



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

17 July 2020

Hi Friend,

Time flies when you are having fun, and are keeping busy! It is now one year since The Swan opened it's gates and began a new life as a community pub. Read on to see our latest news and to remember how far we have come in just 12 months. In particular:

- The first AGM
- Our Friday Feast
- Initial Feedback from the Survey
- Building Progress

THANK YOU!



A very big and warm thank you to all those who attended the first ever Swan AGM last Saturday. We were delighted to see so many people in The Courtyard and hope that you found the meeting both informative and entertaining.

If you missed the event, or would like to see any of it again, a full video, and several photos taken at the time, are available on our [AGM 2020](#) page.

We would like just to thank all our volunteers over the last year without whom we wouldn't have a pub. These include our Weekday Warriors, our gardeners,

the Sewing Bee and those who have donated plants, equipment, time or some of their hard earned cash. A huge thanks to you all!

FRIDAY FEAST



Our popular takeaway returns next week with our friends from Dublicious. Order some delicious food online by next Wednesday lunchtime, then collect it at the pub next Friday between 6 and 8. Dublicious donate 10% of the price to The Swan.

There's more information on our [takeaway](#) page.

SURVEY RESULTS

During lockdown we took the opportunity to do a quick survey to elicit feedback on how we were doing. Firstly we would like to thank those who took the time to complete it. We are still analysing the results but we are picking out common themes and addressing them one by one.



The appearance of The Courtyard caused quite a bit of concern. It wasn't a nice place to sit and have a drink. It needed tarterd up. So Lexie, the staff from The School and the Weekday Warriors got stuck in, cleared out the debris and gave the whole area a lick of paint.

BUILDING UPDATE



The Coach House is really progressing quickly. Last weekend they put the steel lintel in place and the chippies got stuck in to build the roof frame. This week they have continued work on

the now watertight roof to get that complete. The first floor has now been replaced allowing for first fix to start. Boy these guys are quick!



The Weekday Warriors have had a mixed week. When it's dry they are up on the scaffolding fitting the soffits and barge boards to The School House and the main building too.

When it's wet, they are inside and have started work on the kitchen floor which, almost inevitably, needs to be replaced.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR



What a difference a year makes! This time last year the building team were focussed on the ladies toilet and the volunteers were working on the plasterboarding so that the plastering team could do their stuff.



There was a lot to do and there were some long evenings to try and get the ceiling and pillars done ready for The Swan opening event on 20th July 2019.

Although our beautiful Swan was still evolving the smiles on the faces on opening day confirmed that the hardwork and generosity of so many was already paying off.



We were then cleared for the first flight of The Swan as we opened the doors to the community after an enormous effort by so many. The weather was kind, the speeches weren't too long and the beer was flowing.



As has always been the case opening day was only made possible thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of so many. Thank you, again, one and all.

More pictures, and full details of the opening day are available [here](#).

The Swan is open from noon on both Saturday and Sunday. Why not take a pop down and enjoy some of our fine ales, wines and soft drinks and toast a year of The Swan? Hope to see you soon!

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan

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