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FRIDAY UPDATE

23rd August

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

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

The weather this weekend is going to be **fantastic**! A great opportunity to sit in the courtyard, take in the sun, and partake in a wee drink or two over some good conversation with friends and family.

To take advantage of it, the opening hours for the pub will be:

- Friday 6pm to 10pm
- Saturday 11am to 10pm
- Sunday 2pm to 10pm
- Monday 11am to 10pm

The fantastic news is that the bar team will be working from **inside** the main pub from Saturday. For sure it's not totally finished yet, but you'll see what has

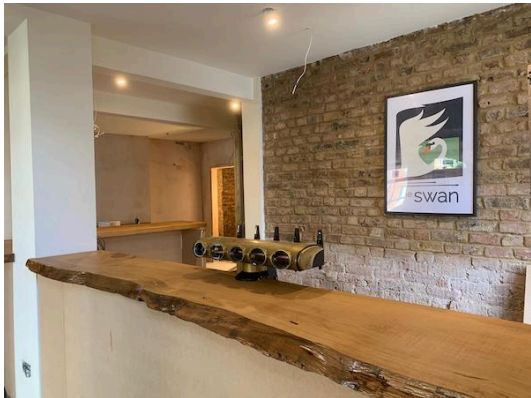
been done so far. It's down to the wire time-wise as the beer lines will only be finished that morning.

On Saturday we will continue our popular **BBQ** between 5pm 'til 8pm (or when food runs out). We will have a range of meat, vegetarian and vegan products to select from all at £5 each. A range of sauces, fried onions and cheese slices will be available.

On Monday, we are planning to have a **brunch** served between midday and 3pm. This will have a selection of traditional foods such as eggs, bacon, hash browns, beans, etc. These will be cooked on the BBQ by our resident chefs.

RENOVATION PROGRESS

It's easier for you to come down and see the progress rather than try to explain it. We cannot do it enough justice to be perfectly honest. The tradespeople and volunteers have really put in a shift this week to make a giant step forward.



The main parts of the bar have been built, including using the 300 years old cedar timber for the top. It was prepped, cut and installed. Finally a layer of oil has been added with further coats later today. The beer pumps have been installed and the lines are going in.

You may have seen on [Facebook](#) that Lino Len and the team have laid the oak flooring. Also Lino and Barney laid the floor behind the bar itself. Unfortunately a lot of it is covered for now until all the other work has been completed.





The Gents is no longer a storeroom and the floor tiling started. Tony has been beaver away all day on it and fingers crossed, he should finish it tonight. That allows the plumbers and electricians to finish it in the next week or so.

A drainage specialist came on Wednesday and has successfully cleared the main drains. Kelvin has been in today and cleaned the portaloos out ready for the weekend.

We decided to keep one of the chimney breasts as brick, the same as the feature walls. The guys dug out all the old mortar and prepped the bricks. Alan and Gerry then came in and did the pointing to make it look the same as the other walls.

Still a way to go with it but we do have fire surround already. This should be a working fireplace when it is complete and add a warm feeling to the bar as well as looking fabulous.



We will be adding more photos to our [diary](#) in the coming days.

EVENTS LAST WEEK

Last Saturday the volunteers took on a range of tasks, predominantly focusing on painting in the bar. Whilst doing that, a chimney breast was recovered and plastering work carried out. And as usual, the strippers were in action in the courtyard.

On Tuesday, we had the inaugural meeting of The Swan Book Club. Run by

Theresa Rooney, we had nearly twenty people down enjoying the pleasure of discussing their favourite book. Photos can be found on our [website](#), please be aware there is a lot of cake on view!

FUND RAISING

It is true to say that we still need to generate funds to support the renovation of the pub. The next phase is the kitchen and we have already generated over £2k from the BBQs and sale of Swan merchandise.

The strippers have been very busy over the months and we have full sacks of shiny copper. Before we sell it off to make funds, we are having a competition to guess the weight of the copper. It is £1 a go and your guess is in kilograms. The bags and entry form are in the bar. The winner will be announced at the BBQ on 31st August.

Just a quick reminder that Alex Loveless will be running in The Thames Path Challenge on 8th September. He is raising funds for the GRS and the kitchen. You can sponsor him [here](#).

Have a fantastic weekend! We hope to see you down at The Swan.

Warm regards,

Will & Richard

For and on behalf of the The Friends of The Swan



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