



TAKE A SEAT INDOORS!

14 May 2021

Hi Friend,

More steps towards normality:

- Step in through the front door
- Step forward the new General Manager
- Stepping up to new heights with GR6
- Step securely thanks to the Warriors

Read on for all the details.

OPEN THE FRONT DOOR



In keeping with the relaxation of Covid restrictions customers will soon be able to return via the front door! We are delighted to confirm that the door will open again on Mon 17 May at 1pm. Capacity indoors will be restricted by what is possible with social distancing and table service. Groups of up to six - or two households of any size - will be allowed inside. Groups seated outside may have up to 30 people. Full details of the remaining restrictions are available [here](#). The Courtyard will remain available as well.

YOUR NEW GENERAL MANAGER



Some of you may have already met Micky who formally joins us as General Manager on Thu 20 May. He has extensive experience in the hospitality sector including time working on cruise ships, in hotels and pubs. He joins us from Vue Cinema in Reading where he is Deputy General Manager. Please say hello and give him a warm welcome to The Swan community.

FRIDAY TAKEAWAY



The Dubcious Friday Takeaway is a choice of Rosemary & Juniper Duck or Roasted Celeriac. Duck leg slowly cooked with rosemary & juniper or sliced salt baked celeriac with oyster mushroom. The popular paneer, chickpea and spinach curry with tomatoes and spices. Served with fondant potatoes, creamy celeriac puree, braised red cabbage and a port jus. Order [here](#) by noon on Wed for collection from The Swan 6-7pm on Fri 21 May.

QUIZ NIGHT



A date for your diary! The next Swan Quiz will be on Wed 26 May. Martin Payne will be setting the questions so expect plenty of fun and some tough exercise for the brain. More details will follow in this newsletter next week.

GR6 UPDATE



The highlight of GR6's week, both metaphorically and literally, was a trip to Walbury Hill, a 297m peak in the North Wessex Downs AONB, the highest point in Berkshire and south east England. The climb to the top followed a circular route through the village of Combe taking in spectacular views of the lush chalkland scenery. The walk was a training exercise for their upcoming Snowdonia trip and a chance to learn about the science of map making for those who wanted to geek out over the little concrete triangulation pillar at the top, affectionately known as a trig. Some students bagged their first trig in style, climbing on top of the pillar to become the highest human for miles around! Well done to everyone for completing the walk and onwards and upwards to the land of dragons!!

Thursday was the most successful Epic Thursday yet, despite the persistent drizzle. Students were running the show with Sophie and Elliot in charge of pizzas and toasties, respectively, while Arianna held the fort behind the bar and pumped out her amazing coffees to lots of satisfied customers.

BUILDING UPDATE



Another busy week for the Weekday Warriors as well as Shane & Dale. The Warriors have carried on inside The School Room, reinstating the flooring, restoring wall panelling and framing in a faux chimney breast to restore the fireplace. They then worked around the extract riser up to the roof where Shane and Dale were finishing the slating-in and weather proofing up top. If that wasn't enough they moved to cover a hole in a corner of The School Room roof where it had previously been necessary to remove the top part of a fragile

chimney. Before the weather turned Shane and Dale were back on The Stables roof dealing with problems along the back section.

If you have been waiting to be allowed inside, The Swan looks forward to welcoming you this week.

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan

For and on behalf of the The Friends of The Swan



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