



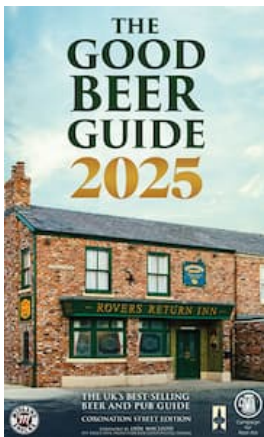
WILLKOMMON ZUM OKTOBERFEST!

27th September 2024

Hi Friend,

As we see out the end of what little summer we've had and look forward to the cosy darker nights of autumn, we've another fantastic weekend to mark the occasion. Hold on to your Tirolerhut - it's Oktoberfest!

COMMUNITY NEWS



We are delighted to announce that The Swan has been included in **The Good Beer Guide 2025**. This is the UK's best-selling beer & pub guide, the Campaign for Real Ale's most prestigious publication. What's more, this is the fifth consecutive year we have featured in the guide & we are most grateful to local Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead CAMRA members for their continued support.



It was a relatively quiet night for the **Pub Quiz** this week, with a number of teams low in number as the winter sniffles start to take hold. But on the upside, we all squeezed into the bar to enjoy another of Quiz Lord Martin's eclectic mix of questions. The Desperados came out on top, winning a tie break against Hettie's Heroes.



And Deb picked a glass of wine from the raffle, having played a blinder in the quiz as a one-person team! The next quiz is Weds 9th October, with the raffle jackpot rolled over to £40 - [book](#) a table now!



A huge thank you to everyone who came down to the **Skills Fair** on Saturday. The Swan was bursting with activities and it was lovely to see so many joining in the creativity and learning new skills. Read all about it and see the pics [here](#). We hope this will be the first of many Skills Fairs – if you'd like to be involved in the next, please get in touch!

WHAT'S ON AT THE SWAN



It's finally here - **The Swan Oktoberfest 2024!** Running from **12noon TODAY, Fri 27th through to Sun 29th**, you'll find a traditional selection of **German biers** from Rothaus and Oeschner, on draft and bottled, as well as a Micky's acclaimed mulled cider. Prost!

To soak it up we have delicious bratwurst, cheese-filled franks and vegan brats on the **Bavarian BBQ** all weekend, together with pretzels and warm apple strudel for afters.

On **Saturday** we will get the party going with live music from The **Windsor Ukulele Band** and **Homage du Fromage** and on **Sunday** there'll be a live set from **DJ Vinny and The Hip Shakers** before our monthly Movie Night kicks off, showing the classic '**Monty Python and the Holy Grail**' – feel free to dress accordingly – and remember we have extended opening hours until 10pm! See all the details including bier and BBQ menus on our website [here](#).



After the jubilation of being named the Great British Pub Awards Best Community Pub 2024, we have had a lot of **local and national media interest**. We've collated the best on our website [here](#), so do take a look. And listen out for Micky live on the BBC Radio South Erika North show this Sunday 29th at around 2.15pm – you can pick it up on BBC Berkshire or on BBC Sounds.

FOOD AT THE SWAN THIS WEEK

Our food offers this week are:

Fri 27th: Tonight! Bavarian BBQ Bratwurst (inc. veg alternative), Frankfurters, Pretzels and Apple Strudel to accompany your Oktoberfest biers. Serving 5-9pm.

Sat 28th/Sun 29th: Bavarian BBQ Serving 12noon – 9pm both days.

Thurs 3rd: EPIC Thursday: another GRC Takeover, with students presenting their acclaimed brunch menu from 11am – 2pm.

Thurs 3rd/Fri 4th: Angkana Thai Food, with their delicious, authentic Thai cuisine, serving 5.30-9pm both nights.

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



And next week's Friday Feast **takeaway from Dublious** is 'A Taste of Thailand' – order by 5pm Weds 2nd for pick up at The Swan 6-6.30pm on Friday 4th Oct. See [here](#) for menu details and to order.

OUR REGULAR CLUBS AND EVENTS

Our regular community clubs and events continue this week:

Sat 28th: Windsor Cycle Hub. This week it's a Level 4 Advanced Ride for more confident riders, setting off at 11am sharp, so please arrive by 10.45am latest. The Bike Kitchen will be on site as usual from 11 – 12noon. Booking for all options is essential - see more details and book [here](#).

Tues 1st Oct: Warhammer meets in the School Room at 7.30pm (book [here](#)), whilst The Windsor Ukulele Band will be practicing in the Coach House as

usual from 7-9pm.

Weds 2nd: Windsor Town Fun Runners meet for a run at 6.45pm in The Courtyard, returning around 7.30pm for a drink!

Weds 2nd: Jam Night in the Coach House from 7-9pm, bring your acoustic instrument and join the jam with likeminded musicians.



Thurs 3rd: Stammtisch our 'regular table' for German speakers from 7pm in the bar. Perhaps if you've recalled some of your 'O' level German while enjoying Oktoberfest you may like to join them? All welcome, fluent or rusty!

Fri 4th: Our Chatty Cafe table will be hosted as usual from 12.00 – 1.30pm in the bar - come on your own or with friends and family, stay for 5 mins or longer and join in the Chatty Chat!

Fri 4th: Mirella's Conversational French group are back, learning and practicing those language skills! All are welcome to join this informal and friendly group, just turn up and introduce yourself.

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!



As part of the **Windsor Fringe**, on **Thurs 10th Oct** at 7pm we are hosting a free performance of '**Sourced**', a fantastic musical collaboration led by musician and songwriter Fred Claridge, with supporting act Noa. It'll be a great night of relaxed musical entertainment in the Courtyard that's bound to be popular so book a place [here](#). Pay what you wish donation.

More dates for your diary include our Halloween Freakend, 26-27th October, incorporating our first **Dark Ale Festival** to usher in those winter warming beers, and '**Little Shop of Horrors**' showing at our monthly Movie Night on the Sunday. Keep a look out for more info on both, coming soon!

GRC UPDATE

GRC welcomed Swan regular Nicole Caton in the week as our Swan Elder. Nicole's energetic talk about the therapeutic power of our sense of smell was fascinating. Students even created their own scents to help soothe and calm.



And yesterday, local author Tim Walker popped into Epic Thursday, kindly donating a signed copy of his book of short stories, Thames Valley Tales. Tim's keen to share his knowledge of writing and self-publishing with the GRC students.

HISTORY SNIPPET

You probably see his work every day in Clewer, but do you know who Henry Woodyer was? He was the "gentleman architect", the first from Eton, and responsible for buildings such as the Convent in Hatch Lane. Read more in our [History Facebook Group](#).

We look forward to welcoming you down at The Swan this weekend for some great bier, great food, great music and above all great company, at your award-winning community pub!

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan

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