



GBPA FINALISTS: A WIN IN ITSELF!

26th September 2025

Hi Friend,

The news this week has been dominated by our quest to make it two years running in the Great British Pub awards, and six years in the Good Beer Guide. But we never took our eye off what we do best - we are more than just a pub, we're the heart of the community, with lots going on!

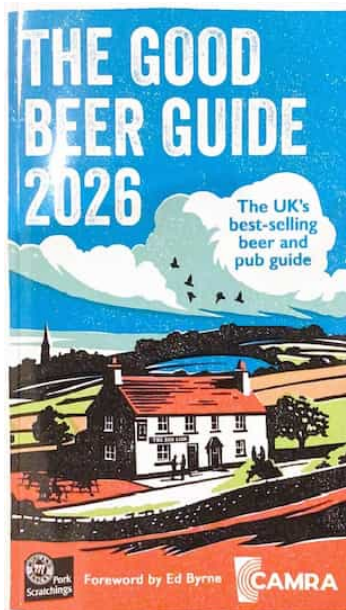
COMMUNITY NEWS



On Wednesday night we gathered not only for our bi-monthly quiz night but also to watch the **Great British Pub Awards 2025** ceremony, livestreamed from Leeds. Sadly this year it was not to be, but we were very pleased that the Best Community Pub crown went to Chaplin's and The Cellar Bar in Boscombe, who we had pipped to the post to win last year - the ultimate karma! And we are all enormously proud to have made the finals again, a testament to the efforts of all involved with The Swan. And we raised a glass to that!



And as for the **Pub Quiz**, QLM gave us a real mental workout with a whole quiz based on the fact that this last week has been **Cask Ale Week**. The beer link was both direct and tangential at times, but certainly caused some scratching of heads! 'Hettie's Heroes' beat 'Clewer Clogs' by just 2 points in the end, while Keith from 'Relegation Battle' won a Spirit and Mixer in the raffle. Our next quiz night is Weds 8th Oct - and QLM promises no more beer-y questions! Book now if you've not yet secured your table!



GOOD BEER GUIDE - WE'RE IN IT! We may have missed out on the GBPA crown but are delighted to announce that The Swan has been included in The Good Beer Guide 2026. This is the UK's best-selling beer & pub guide, CAMRA's most prestigious publication. What's more, it's the 6th consecutive year The Swan has featured in the guide. We are incredibly grateful to local Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead CAMRA members for their continued support.

WHAT'S ON AT THE SWAN



Our **Macmillan Coffee Morning today** is already underway - come on down by 12.30pm for homemade cake and a hot drink for just £5, with all profit going to Macmillan. A huge thank you to those who have donated their bakes!



It's finally here! Polish up your lederhosen, dust off your dirndls, and come on down to our **Oktoberfest!** Begins tomorrow, Sat 27th and runs through all day Sunday too! We have a great Bavarian beer on tap and tasty frankfurters and pretzels to soak it all up. Plus, the Windsor Ukulele Band on the Cowshed Stage on Sun at 7.30pm! Free entry, no tickets required, but it's worth booking on pub.manager@theswanwindsor.co.uk if you want to be assured of a table. From 12noon both days.



Friend of The Swan Mirella is back on her feet and her popular **Conversational French** class returns from next Friday 3rd October at 1.30 - 2pm. Suitable for all abilities, from beginners to confident French speakers, everyone is welcome! Bienvenus!

See all our upcoming events by clicking the button below:

[Our Special Events](#)

FOOD AT THE SWAN THIS WEEK

TONIGHT! Fri 26th: Angkana ThaiFood, serving 5.30 - 9pm.

Sat 27th - Sun 28th: Our Oktoberfest Menu, from 12noon – 8pm Saturday, 12noon – 7pm Sunday.

Tues 30th Sept - Weds 1st Oct: Social Grazin Traditional Pub Menu, 5.30-9pm.

Thurs 2nd: Epic Thursday Brunch Menu, 11am – 2pm. The Green Room College students take over front of house for this great brunch service!

Thurs 2nd and Fri 3rd Oct: Angkana ThaiFood, serving 5.30 - 9pm both nights.

And our Friday Feast **takeaway from Dublicious on Fri 3rd** is the ever popular "A Taste of India". Order [here](#) by 5pm Weds 1st Oct for pick up at The Swan 6-6.30pm Fri 3rd.

All menus, plus how to book a table, can be found on our website [here](#).

[Our Menus](#)

OUR REGULAR CLUBS AND EVENTS

Our regular community clubs continue this week:

Sat 27th: Windsor Cycle Hub - it's the 4th Saturday of the month so the guided ride is a longer, Level 4 Advanced ride suitable for experienced cyclists. Arrive by 10.45am absolute latest for a prompt 11am departure. The Bike Kitchen will also be onsite 11am-1pm for minor repairs and advice. You **MUST BE PRE-BOOK** either which you can do [here](#).

Mon 29th: NEW! Card Games Night with Courtney, 7.30pm in the bar

Tues 30th: Windsor Ukulele Band will be practicing in the Coach House from 7pm, whilst the **Warhammer** group meets in the Schoolroom at 7.30pm (charge applies).



Weds 1st Oct: Windsor Town Funrunners
meet in the bar/courtyard before setting off 6.45pm for a 45min run.

Weds 1st Oct: Swan Song Jam Night, in the Coach House from 7.30pm.

Thurs 2nd Oct: Chess Club, meets in the bar

from 3.30pm.



Thurs 2nd: Stammtisch, our German speakers' regular table, from 7pm in the bar.

Fri 3rd Oct: Chatty Café will have their normal table from 12-1.30pm, drop in anytime!

Fri 3rd Oct: Mirella's Conversational French class, in the Coach House 1.30-2.30pm.

Most of our community clubs and events are free; all are open to everyone and very much welcome new people to join them. In most cases you just need to turn up and introduce yourself - see more details on our website by clicking the button below:

[Our Regular Events](#)

COMING SOON!

With summer officially over this week, we turn our attention to some great autumn events in the run up to the end of the year. Get the dates in your diaries for now and keep your eyes peeled on our socials and forthcoming newsletters for more details coming soon!

Sat 25th October: Our Halloween 'Freakender', with a scary movie for the little people during the day and live music from **The Dutty Rascals** in the evening!



Weds 5th November: Bonfire Night. A great community evening for all the family, with alfresco food and sparklers, plus **Backtrack** live from 7.30pm.

28th – 30th November: Our Dark Beer Festival – enjoy a warming pint as the temperature heads south!

From 1st December: **Our Festive Menu** will be available every Mon–Weds & Sat–Sun right up to Christmas Eve! Tables are booking fast, secure yours by e-mailing pub.manager@theswanwindsor.co.uk

Maybe we can no longer make claim to being the Best Community Pub in Britain from today, but we can say we are in the top six and definitely that we are Windsor's best and only community pub! If you haven't been to visit us in a while, do come on down soon and see what all the fuss is about! We look forward to welcoming you.

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan



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