



BOO! IT'S NEARLY SPOOKY SEASON

11th October 2024

Hi Friend,

It's less than three weeks to go until Halloween - how on earth did that happen!? So this week we catch up with some community news and look ahead to what's in store at The Swan!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Harry's first Kitchen Takeover on Monday was a joy – with his delicious handmade burger patties and chunky chips, in particular, getting rave reviews! See more photos [here](#). Having started as a GRC student apprentice, it has been great to see Harry moving up through the ranks of kitchen porter, bartender and now Kitchen Takeover chef. Thanks everyone who came to support him – congratulations Harry, we look forward to seeing you in the kitchen again very soon!



This week's **Pub Quiz** was another tight finish, with not much between all the teams really, and Four X narrowly pipping (the smaller in number than normal this week) Patrick's Posset to the top prize after a tie-break. And then, that rare occurrence, Elliott picked his own ticket out in the raffle, walking off with the coveted star prize, A Bag of Crisps! The next quiz night is Weds 23rd Oct – bookings open but A PLEA: if you book and then know you can't make it on the night, please just drop us a line

at pub.manager@theswanwindsor.co.uk so we can release your table to the growing waitlist we have every week, thank you!

WHAT'S ON AT THE SWAN



Thurs 17th is **BINGO** night....YAY! Come and join us for night of good, old-fashioned but light-hearted fun, courtesy of caller Richard and glamorous assistant Trudy. With entry from a mere £2 per person and fabulous boozy prizes, it's one of our most popular community evenings, so you'd be wise to book your table! And with Thai food on the menu, why not eat too and make a night of it? Cards on sale from 7.30pm with 'Eyes Down' for the first game at 8pm.



It's only 8 days to go until our first **Dark Ale Festival** to celebrate Halloween next weekend, 26-27th October. Treat yourself to some fabulously warming guest beers from around the country, perfect for colder days and evenings! There's live music from 'Sharks in the Water' on the evening of Sat 26th, and fun, spooky activities to reflect the season.



And on Sun 27th, our monthly Coach House Movie Night embraces the comedy horror genre with a screening of '**Little Shop of Horrors**' at 6pm. Fancy dress, singing, dancing and generally joining in encouraged but not compulsory! It's free, but limited seating so book your place now to avoid disappointment!

FOOD AT THE SWAN THIS WEEK

Our food offers this week are:



Fri 11th: TONIGHT! Angkana Thai Food, with their authentic Thai menu, serving 5.30-9pm

Sat 12th: NEW! Saturday Lunch Menu, Soup, Ploughman's Lunches and bar snacks, serving 1pm -3pm and **Saturday Evening Menu**, a brand-new dinner menu, serving 5pm-9pm.

Sunday 13th: Sunday Lunch Menu, with a choice of two roasts and other tasty options, serving 12 - 6pm.

Thurs 17th: EPIC Thursday, our last of the half term, has a special Halloween theme! Expect some seasonal twists to our classic menu, a spooky playlist, and some special handmade Halloween products, the Gruesome Collective, available in the Eerie Emporium! 11am – 2pm.

Thurs 17th/Fri 18th: Angkana Thai Food are back again, serving 5.30-9pm both nights.

All menus, plus how to book a table, can be found on our website [here](http://therampantirest.co.uk).

And finally, next week's Friday Feast **Takeaway from Dublicious** is a new menu, 'A Taste of Caribbean' – order by 5pm Weds 16th for pick up at The Swan 6-6.30pm on Fri 18th Oct. See [here](http://therampantirest.co.uk) for menu details and to order.

OUR REGULAR CLUBS AND EVENTS

Our regular community clubs and events continue this week:

Sat 12th: Windsor Cycle Hub. This week's guided ride is a Level 2 Easy Explorer for inexperienced cyclists who want to build their confidence and older accompanied children (13+) already familiar with road riding. Sets 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 either or both is essential - see more details and book [here](http://therampantirest.co.uk).

Tues 15th: The **Warhammer** group meets in the School Room at 7.30pm (book [here](http://therampantirest.co.uk)), whilst the **Windsor Ukulele Band** will be practicing in the Coach House from 7pm. Both friendly groups welcome new members!

Weds 16th: Windsor Town Fun Runners meet for a social 5K run at 6.45pm in The Courtyard, returning around 7.30pm and often stay for refreshing drink!

All abilities welcome and supported to go at their own pace! And from 7pm the Coach House hosts our fortnightly Jam Night, for musicians to enjoy playing together informally in a private space (acoustic instruments only please).

Fri 18th: Our **Chatty Café** will be hosted as usual from 12.00 – 1.30pm in the bar. And Mirella's Conversational **French for Beginners** class meets thereafter, 2pm-3pm. All are welcome to join either or both of these informal and friendly groups, 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 people to join them – see more details on our website [here](#).

COMING SOON!



Remember, remember the 5th of November – it's **Bonfire Night** at The Swan! With the roaring firepit, sparklers, live music from Backtrack, warming winter drinks and Micky's famous One Pot Chilli – a great, fun community get together on a school night! Tues 5th November from 5pm!

Correction: Please note the email address for enquiries about Local Creatives new 4-week **Art Course**, starting on Weds 23rd Oct, was incorrect in last week's newsletter. If you're interested in learning to create Autumnal Watercolour Scenes in the relaxed and sociable environment of the School Room please contact Dean on Lcreativesuk@outlook.com. There's 10% off the usual course fee of £80 if you are new to Local Creatives!

GRC UPDATE



GRC welcomed back Nina Hartstone as our Swan Elder this week. An old friend and former parent of GR, she gave a fascinating talk about her career in Film & TV, having worked on some huge films, including *Bohemian Rhapsody* and *Gravity*. Nina's talk was filled with genuine insight and advice for those wanting to pursue a career in the movies. And of course, she brought along her little gold statue to pass around (they weigh a ton!) Thank you, Nina! See more photos [here](#).

HISTORY SNIPPET

Tuesday saw celebrations of the 175th anniversary of the W&E Central Station. But did you know that George Street was razed to make way for it? See our wee history group on Facebook Page [here](#).

So come on down to see us at The Swan this week or beyond, for a club, a bite to eat or just a little chat and a drink in your award-winning Community Pub - where everyone is welcome!

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan



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