



# The ANTWERP ARMS



Dear Shareholders,

This is the formal notice of the Annual Members' Meeting of the Society. This can take place at the pub this year, now that we have a bigger space to use. The date is Monday 17 September, and we will start at 7pm. We hope to see you there, but if you cannot be present at the meeting, please send in a proxy form so that the meeting is quorate, to [secretary@antwerparms.co.uk](mailto:secretary@antwerparms.co.uk). You can name anyone who will be at the meeting, or the Chair, to act as your proxy. We need at least 38 shareholders present or giving proxies.

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We will have the advantage of having the bar open - service will only be along the front of the bar, so we won't be disturbed. There should be plenty of seating, and amplification if it is needed. The music and TV sound will be turned off.

The agenda is a little longer than usual, because we need to discuss some specific items. As you will see, several of the original members of the committee, including myself, feel that we have contributed enough time, and feel that a new team is needed to take the Society forward. We will need experts in as many fields as possible, especially law, accounting and marketing, to join the committee.

During the past year, we have been working with consultants to try to reduce 'hands-on' management. The outgoing committee feels that moving to tenancy would free the new members to concentrate on community matters, leaving an individual or corporate tenant to run the commercial side.

We recommend two rule changes. If the meeting approves them, they will be referred to our overseers, the Financial Conduct Authority for confirmation. The first is designed to clarify the position of committee members who work in the bar or provide services. As DPS (licensee) I have deputised for the manager on occasion. Professional committee members may be asked to undertake legal, accounting or other work for the Society. The second one gives the committee and the annual meeting more scope to pay interest on qualifying shareholdings.

We, as shareholders, are a community with responsibilities to the Society. It must be managed by shareholders. If you think that you have anything to offer, please put your name forward for election to the committee. If you can't commit that far, there are lots of occasions where we need volunteers for a few hours. And you will help the pub just by coming to eat and drink when you can.

To confirm your attendance or, if you have any questions, please email the Secretary at [secretary@antwerparms.co.uk](mailto:secretary@antwerparms.co.uk).

We hope to see you soon,

*Ian McLaren, Secretary*  
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