



RE-LIVE SWANFEST!

22nd August 2025

Hi Friend,

After the fabulous weekend just gone, we report on Swanfest 2025 and look ahead to our next great beer festival next month - it's Oktoberfest!! And as we are now closer to next Christmas than the last, we have a teaser or two for those who want to plan!

COMMUNITY NEWS



What a show! **Swanfest 2025** lit up Windsor with three incredible days of live music, family fun, glitter, pizza and pints!

It all kicked off on **Friday** with a dunk-tank showdown for General Manager Micky, face-painting magic and our ever-popular Windsor Ukulele Band – all fuelled by the amazing pizzas and BBQ created and served by staff and students of The Green Room School.



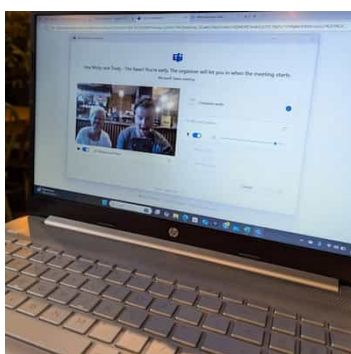
Saturday brought a new Malteser rolling record at 15.77m and a sing-your-heart-out performance from Windsor's Got Talent winner Bethany, supported by her fellow finalists. There were more fabulous independent beers on our taps and, in the evening, BackTrak absolutely rocked the stage.



And finally, **Sunday** saw DJ Wildcat Willie spinning the tunes, music bingo madness, more face-painted smiles, and the ultimate Malteser triumph – 18.9m, caught live in Sean’s mouth (a.k.a. the “Malt-Geezer”)!

And throughout the weekend, Friends volunteers sold raffle tickets and received sealed auction bids **raising an incredible £1,600 for the Frontage Renovation Project!**

A huge thanks to our bands, performers, beer suppliers, Green Room chefs, volunteers, staff, and of course YOU, for our amazing community for coming along and joining in. **See lots more photos** and our full report on our website [here](#) - is there one of you?



Last year The Swan was crowned Best Community Pub at the **Great British Pub Awards**... and we’re finalists again for 2025! This week Trudy joined Micky for the final interview — now it’s all down to the judges! Can we make it two years running? We’ll find out next month in Leeds – **and of course there’ll be an awards night party at the pub!** Details coming soon....

WHAT'S ON AT THE SWAN

It's **Quiz Night** again this **Wednesday**, with more brainteasers from Quiz Lord Martin. **Food service is from 6.30 – 9pm** with quiz entry sales from 7pm, ready for a **prompt 7.45pm start**. Teams of up to six, £2 per person, including the raffle. If you haven't yet booked your table, be quick to avoid disappointment – e-mail pub.manager@theswanwindsor.co.uk



Next **Friday, 29th August**, is our monthly **Charity Coffee Morning** in aid of the Windsor Homeless Project. Come along any time from 10.30am-12.30pm and grab a slice of homemade cake and a hot drink for just a fiver, with proceeds donated to WHP. Find out more about our annual Community Charity [here](#). **Bakers - all cake donations gratefully received!**

OUR REGULAR CLUBS AND EVENTS

Our regular community clubs continue this week:

Sat 23rd: Windsor Cycle Hub is back at The Swan this Saturday, with an Advanced Level 4 guided ride suitable for experienced cyclists. Arrive by 10.45am latest for an 11am departure. The Bike Kitchen will be onsite 11am-1pm as usual. You **MUST BE PRE-BOOK** for either or both which you can do [here](#).

Sat 23rd: The Stitch Gang will be in the bar, 1-3pm.

Tues 26th: Windsor Ukulele Band will be practicing in the Coach House from 7pm. *NB: the band are not accepting new members at the moment, but come along and hear them practice from the Courtyard!*

Tues 26th: The Warhammer group meets in the Schoolroom at 7.30pm (charge applies).

Weds 27th: Windsor Town Funrunners meet in the bar/courtyard before setting off 6.45pm for a 45min run.

Weds 27th: Quiz Night in the bar and Coach House from 7.30pm.

Thurs 28th: Chess Club, meet in the bar from 3.30pm.

Fri 29th Aug: Charity Coffee Morning, 10.30am - 12.30pm, plus **Chatty Café**, drop in the bar any time 12noon -1.30pm.



