



FRIDAY UPDATE

Dear Friend and <<Partner's First Name>>,

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

Please join us at the Sneaky Beak BBQ this Saturday evening at The Swan, when we will announce the date of the Grand Opening of The Swan! Be the first to hear when the doors will open and the pub will start serving the community again.

SNEAKY BEAK 2 BBQ

The first Sneaky Beak BBQ was such a big success that we're doing it all over again on Saturday. Starting from 5:30pm, please drop in and sample some more of what The Swan has to offer: great beer, delicious food, uplifting entertainment.

As well as the live music, there will be guided tours of the site (which were really popular last time) so that you can see how much more work has been done since last time.

We also promise more stage time for an evening karaoke duet by Richard and Willie that will probably bring tears to your eyes...

HELLO FROM MATT



Another great reason to come along this Saturday is so that you can meet Matt Baker, our new pub manager!

He has been working already with the building team and others on the design of the bar. In the coming weeks, Matt will be working on recruiting other members of the team.

For those who do not know him already, please have a look at his bio on the [website here](#).

A PLACE BRIMMING WITH COMMUNITY SPIRIT

We continue to be heartened by the energy and enthusiasm of everyone who volunteers at The Swan. From regulars who are working on the refurbishment to those who have given an occasional morning or afternoon of their time, to those who have prepared food and donated items, thank you so much.



The recent plant sale by Pamela and Richard Stockbridge is just one example, and was so well received that we will be selling more plants at the Sneaky Beak 2 BBQ. They will look lovely in your garden this summer, or you are welcome to plant them in the pub courtyard instead as we spruce up outdoors for the Grand Opening.

AN UPDATE FROM OUR PROJECT MANAGER

Hi,

We have had another very productive week at The Swan thanks to our regular team and our amazing volunteers.

The school room is taking shape and we have chosen the kitchenette from Howdens . We are still prepping for the decoration and we can hopefully undertake a lot of this work on our volunteer's day. We then need to sand the floors. The plumbers and electricians just need to complete their first fixing works and away we go with the decoration.



We had a nice surprise on Tuesday when John exposed an internal window in the School Room which we will retain as a feature. After all the years covered up it does need a little work, but it will certainly provide more natural light to the stairwell.

We are currently working on the bar cellar getting it ready for all the specialist equipment needed. It has emptied, and we are hoping that it will be washed down and thoroughly cleaned during the volunteers day. This will allow the tanking (water proofing and protection) to be done in the coming days.

We still need extra weekday volunteers. Just please pop by if you want to help even if you have no skills we can find something useful for you to do. Your Swan needs you !

This is Alex Loveless who had a couple of free hours on Thursday. He came in and helped remove some of the ceilings on the first floor. Watch out for more news about Alex as he takes up the 50km Thames Path Challenge in support of The Swan.



Alan and Geraldine contacted me on Monday to express an interest in volunteering. Alan is a time served local builder and is going to offer some of his time along with Geraldine who will act as his assistant.

One of the main areas is the exposed brickwork in the bar - he will help to prepare this and then undertake all the pointing. We are at a crucial stage now with the bar and this work is invaluable.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Marilyn

A BIRD IN THE HAND

In the last 28 days our Twitter feed (@TheSwan_Clewer) has been visited over 8,000 times! Anyone can see our latest news and pictures on Twitter without being a follower – just find us by searching for our name, @TheSwan_Clewer. It's fun to see how so much changes in between our weekly emails. And if you're on Twitter, please don't forget to follow us and to like and share our tweets so that we can reach a wider audience. It would be great to have 200 followers under our wing by the time we officially open!

See you on Saturday!

Warm regards,

Will & Richard

For and on behalf of the The Friends of The Swan

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