



Keep Connected!

Friday 3rd April

Hi,

We find ourselves living in uncertain times; the like of which the world has never seen before. However, whilst we are all busy social distancing and getting used to a new normal, it is nice to know that there are still some things you can rely on... Trees are in blossom, birds are building their nests, the nights are getting lighter and The Friends of The Swan are still meeting on a Monday night! We may have to bring our own beer instead of it being poured by the bar staff, but we have got the technology working and we are up for the challenge!

Our aim is to keep the spirit of The Swan alive through whatever means possible until the community are able to meet again over a pint in our favourite pub. In the meantime, we hope that you and your nearest and dearest are keeping safe and well at home.

A Swan Trail



You may have seen lots of rainbows appearing in windows creating a trail all over the world. Well, we thought that we would create our own Clewer and Windsor version – **The Swan Trail**.

All you (or your children!) have to do is draw a picture of a swan and put it in your window. Take a picture and post it on our Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to show you are taking part and then when you head out for a walk around the area, include a bit of 'Swan Spotting' along the way. Let's see how many swans can appear in windows over the next few days! If you need a bit of help, try downloading an outline and colouring in the picture. There are loads available on line, search for "*swan outline image*".

Not feeling very artistic? A cuddly swan or picture from a book works just as well or get creative and see what you can come up with! It is all about joining in!

Eyes Down for Bingo!



You may recall we were planning our first bingo night in March, but were not able to go ahead. Not to be deterred, we are now looking at options to run this as a virtual bingo night – hopefully in aid of charity. So, get your dabbers ready and watch this space for details of how to join in.

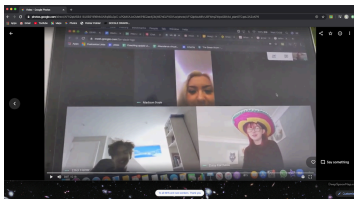
Easy Fundraising



During this time when we are all more reliant than ever on shopping on line, did you know you can also help to raise funds for The Swan!

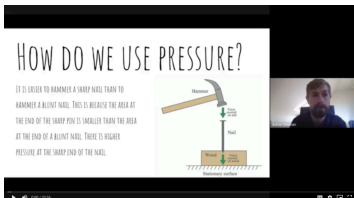
Join [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/) and use their hub to access hundreds of well known high street stores on line. The retailers will then donate a percentage of what you spend to The Swan – at no extra cost to you. Some may also give you additional discounts. For example, at the time of writing, there is a special money off deal at Domino's pizza! What more excuse do you need for a Friday night take away treat!

The Green Room becomes 'The Screen Room'



Since the start of the lockdown, students from The Green Room School and GR6 pupils (usually to be found up in The Swan's School House) have been attending a 'Virtual School', affectionately dubbed 'The Screen Room'.

Using the full array of Google's G-suite programs, the school has been continuing to provide its full academic program, as well as individual pastoral support and the opportunity to get involved with all usual amazing extra-curricular activities the school organises.



So far there have been cook-alongs, yoga and fitness classes, life skills live streams, board games, live Uno, whole school quizzes, draw-along art challenges, Minecraft competitions, pet sharing sessions, Gardening advice chats, music lessons, and much much more, all from the safety of everyone's homes.

The kids have been incredible at adapting to the new way of working, and some are absolutely thriving, arriving for morning Circle Time without even leaving their beds!

This Time Last Year...



At this time of reflection, we thought we would take a look back at what was happening down at The Swan this time last year...

On **2nd April, 2019** we had an unexpected visitor when one of the Swans wandered up the road to see if we were open. He (or she!) was a bit reluctant to go back to the river and wandering in the road, so our friends from Swan Lifeline came to the rescue.

In the same week, the building committee held their first meeting inside The Swan, making some important decisions on the future layout of the bar area and finalised plans for the toilets. Meanwhile, work continued on the first floor and to remove the false ceiling and take out old wiring and pipework.

We look forward to continuing our communications with you via email and social media in the coming weeks. If you have any ideas or suggestions for how we could all keep connected during this time, or if there is anything that you would like us to look into, please feel free to let us know at info@theswaninwindsor.co.uk.

Stay Safe and Take Care,

The Friends of The Swan

For and on behalf of the The Friends of The Swan



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