For many years the customers of The Anchor pub, on the Lower Road, used to raise around £10,000 a year for local charities and good causes. That excellent work tailed off over the last couple of years as the Anchor went through some difficult management issues.

Happily, now, those difficulties have been overcome. Early this summer, Brian and Theresa Turner, local people and regulars at The Anchor for many years, became the new landlords. Under their management, and the improvements they have made, the Anchor is thriving again and that means the amount of money raised for local charities is increasing rapidly.

In fact the amount of money raised on a weekly basis for charities and good causes is back up to its former level, and a total of £10,000 for the year looks within reach. This will come as great news for all the local beneficiaries including amongst others: Home Start (the local charity that helps young needy families), and the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance, who between them receive £100 each month; and Dementia Care, Bookham Youth & Community Centre, Epsom Hospital, Leatherhead Hospital, Good Company,(formerly The Foodbank), and the KGV Sports Ground, which all receive varying donations.

A tremendous recent event, a tombola at a ladies tea party at The Anchor, raised over £2,000 for the Royal Marsden at Sutton. A wonderful amount with huge thanks going to many of the Bookham High Street retailers and local suppliers such as Conisbees for their support by donating tombola prizes.

It is great to see The Anchor doing well again. Good company, food and drink, and supporting charities and good causes. Keep up the good work!