



A NEW MONTH BEGINS AT THE SWAN

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Hi Friend,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new month bringing you plenty of news about why you should visit this week and throughout the month of March. Read on for all the details.

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING



Support for the 2023 Community Charity, Swan Support, got off to a high flyer with the first coffee morning on their behalf raising the amazing total of £400! Sincere thanks to all those who supported the event. See you again on Fri 31 Mar.

CYCLE HUB



It's the first weekend of the month already! So it's a Level1 Gentle Ride, suitable for families. The ride departs from The Swan at 11:30 sharp. Please book in to in advance to be sure of a place and arrive by 11:15 for bike checks. Book [here](#) for the ride and for the Bike Kitchen.

BOARD GAMES



Simon, our local games inventor, is hosting another exciting evening of board games at 7pm on Mon 6 Mar. Some games you will be familiar with, some will be totally new. He will help setting up and getting you going. Also with any questions you may have during the game. Feedback is also welcomed. Why not come down, meet some new people and try a game over a pint? Everybody welcome, all ages, no need to book a place.

BOOK CLUB



Are you a keen reader of books? If so, you would be most welcome at The Swan's very own book group. We meet monthly in the pub and over a drink, or two, share and discuss books we've read. It's a friendly, mixed-age group which has opened up our reading habits to different authors and genres.

Our next group will be on Tue 7 Mar at 7:30pm on the table next to the bookshelves (where else?!) We will be bringing suggestions for our next group read of which we have four per year. We look forward to seeing you then!

QUIZ NIGHT



Now with £80 as the Raffle Jackpot Cash Prize, entry for the quiz is still only £2 per person with teams of up to six assembling in the Bar and the Coach House so it is very important to book your table ahead of Wed 8 Mar. The rounds to be presented by Martin are cryptically named: As Easy As; Continuing; And Nearly Ends; XYZ; Pot Luck; True or False. No clues there, then! See you at 7:30pm for 7:45pm start.

STAY & PLAY AND EPIC THURSDAYS



Stay & Play is moving to Thursdays! We will now be opening the doors to Stay & Play at 11am during our regular Epic Thursdays. Stay & Play is a student-led enterprise which provides a comfortable place for your little ones to play in whilst you enjoy the hospitality of our popular Epic Thursday brunch service at The Swan.

Students will set up the play space in the Coach House, and guide play with a wide range of toys and games, age appropriate for toddlers and babies. Music will add to the playful atmosphere, with our 'Stay & Playlist' running throughout. Parents and carers are encouraged to relax, get a coffee and grab something from our Epic menu whilst the youngsters are engaged in activities and singalongs, enjoying a warm space to socialise, play, create and explore. There's no need to book, just come along and have some fun! Please kindly note, we no longer require any donations of toys. Thanks to all who have given previously!

FRIDAY TAKEAWAY



The Dublicious menu for Mar 17 offers an exciting 'Taste of Japan'. Choose between Chicken Katsu Curry, Short Rib Beef Curry, Tofu Katsu Curry or Seared tuna, all served with udon noodles in dashi broth, scorched cauliflower with yuzu & soy and miso aubergine. See [here](#) for full menu details and how to order.

GR6 UPDATE





This week saw the launch of GRC News, our annual Instagram news service, written entirely by the students. To check out the news as seen from the ground at GRC, follow our Instagram account.

Our Swan Elders this week were Jan and Helena, sexual health nurses at NHS Berkshire Healthcare. The Q&A-based session was full of important information about how to stay safe and healthy whilst engaging in sexual activity, and was conducted in a light-hearted but hugely informative manner. Thanks for the visit!

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday with a bumper session from Horsey, dedicated to his love of *Wind in the Willows*, and celebrating the neurodiversity that can be found in so many of our beloved books. Customers at Epic Thursday were also challenged with a tricky book-themed quiz to ponder over whilst enjoying their Epic Brunches.

BUILDING UPDATE



More progress was made on 'Project Cowshed' this week as GRC students stripped the paint from the brick walls and sealed them ready for painting. The wooden joists are being painted with a fresh black paint to make them look fresh and finished. Meanwhile plans are afoot for the refurbishment, upgrading the area using recycled materials from the pub.

Another exciting month to look forward to at your favourite community pub. Regardless of the weather there is always a warm welcome at The Swan. See you soon..

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan



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