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Fao: Audrey Bailey

Dear Audrey

I have been coming here since I joined as a member at 18 years old, in my younger years my parents took me to Anston Club for special occasions. The club puts on seasonal annual events such as Easter, Halloween, Christmas, the odd summer term party etc. all for the kids and the surrounding member community.

Anston Club gets involved with charities, a regular occurrence of this is the Rotherham Cancer Care Centre: Charity No. 1150857. I have also undertaken 24 hour Darts Marathan and raised £700+ for Childrens Hospital, those with prosthetic eyes that have suffered with cancer.

I have seen Anston Club go through some hard difficult times trying to call for support from local businesses, family and friends for help. In the 70's/80's Anston Club was thriving, always provided for its members who own the club.

It was a big part of my life and still is, I wanted to keep the tradition living on.

Members have the opportunity to host a Christening, Birthday, Funeral events etc. for free of charge for the function room as a member benefit especially for those older OAP members that suffer more with mobility problems. Before Covid arrived Anston Care Home staff fetched those living care patients down to enjoy some hours of entertainment.

In this day and age and through the current challenging times many pubs and clubs are facing financial difficulty. We too have suffered more recently with the energy cost increase. When the new committee was formed the Club was about £70K in debt and we are now proud to announce we are virtually debt free, one of the hardest challenges I've ever faced.

Robert who is on the committee has highlighted some inaccuracies with review received. Myself and Robert have discussed the review and agreed not all points are correct and these have been highlighted in Roberts letter to Audrey Bailey.

One alleged incident close to my heart was my mothers funeral on 31<sup>st</sup> May that stated there were 15/20 people fighting outside. Police arrived and stated they couldn't find any evidence of fighting and then left.

In light of the review we are currently enforcing the signing in book, looking to update the rule book, refreshing staff training and looking at other policies to enforce. Signage is important and as such we have plenty advertised including "Challenge 25, Over 18" both visible in entrance and on

the walls (5) since were fetched in for us and the Clubs own "R U 18?". These signs mention the various Anston Club rules that we want our members to adhere to.

All committee members (8) do take part in role completely voluntary and do not get paid for their hard work. They all try their best for the members. Trying to strive for improvement keeping the club a nice place to be. Recently two members have joined the committee to help us out more and are doing a very good job. When I started on the committee we strived to do better than the previous committees.

Rather than the Anston Club shut for my mistakes I would like to have Anston Club to remain open and resign from my role as President. I only took the position as nobody else were willing to accept it.

My goal is to keep the Club open for everyone current and future generations to enjoy.



Kind Regards

Martin Kavanagh