



SWAN CONTINUES TO FLOURISH DESPITE THE SNOW

29 January 2021

Hi Friend,

The Swan may still be grounded but there remains plenty going on:

- Cheese and beer tasting
- Online Bingo and Quiz
- Generous donations gratefully received
- Virtual learning for GR6 pupils
- New recruit for the Weekday Warriors

Read on to see it all.

A WHITE SWAN!



A covering of snow last weekend left much of Windsor looking very beautiful, nowhere more so than at The Swan. Despite the presence of the too familiar scaffolding the pub looked resplendent in white as it continues its metamorphosis from ugly duckling to beautiful swan.

CHEESE AND BEER EVENING



Calling all beer and cheese fans! An exciting and eventful evening is planned on Sat 6 Feb once the first round of the 6 Nations rugby is over. Will Calvert and Mike Unger will guide us on a beer and cheese tour of the participating nations.

In between eating and drinking there will be some other fun activities for all to enjoy. Full details of how to join, and how to order your beer and cheese, are available [here](#).

COMMUNITY CHARITY NOMINATIONS



There is still time to vote for who you want to be The Swan 2021 charity of the year. Details of the 6 nominees seeking your vote, and how to cast your vote, are available [here](#). Voting is open until midnight on Fri 12 Feb. We plan to announce who The Swan community has voted for in our newsletter on 19th Feb.

WEDNESDAY BINGO



Our resident caller is back in the hot seat again at 8pm on Wednesday. Your numbers are bound to come up, eventually, so why not join the fun?

Full details on how to register are available [here](#). Whether you are an experienced dabber or a novice you are assured of a good laugh with others coping equally as well with lockdown!

THE FRIDAY FEAST TAKEAWAY

The first Dublicious takeaway for February is now available to order for collection from The Swan 6-7pm on Fri 5th. Choose between Mint Lamb or King Oyster Mushroom. Lamb slowly cooked with fresh mint, wine & stock until melt in the mouth or the wonderful king oyster mushrooms are cooked in herbs, wine & stock then seared in the pan. Served with the reduced cooking juices, a creamy mustard mash potato, petit pois a la Francaise and braised heirloom carrots. Order [here](#) by midday on Wed.

THANK YOU



We offer a very big thank you to Patricia Webber who has generously donated her late husband's retirement present, a cement mixer. With all the work still required at The Swan this will be invaluable for a long time to come and will be put to very good use.

All at The Swan, but especially the Weekday Warriors, are very grateful.

QUIZ WINNERS



Thanks to Sue and Colin for a challenging but fair online quiz. Congratulations to our worthy winners: The Cliffords (Household); The Snowy Swans and Willie Wests in a tie (Team); Anne Tebbatt (Individual).

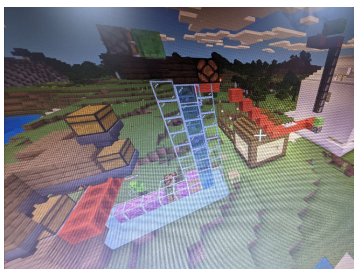
The quiz will be back again on Wed 10 Feb at 8pm. Details this time next week.

GR6 UPDATE



The week started with snow on the ground and a real chill in the air, especially down at the Market Garden. That didn't deter our hardy students from enjoying the beautiful winter sunshine with a hot brew from our camp kettle. There's never been a better time to brush up on those survival skills!

As the weather got warmer and wetter we ventured into a new (indoor) world - one of infinite possibilities and wonder where the normal rules of the universe don't apply: Minecraft.



If you've ever wondered what this hugely popular educational game was all about, watching the students of GR6 play it together will open your eyes. They're constructing a Rube Goldberg Machine in their Minecraft world, as part of a global schools Esports competition, requiring huge amounts of communication, teamwork, initiative and organisation from all involved.

Great work in both the physical and virtual world, from our physical and virtual students alike!

BUILDING UPDATE



The Weekday Warriors welcomed a new member of the team this week, significantly reducing their average age. Not Tony or Trevor, but the 26 year old wheelbarrow rescued from a neighbouring skip. Trevor assures us that he did ask permission!

With building progress continuing we are keen to keep a photographic record, as we have done for the past 2 years. To see even more pictures of the latest work please visit our [Renovation Diary](#).

While the weather remains changeable the Swan remains at the heart of the community with much to celebrate. Keep safe and please join us as we bring light relief during lockdown.

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan

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