



IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

1st December 2023

Hi Friend,

At last, December has arrived – bringing with it a cold snap in the weather but the warmest of welcomes at The Swan as we countdown to Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Swan Christmas Cards are here! Available now from the bar, as well as being on sale at the GRS Winter Fayre and The Friends' Christmas Market, a packet of 10 costs a mere £6 and all profits go to The Friends of The Swan Renovation Fund!

FESTIVE DRINKS



Bateman's classic Christmas Ale, Rosey Nosey, is on our guest pump from today, £5/pint (£2.60/half). Described as "A brilliant bright bronze colour with a rich aroma, ripe with pear and Christmas cake fruits, balanced by biscuit malt and tangy hop resins that end in a dry, mineral finish". If mulled wine is more your thing for a seasonal tipple, the cauldron is now warming away on the bar, £5/glass.

A TRIO OF SEASONAL TREATS!



Join us for the launch of our festive events programme at **Green Room School's Winter Fayre** tomorrow afternoon from 3pm – 7pm. There's market stalls and tasty seasonal food and drink as well as fun and games for all the family – and rumour has it, Santa will put in an appearance too! To round off the evening the students will be presenting their very own production for the Windsor Living Advent Calendar at 6.15pm, one not to be missed!

From next Friday 8th, we open the doors for **Micky's Christmas Kitchen!** Serving on Fridays and Saturdays noon to 8pm and Sundays noon to 6pm, right up until Sun 24th Dec. It is strongly recommended you book by [e-mail](#) or at the bar. Please note, last food orders will be 30mins before the kitchen close time.



And on Friday 15th it's **The Friends of The Swan Christmas Market** from 5pm to close. It's the perfect place to pick up last-minute Christmas gifts from a variety of stalls including: silver and costume jewellery; crafts and pottery; cheese and honey. Enjoy the pre-Christmas vibe with friends into the evening with a warming mulled wine or boozy hot chocolate, with seasonal goodies sweet and savoury, from the kitchen.

We'll also be holding a fundraising bottle raffle, with a super Christmas hamper as the star prize and lots of other consumable Christmas spirit to add to your festive cellar! And from 7pm there'll be live music from Sharks in the Water – a great band playing lots of favourite tunes to get you bopping into the party mood! Be there or be square, as we used to say!

OUR REGULAR CLUBS

Other regular community clubs and events continue this week:

- **Sat 2nd: Windsor Cycle Hub** have a Level 1 Gentle Ride suitable for families, setting off at 11.15 sharp. The Bike Kitchen is on site until 1pm – book for both [here](#)

- **Mon 4th:** join Simon in the bar for a festive **Board Games Night** from 7pm
- **Tues 5th: Cribbage Club** and **Book Club**, both in the bar from 7.30pm onwards
- **Tues 5th: Windsor Ukulele Group** 7-9pm (School Room); **Warhammer Club** 7.30-9.30pm (Coach House) – book [here](#).
- **Thurs 7th:** Our **Stammtisch** for German speakers will be wishing you all Fröhliche Weihnachten from 7pm!
- **Fri 8th:** Join our **Chatter and Natter Table** for an informal chinwag, anytime between 12noon and 1.30pm

All our community clubs and events are open to everyone – more details [here](#).

FRIDAY NIGHT TAKEAWAY



It's 'Smokehouse Bun Night' from Dublicious on Fri 8th with pulled pork, pulled chicken, mixed seafood and halloumi burgers to choose from. Order via our website [here](#) by noon Thurs 7th for collection at the pub 6-6.30pm Fri 8th.

COMING SOON...Christmas Carols



On Sunday 17th, St. Andrew's Churchyard 'Clewminations' will be switched on at 6pm, following which Rev Rosie will be leading the fabulous Broom Farm Ensemble up the road to The Swan for our annual Carol Concert in the Courtyard, from 7pm-8pm. It's a great opportunity to open your lungs and immerse yourself in Christmas cheer!

COMING SOON...Morris and Mummers



Our friends Datchet Border Morris make a welcome return with something a little different on Mon 18th. They'll be performing border morris dancing in the Courtyard at 8pm, followed by a traditional Mummers' Play and music in the bar. Go on, Google it....!

COMMUNITY LOAN AND SHARE OFFERS



Following the launch a fortnight ago, we have received an amazing response to The Swan Community Loan and Share Offers! If you've yet to consider them, there's still time: the Loan Offer remains open and it is likely that there will be an additional Share Offer available to those interested. You can take part in the Loan Offer with any amount from £50 to £999, and new Shares will be issued for £1,000 each (as before). For more detailed information on both offers or to register your interest please e-mail the Company Secretary on Company.Secretary@TheSwanWindsor.co.uk

HISTORY SNIPPET

If you're interested in local history, take a look at our Facebook group [here](#) and join in the latest discussion about the fascinating story of the pub, the village and the community.

Come join the community as we start celebrating the festive season - there's so much to get you in the Christmas mood and we look forward to enjoying it with you!

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan



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