



The Virtual Swan is Flying

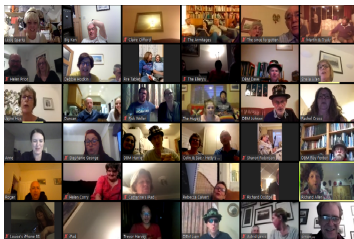
Friday 24th April

Hi,

We may have been in lock down, but there has been plenty going on this week. Not only was it St George's Day and Shakespeare's birthday, but also the 10th Anniversary of Windsor & Eton Brewery who supply most of the beer for The Swan.

It has also been a very busy week for The Virtual Swan, so please read on to find out what we have been up to!

Quarantine Quiz Results!



After the success of our [Bingo night last week](#), this week we held our first online quiz, also in aid of our chosen charity, Family Friends. Our Quiz Master - Rachel - had around 20 teams scratching their heads through 6 rounds..

Swan quiz regulars and new participants took part as households, individuals and virtual teams.

Winners bragging rights had to be shared this week between regular Swan Quizzers The Bacon Bappers and The Armitage Family. Special mention also has to go to the team from Datchet Border Morris who played wearing their distinctive hats. They should have been dancing at our St George's Day celebrations this week, so it was good to see them join the quiz instead!

The quiz will return on 5th May.

Bingo Night

Tuesday night is Bingo night. As before, fun starts at 8pm on the 28th and will last just over an hour. Same format and we will be using Zoom again.



Hosted by Richard Allen, all he asks is that you pre-register so we can prepare your unique bingo card which will be sent out before 7pm on the night.

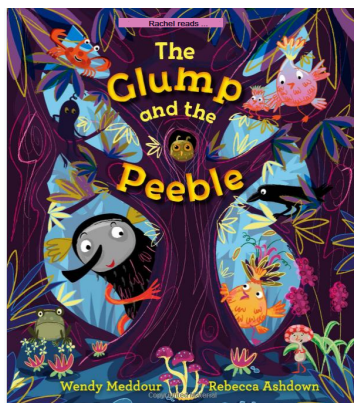
There is no charge for taking part in the Bingo. There will be an opportunity to make a donation to The Swan funds, more details on Tuesday.

[Register for The Swan Bingo](#)

Rachel Reads...



Rachel is currently headteacher of a large primary school and is a founder member of The Friends of The Swan.



To enable us to reach our Swan community during this period of lockdown, Rachel will be reading some of her favourite stories especially for young children to enjoy.

Her first story - "[The Glump and the Peeble](#)" - can be found on The Swan YouTube Channel. We hope your children will enjoy!

Rachel will be adding more stories over the coming days. Do you have any suggestions that you would like to hear? Please [email Rachel](#) with your ideas.

Every Little Helps!



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There is a total of £1,000 free money available to The Swan. All you have to do is visit [Save Pub Life](#) and buy a gift voucher redeemable at The Swan when we re-open.

Budweiser, through the 'Save Pub Life' scheme, will match the value of the vouchers purchased up to a maximum of £1,000 per pub. Don't delay and help to 'Save Swan Life'!

Back on BBC Berks!



BBC Radio Berkshire have given fantastic support to The Swan, following our progress throughout the purchase and renovation process. In October last year, Phil Kennedy even present his [Drive Time show from The Swan](#) and learned how to pull a pint!

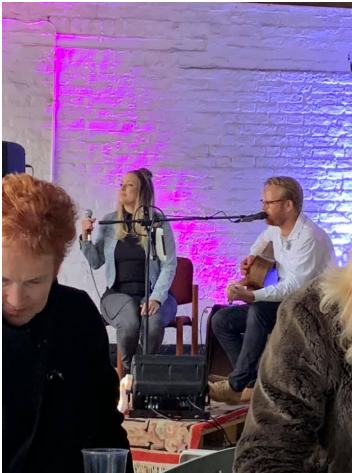
This week, we caught up with Phil again – via telephone this time, to fill everyone in on what we are doing during lock down to keep our community spirit alive. You can [listen to the interview](#) with Anne Tebbatt from the Friends of The Swan.

This Time Last Year ...



We held a 'Stripping' themed volunteer day! Wallpaper, wires and paint were all attacked with gusto. We also did a lot of organising and clearing out of the garage and courtyard and the Demolition Boys removed the old bathroom in the School House.

Meanwhile our Weekday Warriors were prepping the toilets are ready for plastering, digging out the footings and repairing the stairs.



In the evening, we held our very first event - The Sneaky Beak BBQ!! You may recall over 250 people packed our courtyard to get a glimpse of what we had been doing.

There was food, beer, live music from Mark and Sherridan, a fire and our first glimpse of the amazing community spirit that has built around The Swan. Plus, we raised an fantastic £2,000 towards our renovation funds.



We look forward to the return of those days and our first big party back when we are able to re-open!!

We look forward to 'seeing' you for bingo on Tuesday!

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan

For and on behalf of the The Friends of The Swan



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