

# **ASTRA 500 Club Rules**

**Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

## **The Object of the Club is to raise funds for All Saints Church, Bow Brickhill Conservation and Maintenance**

1. The '**ASTRA 500 Club**' was founded on 1st February 2012. For the first two years of its operation the Club was administered by the ASTRA subcommittee of Bow Brickhill Parochial Church Council. From the start of its third year, beginning on 1 February 2014, administration of the Club has been taken over by the parent body, the Parochial Church Council.
2. The Administrator of the Club for the 3rd year and thereafter until further notice is Andrea Spurdle, Treasurer of Bow Brickhill Parochial Church Council.
3. The Club is open to all members of Bow Brickhill Village community, friends and relatives, the wider population of Milton Keynes and beyond who have an interest in this important heritage restoration project.
4. The subscription to the '**ASTRA 500 Club**' shall be just **£12 per year per number**, payable in advance by Standing Order (sealed privacy envelope), cash or cheque (made out to '**ASTRA**'). Draws will be held on the **last Thursday** of each month, and subscriptions (cleared funds) need to be made by the **1<sup>st</sup> of any month** to be included in that month's prize draw – this becomes known as 'Your Entry Date'.
5. Only applications for full 12 month membership paying £12 will be accepted into the '**ASTRA 500 Club**'. Part year subscriptions will not be acceptable.
6. Members may have multiple subscriptions, with a maximum of 10 numbers per member.
7. 50% of the monthly receipts make up the 'Prize Fund', which will be distributed by way of three Cash Prizes to eligible participants in the '**ASTRA 500 Club**'. The remainder (50%) goes into funds to meet the conservation and renovation of this important heritage monument.
8. Anybody over the age of 16 can become a member of the '**ASTRA 500 Club**'. Members are encouraged to ask family and friends to join. (**The more members we have, the larger your `Prize Fund`!**)
9. Members joining later in the year will be charged the full twelve-month subscription of £12.00 but their renewal date and therefore 'Re-Entry Date' will fall 12 months from the original 'Entry Date' thus providing continuance and 12 full opportunities to win!
10. The '**ASTRA 500 Club**' shall not be limited to 500 members; but neither can 500 members be guaranteed to participate.
11. A member is eligible for inclusion in the draw for any month so long as the subscription for that month has been paid (cleared funds).

12. Each member is allocated a permanent number in the monthly draw at £1 per number. This number shall remain that member's number while their subscription is up to date. The Administrator will allocate this number. **To ensure a personal number remains yours, then there must be no break in eligibility to participate from one 'Draw Year' to the next. Payment by Standing Order guarantees this benefit.**

13. There will be one prize draw per month held on the last Thursday of the month. **This is a public draw held at The Wheatsheaf Public House in Station Road, Bow Brickhill at 8.00 in the evening** or such other time or venue decided by the Administrator should the Wheatsheaf be unavailable. All subscribers are welcome to attend to witness the draw. The relevant numbers of all paid up members will be entered in the draw for each month.

14. In any matter requiring adjudication, the decision of the Administrator and the Parochial Church Council shall be final. The Parochial Church Council shall also have the power to amend or revoke these rules at its discretion and at any time, by providing appropriate notice to the members where necessary. In the unlikely event that a rule change is imperative for without that change the club, its aims and or its financial integrity could be jeopardised or threatened then no notice will be given.

15. The monthly prizes awarded will wholly depend on the number of subscriptions to the **'ASTRA 500 Club'**.

16. Let us assume there are 150 subscriptions (£150) paid into the Club. In this illustration 50% (£75) goes to the ASTRA restoration project and the other 50% (£75) becomes available for distribution as the 'Monthly Prize Fund' and is disseminated as follows:

a. **1st prize** will be **50%** of the 'Prize Fund': that is 50 pence in the pound. 1<sup>st</sup> prize would be **£37.50** assuming there were **150** subscriptions to the Club. Membership with 500 numbers in play would produce a 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £125!

b. **2nd prize** will be **35%** of the 'Prize Fund': that is 35 pence in the pound. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize would be **£26.25** assuming there were **150** subscriptions to the Club. Membership with 500 numbers in play would produce a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £87.50!

c. **3rd prize** will be **15%** of the 'Prize Fund': that is 15 pence in the pound. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize would be **£11.25** assuming there were **150** subscriptions to the Club. Membership with 500 numbers in play would produce a 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £37.50!

17. The Administrator will make all reasonable efforts to pay or post prizes to the winners within one week of the draw.

19. Winners' names will be displayed on the 500 Club website following each draw. A list of all members of the **'ASTRA 500 Club'** will be held by the Administrator, as will a list of all winners to date.

20. The **'ASTRA 500 Club'** is formally registered with Milton Keynes Council, in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005, and is required to submit a regular report on results (without disclosing names of winners).

Bow Brickhill Parochial Church Council  
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