



MARKET, MUSIC AND MUMMERS

15 December 2023

Hi Friend,

We're full of festive bonhomie at The Swan this week as we count down to the big day! Look out for our Advent Calendar of Events displayed in the pub and on our website [here](#) to see what's occurring over the next couple of weeks.

CHRISTMAS MARKET



It's party time **this evening** at The Friends of The Swan Christmas Market! The market opens at 5pm, with an array of enticing stalls to pick up any last-minute Christmas gifts or treat yourself! There's silver and costume jewellery; crafts and pottery; cheese and honey; scarves and purses; plus Swan merchandise, including Miranda's fabulous 2023 tree baubles!

Micky will be serving his now infamous Christmas Dinner Wraps and Pigs in Blankets from the kitchen (including veggie versions) and Louise and the Friends will be on hand with festive sweet treats and boozy hot chocolate to keep you warm. We'll also be holding a fundraising raffle, with a super Christmas hamper as the star prize and lots of other consumable festive cheer!

Mulled wine and special Christmas ales as well as all your old favourites will be available from the bar throughout the night to get you in the party mood, ready for our headliner (well only...) live band 'Sharks in the Water', from 7pm onwards – they'll be playing lots of favourite hits to get you bopping the night away!

FESTIVE OPENING HOURS

To help you plan your visits over the holiday period, our opening hours are:

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR			
OPENING HOURS			
15th - 23rd	December	Normal Hours	
24th Dec	Christmas Eve	12 noon - 11pm	
25th Dec	Christmas Day	12 noon - 2pm	
26th Dec	Boxing Day	12 noon - 6pm	
27th - 30th	December	Normal Hours	
31st Dec	New Year's Eve	12 noon - 1am	
1st Jan	New Year's Day	12 noon - 8pm	
2nd January 2024	onwards	Normal Hours	



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CAROL CONCERT



On Sunday 17th, St. Andrew's Rev Rosie and the fabulous Broom Farm Band will be leading The Swan's annual Carol Concert in the courtyard, from 7pm-8pm. Wrap up warm and come belt out those tunes!

DATCHET BORDER MORRIS



We are delighted to welcome back Datchet Border Morris at 8pm, Mon 18th. They'll be dancing the traditional border morris style in the courtyard before moving into the bar to perform their celebratory Christmas Mummers' Play for your delectation. Historically folk plays performed by travelling troupes of amateur actors and community members, this is a great British tradition and is bound to be a different and brilliant night!

BINGO!



It's eyes down for the final Bingo Night of the year on Thurs 21st. With Captain Richard away on a well-deserved break, Trudy will be standing in as caller for another night of inuendo packed fun! Cards on sale from 7.30pm, with the first of 3 games starting at 8pm. Entry level cost £2, for 1 card in each of 3 games.

FESTIVE FOOD AND DRINK

Micky's Christmas Kitchen had some rave reviews last week, and is open again this weekend. Tonight, his Christmas Dinner Wrap will be available at the Christmas Market, whilst the full Christmas Menu is available noon to 8pm on Saturday and noon to 6pm on Sunday. It is strongly recommended you book in advance by e-mail or at the bar to avoid disappointment. Please note, last food orders will be 30mins before the kitchen close time.



On the pumps we currently have Bateman's classic Christmas Ale, Rosey Nosey, as well as WEBrew's wonderfully fruity winter Amber Ale, Mandarin, made with "...fresh Bavaria Mandarina hops from the Hallertau region of Germany. It's these wonderful hops and the distinctive refreshing flavour of mandarin oranges that gives Mandarin it's citrus aroma". Both at just £5/pint (£2.60/half).

FRIDAY NIGHT TAKEAWAY



It's 'A Taste of Turkey' from Dublicious on Fri 22nd with pomegranate chicken or lamb, feta and figs or seabream curpra to choose from. Order via our website [here](#) by noon Thurs 21st for collection at the pub 6-6.30pm Fri 22nd.

OUR OTHER REGULAR EVENTS

- **Sat 16: Windsor Cycle Hub** have a Level 3 Explorer Ride, increasing pace and distance. It sets off at 11.15 sharp so arrive by 11am. The Bike Kitchen is on site 'til 1pm – book [here](#)
- **Tues 19:** There is **NO Ukulele Group** or **Warhammer Club** this week, both return in the new year.
- **Fri 22:** There is **NO Chatty Café this week** – but our Chatter and Natter table will be back on Fri 29th Dec at 12noon.

QUIZ WINNERS!



This week's Christmas special was a corker, with Quiz Lord Martin compiling a seasonal brainteaser that was tight at the top. For the first time in a year, regulars Santa's Swans pipped the rest by just half a point to win the £25 bar tab!



And at last, the raffle jackpot was won! Dawn Chojnacki picked the correct envelope to scoop the £150 prize - what a Christmas present!! Well done to the Swans and congrats to Dawn! The Jackpot will now reset at £20 for the Quiz of The Year on 27 Dec - book your table now!

COMMUNITY LOAN OFFER

Don't forget, there is still time to apply to be part of the 2023 Swan Loan scheme. Full details are available in hard copy on the bar in the pub, or you can [email](#) the Company Secretary here for all the information. Loans of between £50 and £999 are eligible, with funds received into the Swan Clewer CIC bank account before Christmas.

COMING SOON.....

Shush....we've not done Christmas yet, but heads up to dust off your posh frocks, tuxedos and celebrity inspired attire ready for our end-of-year celebrations – 'A Night at the Oscars'! Our NYE party is free to attend – no tickets required - and there'll be music, dancing, much downing of fizz and generally having a whale of a time - more details coming soon but get it in the diary now!

Plenty to give you some respite during the busy and stressful week before Christmas at your friendly Community Pub - come have a drink, dance, sing or just chill down at The Swan!

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan



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