



## NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2024

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2024

### 2024 AGM

The 2024 AGM will be held on Friday 3 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 3 May at Gravesend Masonic Hall. The venue is a central location with car parking available at the venue and nearby which is free after 6pm. Gravesend Masonic Hall is also accessible by public transport.

Electronic voting has been introduced for 2024 and will be provided by Civica, a global GovTech champion that provides software to many companies, including local and central government, covering many areas.

You will receive an email from CES Civica, [takepart@civica.co.uk](mailto:takepart@civica.co.uk), by Friday 5 April. Please look out for this email which will contain a link to access the voting website and information relating to the AGM. After accessing the website, the entry screen will be pre-populated with your two access codes. Once you login from this screen, information regarding the AGM and the Resolutions will be presented. As with previous years, you can select either the Chair or another person, who does not have to be a member, as your proxy. You can also direct your proxy on how to vote on the Resolutions. With respect to Resolutions 3, 4 and 5, it is important that you read the biographies for the re-elections of the Non-Executive Directors before directing your proxy how to vote. Alternatively, you can leave your vote to the discretion of your proxy. The option to vote in person is also available if you are planning to attend the AGM in person or by zoom. In this instance, please do not complete the electronic proxy vote.

We hope that you find the process straightforward and easy to use but if you wish to request a postal vote, being mindful of the closing date of Wednesday 1 May 2024, or have any other queries, please email [support-cesvotes@civica.co.uk](mailto:support-cesvotes@civica.co.uk) quoting your membership number, name and email address.

The Notice of the AGM is attached. The Information Booklet and AGM Notice will also be available to view from the voting website.

Please support your Society by voting and if possible, by attending the AGM either in person or via zoom.

## REBRANDING

The rebranding project to Gravesham Friendly has commenced but there are a lot of areas to agree including logo, colours, fonts etc. Once finalised, templates for standard documents will be compiled. These details will also need to be incorporated into the website which will be upgraded to allow additional information to be shown including the Bord's climate change strategy. The launch is targeted for the second half of the year and further updates will be provided at the AGM and in future Newsletters.



You can also keep up to date with Society news by following the Society on social media using the following links:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/anglosaxonsfriendlysociety/>

<https://www.facebook.com/anglosaxonsfriendlysociety>

<https://twitter.com/AngloSaxonsFS>

## SOCIETY SPONSORSHIP



In conjunction with supporting our low carbon strategy in Gravesham, the Board has approved a sponsorship to Shorne Woods of £2,000 which will commence on 1 April 2024 for one year. The sponsorship will be used specifically to protect and maintain ancient/veteran trees as there is insufficient local authority funding to care for these. Shorne Woods Country Park has 215 ancient/veteran trees and identified 89 future veteran trees. The majority of oaks and sweet

chestnut veterans are estimated to be between 300 and 600 years old. Veteran trees are an extremely important source of bio-diversity and a critical carbon sink. The loss of these trees would release a significant amount of CO<sub>2</sub> and the sponsorship supports carbon retention.

Kent Woodland is aiming to become a Super Nature Reserve within 2 years and has an annual footfall of 350,000 visitors. Society 'Story Boards' will be displayed in the visitor centre and on footpaths besides the veteran trees and a launch event is being planned for the summer.

The manager of Shorne Woods has agreed to write articles for future Newsletters and will also arrange a walk for staff, directors and members when the weather is warmer. Further information will be communicated when available.

## MEMBER FORUM

Terms of Reference and an application form for the Member Forum were emailed in February and again in March. If you have not registered your interest to take part in the Member Forum and would like to do so, please contact the office as soon as possible. An update on the status will be provided at the AGM.



## MEMBER GET MEMBER

### Our Member Referral Scheme

Don't keep us a secret. Recommend a friend, family member or colleague to Anglo-Saxons so that they can benefit from all the Society offers.

You can recommend as many people as you like and we'll reward you if they decide to join Anglo-Saxons.

When you introduce someone to Anglo-Saxons, we give you a £50 gift



Thank you to all members who have recommended the Society to family and friends. As a result of the Member-Get-Member scheme, 32 new members have joined since the launch of the revised Sickness product in December 2022. The £50 reward is still available and has been extended indefinitely.

A concerted effort will be made to recruit new members following the launch of the rebranding.

## DIGITAL CLAIMS

Thank you also to all members who have submitted a claim via the website. This has become the preferred method to submit claims due to its ease. Since reporting that 59% of claims were received via the website in November 2023, this increased to 70% in December and 64% and 67% in January and February 2024 respectively.

If you have not yet submitted a claim via the website, why not give it a try? You will be surprised at how quick and easy it is. The majority of fields are prepopulated therefore you only need to select the category of claim, tell us the treatment/goods received and attach the receipt. It is easier than submitting a claim via email and negates the requirement to complete a claims form. Our friendly team is happy to take you through the process, step by step, if you require any assistance.

### CONTACT US

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

Post: The Old Rectory, Springhead Road, Northfleet, DA11 8HN

Telephone: 01474 567050

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