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LOVE IS IN THE AIR

10 February 2023

Hi Friend,

With the deadline to vote for your Community Charity rapidly approaching, and Valentine's Day just around the corner, love really is in the air. Whether you choose rugby or romance there is something for everyone this week at The Swan.

2023 SWAN COMMUNITY CHARITY



Voting for the 2023 Swan Community charity is still open, but not for much longer. Voting is open until midnight on Sun 12 Feb - votes placed after the deadline will not be counted. Full details of the nominees, and how to vote, can be found [here](#). The chosen charity will be announced in this newsletter next week. All nominees are very worthy causes but there can be only one winner. Don't delay, have your say!

SIX NATIONS RUGBY



After some mixed results for the home nations last weekend there is all to play for as the Six Nations returns for the second round of matches. All games will be shown live at The Swan in the Bar and the Coach House.

Sat 11 Feb: Ireland V France at 14:15

Scotland V Wales at 16:45

Sun 12 Feb: England V Italy at 15:00

While you're there why not enjoy a Six Nations Special of Burger & Pint for £10?

CYCLE HUB



It's the 2nd weekend of the month, so the Cycle Hub team will lead a Level 2 Gentle Explorer ride on Saturday at 1130 from the Swan. Please arrive by 11:15 at the latest for safety checks etc. You can book the ride, and the Bike Kitchen for free basic bike repairs, in advance.

VALENTINE'S DAY



This week is the week of love and what better way to celebrate than with an evening at The Swan? Join us on Tuesday evening. We will provide the bubbles (bottle of prosecco for £22), the candlelight, and an open fire - you bring the love of your life and let the romance blossom!

CRIBBAGE TUESDAY



There is an informal group meeting at The Swan with a view to playing Cribbage on a regular basis. You don't need to know the tactics and complexities of the game as experienced players will explain all you need to enjoy this fascinating game. Why not join them at 7:30pm on Tue 14th Feb?

QUIZ WINNERS



A packed house enjoyed another brain testing quiz courtesy of quizmaster Martin. Congratulations to the winning team, Three Little Pigs, and to Peter Fletcher who had the winning raffle ticket and claimed his prize, a packet of crisps. This means that the jackpot rolls over again and will be a staggering £70 at the next quiz on 22 Feb. Book your table early and join the fun.

FRIDAY TAKEAWAY



February 17th is Spanish Night at Dublicious. Choose between slow cooked pork, Empanada with spinach or Cod Loin with Pimenton. Take a look [here](#) for the full menu and how to order.



We've also made some small changes to our food menu while we're in the process of revamping our food offer. Our brand new fresh farm to table food offer will be coming your way very soon, in the meantime come and enjoy Kieran's fresh homemade burgers, wonderful bangers and mash or maybe a simple but tasty bruschetta. Stay tuned for more exciting updates!

HALF TERM CHANGES

As students and staff embark on their half-term break there will be changes to our usual weekly timetable. There will be no Stay & Play on Wed 15th and no

Epic Thursday on 16th February.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Some exciting dates for your diary with plenty of time to ensure you are available. The Cheese Munger returns with his delicious selection of cheeses on Tue 21 Feb. The same week sees the return of Swan Bingo on Thu 23 Feb with Richard Allen once again calling 'eyes down'. Full details will follow but book your table as soon as possible.

GR6 UPDATE



This week has been crammed with inspiring events. John Ellams, a project manager at Thames Water, came to see us as our Swan Elder. He educated us about his profession, revealing the veiled truths of modern waterworks, even presenting the contrast between toilet paper and baby wipes, being that baby wipes do not break down at all when flushed.

On Wednesday we indulged in The Epic Benchball Tournament, along with our friends and colleagues from the 'lower school' on Albert Street. With parents as the audience, they cheered on their children competing. Everyone played well, but only one could be titled as the victor, and it just happened to be the GRC team called the Pink Panthers, myself included. Carly, our team captain, proudly accepted the trophy that we worked so hard for.



Worldwide Wednesday was dedicated to South Korea, and was sponsored by Baffy's Tasty Korean Style Chicken and Kimchi. It felt like we were transported to Seoul itself, surrounded by the aroma of potent appetizing food, with

undertones of the lingering sweet coating that the Spicy Chicken emanated.

Afterwards, Jenny, our fabulous Art Teacher, assisted with soap creation. Our soaps were fit into Easter stencils and scented with sweet smells. I aided with pompom making, turning balls of fluff into small chicks.

BUILDING UPDATE



It's been a busy week. On Wednesday our GRC students kicked off the first day of 'Project Cowshed'. Following on from the recent Swan Open Forum it was agreed that there should be some focus on the outside covered area to make it a clean, comfortable and inviting space. The students have been given a 'brief' by Micky and will be using their practical skills lessons to paint and improve the area using materials that have come from the pub. If there are any bricklayers out there who would be willing to donate their time to show them some skills please get in touch with the school office on 01753 915420.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan



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