



Rugby is back on at The Swan.....

Friday 31st January

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

Six Nations Rugby

Will you be supporting England – or perhaps Wales, Scotland or Ireland – in the Six Nations Rugby at The Swan this weekend?



We will have two TVs in operation inside the pub itself. The School House will also have a terrestrial TV (not Internet) when we are busy. We are also trying to make further ones available but at time of writing this is not confirmed.

And we will be bringing back the ever-popular BBQ before and during the games. Ian, Tony and students from the Green Room School will be taking your orders and cooking them on the BBQ.

ROUND 1		
Saturday 1st February 2020		
	Wales v Italy Principality Stadium, Cardiff Kick-off: 2:15pm	
	Ireland v Scotland Aviva Stadium, Dublin Kick-off: 4:45pm	
Sunday 2nd February 2020		
	France v England Stade de France, Paris Kick-off: 3:00pm	



What's more, as it the Guinness Six Nations, we are proud to announce that from Saturday we are now serving draught Guinness.

Jock - aka Colin - who donated our 'time bell' had to do a taste test for us to ensure the quality. This is him with our very first pint of draught Guinness!

Guinness is available throughout the Six Nations.

Friends of The Swan at the Lions Den



Back in December, a pair of Swans (Richard & Anne) nervously stepped into the 'Lion's Den' to deliver a five minute pitch on our ambitions for Phase 2 at The Swan (The Kitchen). The Swans held their own as the Lions tore into them with questions and they waddled out intact. Soon after, we were delighted to find out The Lions would be generously donating £1000!

On Friday, we were invited to the Guildhall for 'The Windsor Lions Annual Awards Presentation Evening' to receive our cheque. It was wonderful to see local people being recognised, receiving awards and sharing stories of goodwill, community and kindness. Thank you again to the Windsor Lions for helping us get one step closer to a working kitchen and for all the work you do.

Board Games Evening



A number of Swan customers enjoyed the first session of Board Games held on Monday evening. We are lucky to have a board game expert in our midst, Simon Russell, who taught the teams how to play new and different games, as they enjoyed a drink or two.

We are pleased to announce that this will run on the fourth Monday of each month - look out for the next installment on Monday 24th February.

Green Room School sixth form



After the resounding success of their Winter Fayre in December, Green Room School sixth form pupils (GR6), based at The Swan, now embark on their next round of Edge projects, which will focus on the principle of communication

Students have already come up with some brilliant ideas, ranging from making people more aware of the environmental impact of fast fashion, to producing music for a live performance at the Swan, to running a marketing campaign for a top-secret, soon-to-be-announced project.

In forming and pursuing their Edge projects, our students tap into a deep pool of knowledge and know-how from Green Room staff,(who come from very diverse backgrounds). However, that pool of expertise can never be too deep, nor that vein of experience and knowledge too rich.

Could you become a Swan Elder?

We are seeking community members, let's call them **Swan Elders**, but no age restrictions apply, to come in and meet, present, talk, and pass down anything that you think our young people could benefit from, or simply be interested in.

As a guide, we're into all sorts of things: career paths both ordinary and extraordinary, life experiences, beliefs and outlooks, skills, tales of travels and

adventures. Anything you want to pass down to our young people just starting out. It may be on the new widget you've invented which will change the world or on your prize crop of courgettes.

If you think you have something to share, do please email matthew@thegreenroomschool.com, with 'Swan Elders' as your subject line.

Building update

The Weekday Warriors have focussed their efforts on completing the fireboarding on the ground floor in the areas behind the scenes. The cellar stairwell, the corridor, store room and the 'room of doom' (which has the alleged tunnel entrance).



They have also been helping with the preparations for the Six Nations. An extra TV is being installed today (Friday), as are more speakers. We will also have live TV in the School Room when the pub is busy and perhaps the Coach House too (fingers crossed as it is a big request and a lot of additional work).



The professionals - Stuart and Casey - have been up on the roof today. It is dry and not too windy or cold. They have taken the opportunity in the break in the weather to cap off the shortened chimney. If you remember, this was leaning at an angle and the Building Team decided to make

sure there was no doubt about its' safety by reducing the height of it.

And on Thursday, everyone down the pub had to look for a mystery cat. Crying had been heard and the team believed that it was trapped. After much digging and an hour plus, the team abandoned the search . No cat. No crying. Just a complete mystery ... or was it a ghost?

A year on ...



Would you believe It is exactly a year since we took over The Swan. How time flies! The ceremony of the keys took place on saturday 2nd February 2019 with snow on the ground!

We have come a long way in that year and we now have a great weekend ahead to look forward to, celebrating our one year anniversary of community ownership of The Swan. So, why don't you pay The Swan a visit this weekend, enjoy the Rugby, the BBQ and the Guinness & take a nostalgic look at the photos of our journey over the last year

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan

For and on behalf of the The Friends of The Swan



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