



BEST COMMUNITY PUB 2024!

20th September 2024

Hi Friend,

What a week it's been - we still can't quite believe it! Our heartfelt thanks to every one of you, our biggest supporters, for your part in helping us to become the Great British Pub Awards Best Community Pub 2024!

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Big Day finally arrived, and Micky and his wife Jess set off for Manchester to attend the GBPA gala ceremony in Manchester, heralded as the Oscars of the pub industry and one of its most sought-after accolades. The ceremony was live streamed to the pub, where a huge cheer went up as The Swan was announced the winner, leading to an evening of jubilant celebration – we did it! We ARE the Best Community Pub 2024!!



A community pub is nothing without its community! The energy and backing you have brought over the past 5 years to bring it back to life has been astonishing. This can be seen in the dedication of our volunteers, our huge array of different clubs, activities and events and our unique partnership with The Green Room College.

This helped us demonstrate to the judges that we are more than a pub, we are the **heart of the community** with lots going on, enabling us to stand out in a very strong field of worthy finalists.

Take a look at our website [here](#) to see the full story of the night, with photos and videos from both Manchester and Mill Lane and media coverage of our success since – enjoy!

WHAT'S ON AT THE SWAN



Are you ready for our first ever **Skills Fair TOMORROW**, Saturday 21st Sept 1-5pm? With local artisans, experts and businesses on hand to teach you a new skill, market stalls, food and entertainment, it's set to be a great afternoon with fun while you learn! Full details of the classes and stalls available can be found on our website [here](#) – just turn up on the day or [book](#) a slot ahead to avoid disappointment.



Don your Lederhosen, grab your Dirndl and get down to The Swan for **Oktoberfest 2024!** Running from **Fri 27th - Sun 29th Sept**, you'll find a traditional selection of German biers from Rothaus to Oeschner, as well as a Bavarian BBQ serving delicious bratwurst, cheese-filled franks and vegan brats too. We're sure to keep the party going with live music from The Windsor Ukulele band and Homage du Fromage on Sat at 5pm and 8pm respectively, and a live DJ on Sun. And all with free entry!

And to wind it all up we have our popular monthly movie night, showing **'Monty Python and the Holy Grail'** from 6pm. Where do you get coconuts this time of year....?!



This month our monthly **Charity Coffee Morning** is in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support** as part of their national appeal. On **Friday 27th September, from 10.30-12.30pm**, a hot drink and cake of your choice will cost you just £5 with all proceeds donated to Macmillan. All donations of home baked cakes and sweet things to sell for this deserved cause gratefully accepted!

FOOD AT THE SWAN THIS WEEK

Our food offers this week are:

Fri 20th: Tonight! Angkana Thai Food, serving their fabulous authentic cuisine 5.30–9pm.

Sat 21st: The Swan BBQ is being fired up to accompany the Skills Fair! Burgers and Dogs with all the trimmings. Serving 12-6pm

Sun 22nd: Sunday Lunch at The Swan with the Roast of the Day, plus lots of other tasty treats on the menu. Serving 12-6pm



Tues 24th: Green Canteen: our popular GRC Kitchen Takeover with a special Harvest Festival menu, using homegrown veg from The Market Garden to bring in autumn in hearty style with soups, stews and amazing seasonal veggie sides. Serving 5-8.30pm

Thurs 26th: EPIC Thursday: another GRC Takeover, with students presenting their acclaimed brunch menu from 11am – 2pm.

Thurs 26th/Fri 27th: Angkana Thai Food, serving 5.30-9pm

All menus can be found on our website [here](#).

Friday Feast

Next week's Friday Feast takeaway from Dublicious is '**Bourguignon Night**' – order by 5pm Weds 25th for pick up at The Swan 6-6.30pm on Friday 27th Sept. See [here](#) for menu details and to order.

OUR REGULAR CLUBS AND EVENTS

Our regular community clubs and events continue this week:

Sat 21st: Windsor Cycle Hub are back to their usual Sat morning slot after their tremendously successful Pedal to the Park last Sunday. This week there's an Early Bird Ride for experienced road cyclists setting off at 8.25am, and a Level 3 Intermediate guided ride setting off at 11am sharp. The Bike Kitchen will also be on site as usual from 11 – 12noon. Booking for all options is essential - see more details and book [here](#).

Sat 21st: The Stitch Gang will be meet in the bar 1-3pm – as part of the Skills Fair they welcome all you all to learn the basics of various needlecrafts.

Tues 24th: Warhammer meets in the School Room at 7.30pm (book [here](#)), whilst the **Cribbage Club** will be in the bar at the same time. **The Windsor Ukulele Band** will be practicing in the Coach House as usual from 7-9pm.

Weds 25th: Windsor Town Fun Runners meet for a run at 6.45pm in The Courtyard, returning around 7.30pm.



Weds 25th: Quiz Lord Martin is back for another stupendous **Swan Quiz** – what rounds will be coming your way this time? Entry fees from 7pm, £2 pp, max of 6 in a team. Questions start promptly at 7.45pm – booking essential!

Fri 27th: Our **Chatter and Natter** table will be hosted as usual from 12.00 – 1.30pm in the bar. You can drop in any time, but why not come early and join in with our **Charity Coffee Morning?**

All our community clubs and events are free (except Warhammer for which there is a small charge), open to everyone and enthusiastically welcome new members – see more details on our website [here](#).

COMING SOON!



On the evening of **Thurs 10th October**, we are hosting an event as part of the **Windsor Fringe Festival** – more details soon, but expect a great, informal night of musical entertainment al fresco!

And at the end of the month, **26th-27th October**, we are planning a **Dark Ale Festival** to celebrate fabulous winter warming beers. With maybe a scary film for our monthly Movie Night on the Sunday to celebrate Halloween?!

Get the dates in your diaries now and keep a look out for more info on both, coming very soon!

GRC UPDATE



GRC got involved with the celebrations for The Great British Pub Awards, holding a special Green Canteen on the night of the awards ceremony. Tommy, Mason and Starr served food to a packed pub and really enjoyed levelling up their customer service skills and the amazing pub atmosphere. They loved it so much they've all jumped at the chance to work at our next **Green Canteen** event on Tues 24th Sept. It'll a great night with an fresh and hearty menu to celebrate Harvest Festival, with Rev Rosie popping in to bless the food service, don't miss it!

HISTORY SNIPPET

This week we have a snippet about the forthcoming birthday celebrations of Windsor Central Station .. it's 175 years young in October! See our dedicated Facebook page [here](#).

As the GBPA judges said, there's so much going on at The Swan - and this coming week is no exception! We hope to see you soon at the Best Community Pub 2024, where everyone is welcome!

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan



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