



NO HIBERNATION AT THE SWAN

12 February 2021

Hi Friend,

It may be cold outside but there is always a warm welcome at The Swan:

- Online successes continue
- Two opportunities to make your vote count
- GR6 up-cycling project
- Putting some steel into the kitchen

As always there is plenty to read about.

BEER AND CHEESE SUCCESS



Congratulations and sincere thanks to all who made our 6 Nations beer and cheese evening such a success. If you missed the fun, or would just like to take another look, try this [link](#).

Plans are evolving for another online evening of fun with different themes but hopefully an equally successful event. Clear your diary for the evening of Sat 6 March. Watch this space for more details in the not too distant future.

GOOD CHEER AWARDS



If you are enjoying the range and variety of online events – be it the Beer & Cheese evening or the quizzes, bingo and book club - put on for your lockdown enjoyment, why not vote for us in the Round & About Good Cheer Awards?

Round & About is a local events magazine delivered through your door monthly. All you need to do is click on the [link](#), nominate The Swan, then select 'Virtual/Live Event' in the category box adding a few words about us. TV Chef Tom Kerridge is fronting these awards and it would be great to see him down at The Swan!

CHARITY NOMINATIONS



Sincere apologies for any confusion last week but the final date for you to vote for your choice of Swan Community Charity for 2021 is today (12 Feb). Full details of how to vote, and who to vote for, are available [here](#).

WEDNESDAY BINGO



The familiar format for our increasingly popular online bingo returns on Wed 17th at 8pm. Despite the very real presence of our resident caller sadly the prizes are only virtual. It is still an excellent way to enjoy 'an evening out' whilst staying warm at home. Details of how we play the game, and how to book your bingo card, can be found [here](#).

FRIDAY TAKEAWAY



The next delicious Friday Feast from Dublicious is either Malaysian Beef Rendang or Vegetable Rendang. Served with coconut rice, watercress with sambal & belacan and a green mango & chilli salad. Order [here](#) by midday on Wed 17 Feb for collection from The Swan 6-7pm on Fri 19.

QUIZ WINNERS



With grateful thanks to our guest quiz master, Paul Drake, we had an interesting and challenging evening.

Congratulations to Sid and Sheila Allen, household winners, and Snowy Swans, team winners. We need more individuals to compete against Anne and Ann! Why not join in on 24 Feb when the RubyQ team will be asking the questions?

BUILDING UPDATE



Our valiant Weekday Warriors have been hard at work again despite the snow and freezing temperatures this week. The rubble has been removed from The Courtyard and attention has turned to installing the steel into the kitchen.



A vital step to secure the structure for the kitchen space and no easy task. The photo shows the team positioning the two steels before bolting them together.

After that, all they then have to do is lift the entire steel into position! Definitely a team task utilising brains, brawn and some nifty lifting gear on hire for the day.

More photos are in our [renovation diary](#) which is being regularly updated.



GR6 UPDATE

It's been a strange half term. Social distancing and a regular testing regime have meant that only half the student body has been on site at any one time. Some kids haven't seen each other in the flesh since mid-Dec! They're an adaptable bunch and despite the circumstances have still achieved loads over the 6 weeks of 'blended' physical and virtual lessons.

Inside, students have been building weird and wacky machines in Minecraft worlds, designing their own personal symbols to form a GR6 Mural of Us, and been taking beloved film scenes from Screen to Stage, using the pub as a rehearsal space.



If you've walked past and heard heated arguments from within, no need to panic, it's probably just the GR6 actors rehearsing their favourite Star Wars fight scenes!



All have had plenty of time out in the fresh air at our wonderful allotment, where the cold weather hasn't deterred our hardy students from enjoying the beautiful winter sunshine, often with a fire on the go to brew up a cuppa.

It's not just us who were braving the cold; the wild birds of Clewer were taken care of by students who turned a pile of old Swan floorboards into nest boxes.

With plenty going on, and plenty more to come, The Swan continues to deliver progress and entertainment for the community. Keep safe!

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan

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