Most of our community clubs and events are free; all are open to everyone and are friendly groups who very much welcome new people to join them – see more details on our website below:

[Our Regular Events](#)

FOOD AT THE SWAN THIS WEEK



From **TONIGHT, Fri 22nd** Angkana ThaiFood, serving 5.30 - 9pm.

Sat 23rd: The Jackfruit, Italian Lunch Menu, 12noon – 3pm and **Sri Lankan Dinner** Menu: 5.30 – 9pm.

Sun 24th: Sunday Roasts by Chef Ed, 12noon – 5pm.

Weds 27th: Quiz Night Menu, 6.30 - 9pm.

Thurs 28th and Fri 29th Angkana ThaiFood, serving 5.30 - 9pm both nights.

And our Friday Feast **takeaway from Dublicious** is back on **Fri 29th** with 'Alfresco Nights'. See the menu and order [here](#) by 5pm Weds 27th for pick up at The Swan 6-6.30pm Fri 29th.

All menus, plus how to book a table, can be found on our website below.

[Our Menus](#)

COMING SOON!

Our next free **Movie Night is Sun 31st Aug**. What will the film be this month? You'll have to wait and see – but it's August so it's bound to be summer-y and

feel good! **Keep your eyes on our socials and in-pub advertising** over the coming week and book in quick if it's your cup of tea!



Prost!! It's almost that time of year again to don your Lederhosen or Dirndl and get into the spirit of all things Bavarian! The Swan's **Octoberfest is 27th-28th September** – there'll be a full range of traditional **Bavarian beers** and this year a **smoke house BBQ from The Dripping Pig**. Get the dates in your diary now and look out for more details over the coming weeks!

FESTIVE MENU
WITH CHEF ED@SOCIAL GRAZIN

Thurs-Sat: 12-10pm, Sun: 12-10pm, Mon: 12-10pm, Tue: 12-10pm, Wed: 12-10pm, Fri: 12-10pm

STARTER

Roasted Butternut Squash & Sage Soup £7
A warm and comforting soup with the rich flavours of roasted butternut squash, sage and parsnip crisps.

Goats Cheese & Caramelised Onion Tart £7
Warm pastry squares deep filled with goats cheese and caramelised onion. Served with dressed leaves.

MAIN COURSE

Roast Turkey Dinner £20
Paired with turkey thigh and sausage meat stuffing, roast potatoes, braised red cabbage, honey roasted carrots and parsnips, yorkshire pudding & turkey gravy.

Mushroom & Lentil Wellington £18
Paired with cranberry stuffing, roast potatoes, braised red cabbage, honey roasted carrots and parsnips, yorkshire pudding & chive cream sauce.

Festive Burger £19
Sausage & turkey burger, gouda cheese, tomato chutney & chunky chips. Vegetarian available.

DESSERT

Christmas Pudding £7
Served hot with house made brandy sauce.

Chocolate & Orange Tart £7
Sweet pastry filled with a chocolate orange ganache, served with Chantilly cream.

Cheese Board £10.50
A distinct selection of cheeses with festive chutney & biscuits.
See specials board for today's cheese



Hard to believe but It's **only 4 months 'til Christmas...** and we're ready for you! Here's a taster of what's in store!

- **Festive Menu:** Available Mon–Wed & Sat–Sun from 1st Dec right up to Christmas Eve.
- **Thai Nights:** Our Thai Food Menu continues every Thu & Fri in December.
- **Breakfast with Santa: Sat 20th Dec**, two sittings (8.30–10am & 10.30–12noon). Every child meets Santa, gets a gift, plus a full cooked & continental breakfast.

E-mail pub.manager@theswanwindsor.co.uk to book now, and get one thing off your Christmas list!

See all our upcoming events by clicking the button below:

[Our Special Events](#)

HISTORY SNIPPET

There's no history snippet this week but the Windsor Local History Group have a fascinating piece about Alexandra Gardens which will be cross-posted to our dedicated Facebook page below ... it extends the story from last week about the benevolence of Sir Francis Tress Barry Bart.

[History of The Swan](#)

The sun is still shining on and off, and our new Courtyard furniture is looking good - why not join us for a pint and a bite to eat this Bank Holiday weekend? We look forward to welcoming you!

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan



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