



SUMMER IS STILL HERE!

28 July 2023

Hi Friend,

Last weekend whilst on holiday Santa visited The Swan to celebrate our [Christmas in July](#). The Grinch also popped in and entertained whilst we had excellent live music and a Christmas themed BBQ too. Let's hope for more of the same in the coming week, let's have a look ..

SUMMER OPENING HOURS



With the changeable weather we have been enjoying (enduring?) recently you may have forgotten that summer is still here. In recognition that there is always a sunny welcome at The Swan the opening hours have been extended with immediate effect. Bring your own ray of sunshine and join us at your Community Pub.

WINDSOR CYCLE HUB



This week instead of a Guided Ride the Cycle Hub team will use the time to show you new skills and how to keep your bike safe. Learn how to fix punctures and get a free security mark and advice. The team will be available from 11:00 - 13:00 in the Swan Courtyard. Take a look [here](#) for more details.

SUNDAY MINI MARKET



Another opportunity to get your shopping done in the comfort of The Swan Courtyard. The mini-market will be open from 1 - 4pm on Sunday 30 July. We are hoping to confirm a few more stall holders but those present will include Fruit and Veg, Local Honey and Dawn's Delights!

SUNDAY BBQ



Yet another reason to visit The Swan on Sunday as Kieran will be serving up barbecue delights from noon until 6pm. All the usual delights will be on offer and some extra tasty treats. Come and join the fun and remember barbecues always taste better in the rain!!

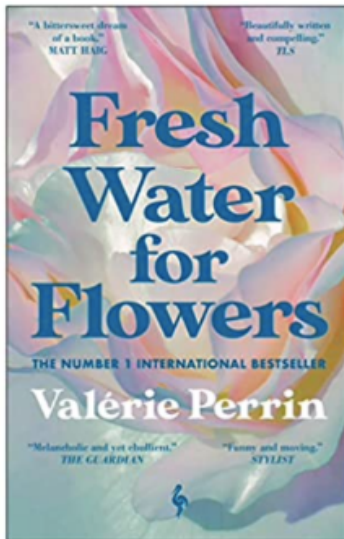
TUESDAY TREATS





A busy night at The Swan offering Cribbage, Windsor Ukulele Group and Warhammer. All available under one roof, but fortunately in separate rooms! No need to book for Cribbage or Ukulele but Warhammer do ask you to book in advance (gamemastersofwindsor@gmail.com). All the details you need can be found [here](#).

AND ANOTHER THING



If you love reading and want to share your passion with likeminded people, do come along to our friendly book club. We read all genres of books and only have a shared books every quarter; we're mostly about sharing the books we enjoy, swapping books and passing on recommendations. This quarter we've chosen to read, '*Fresh Water for Flowers*' by Valérie Perrin which we'll chat about in October. Our next meeting is on Tue 1 Aug at 7:30 so we'd love to see you then.

CHATTY WEDNESDAY



Our Chatty Cafe continues to grow as more and more people welcome the opportunity to meet and chat. A very informal setting where everyone has the chance to chat as much, or as little as they feel comfortable with. 1 - 3 pm every Wed in the bar at The Swan. Feel free to join, no need to book.

STAMMTISCH THURSDAY

Willkommen am Tisch Donnerstag 7:30pm . This regular event is based on a traditional German monthly meet up. Any and all proficient German speakers are welcome. Connect & practice our German and keep a very German

tradition alive in our favourite local. If you want to practice some rusty German you are most welcome too.

FRIDAY TAKEAWAY

Another treat on offer from Dublicious on Fri 4 Aug as they bring us ***A Taste of Summer***. Choose between slow cooked shoulder of pork or Chicken supreme. With a vegetarian option of Marinated grilled halloumi steak and a fish option of poached salmon there is something for everyone. Take a look [here](#) for the full menu and how to order.

QUIZ WINNERS



The weather didn't deter the enthusiasm of our quizzers as we welcomed a full house in the Bar, The Coach House and the Cow Shed. Congratulations to 'No5' who starred in a very difficult quiz and to Gary who had the winning raffle ticket gaining a free glass of wine. This means that on 9 Aug the cash jackpot will be £80. You need to be in it to win it so book a table now!

HISTORY SNIPPET 3 - CORONERS AT THE SWAN?

The Swan was used by the Berkshire Coroners to hold their Courts into "local events". We have found evidence of this occurring from at least 1823 until 1897 (after this it is believed they moved to the Clewer Parish Hall in Parsonage Lane). Cases presided over included accidental deaths (usually drownings in the River Thames), suicides, natural deaths and even murder! Often the bodies were actually taken to The Swan.

An example is the unfortunate drowning of a soldier - Thomas Goldsmith - in the River Thames whilst bathing. When his body was recovered, he was taken to The Swan and an inquest held shortly afterwards.

DRATH OF ONE OF THE RIFLES BY DROWING.—On Tuesday an inquest was held at the Swan public house, Clewer, before James May, Esq., coroner for Berks, on the body of Thomas Goldsmith, a private in the Rifle Brigade now stationed in Windsor. It appeared from the evidence that, on the preceding evening (Monday), the deceased and some other persons (rifles and civilians) were bathing in the Thames, nearly opposite Clewer-church, when, happening to get out of his depth and not being able to swim, he sank. At the time no one was near him, but an alarm was soon raised, and in a short time some persons went out with the drags provided by the Humane Society, and in about twenty minutes the body was recovered, and conveyed to the above house, but life was totally extinct. The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death."

We have two other examples for you on [our website](#): the death of the ex-landlord Joseph Money (86) through natural causes and also of John Brackenbury (36), an accidental death at Clewer Mill when a grindstone fell on him (he is buried in St Andrews).

Please do get in touch about this email, our website, or our social media to provide feedback, or make suggestions, or to get involved.

Hope to see you very soon at The Swan.

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan

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