trent, ST6 6DU. The items will be either donated or loaned to the museum.

GOOD BUSINESS CHARTER



We are delighted to announce that the Society has been accepted to use the Good Business Charter accreditation. This measures behaviour over the following ten components: real living wage, fairer hours and contracts, employee well-being, employee representation, diversity and inclusion, environmental responsibility, paying fair tax, commitment to customers, ethical sourcing and prompt payment.

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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