



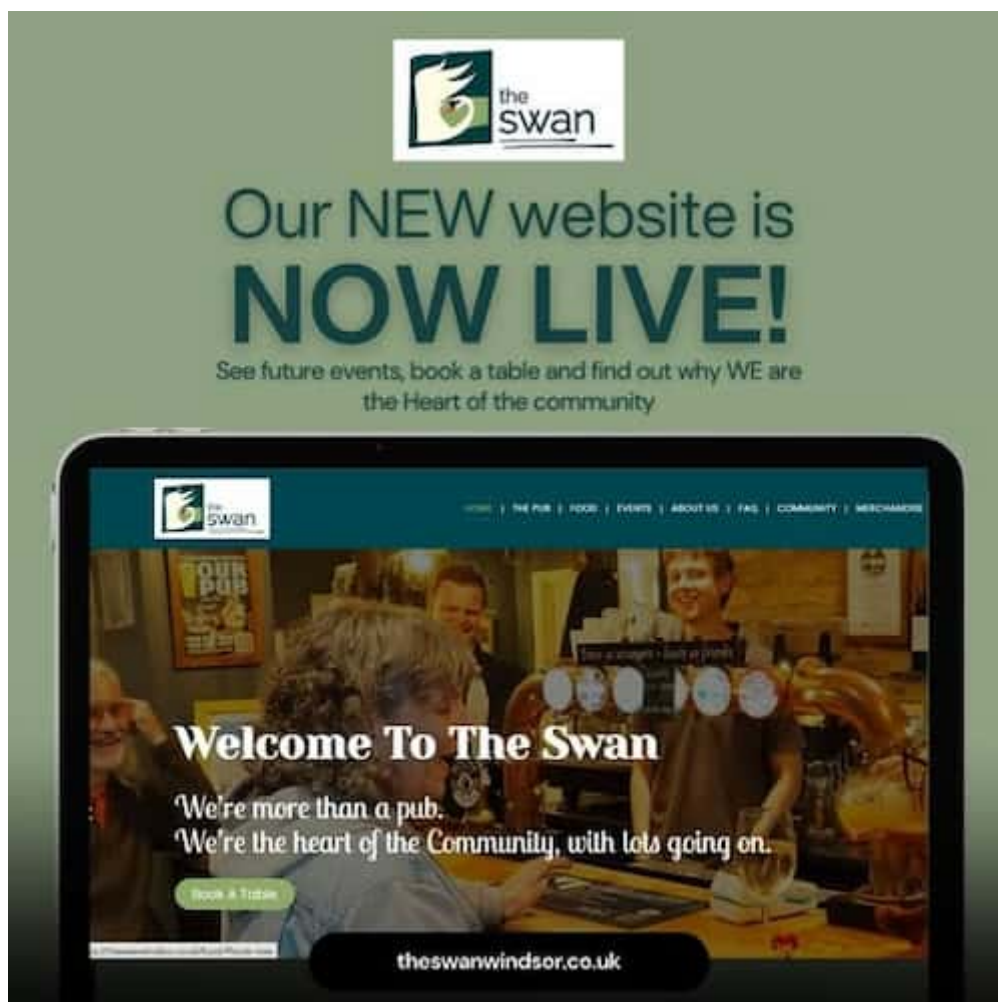
BANK HOLIDAY LIGHTSABERS AND LAGERS

1st May 2026

Hi Friend,

Our e-mail gremlins are now fixed, so welcome back to our weekly Newsletter, just in time for our first Bank Holiday of Spring! Read on to find out all about what's been happening and what's coming up at your Community Pub!

OUR NEW WEBSITES!



Our new website is LIVE! Take a look! You can now **make a table booking enquiry** via an online form, see our **events coming up**, visit our **online shop** for all your great value Swan merchandise, plus find out a bit more about our community pub and our staff. The web address hasn't changed; **you can still find us at** theswanwindsor.co.uk

In tandem we have launched our new **Social History site**. Here, all the rich community data collected over the last 8 years is transferred to one place: **a Living Resource** of information which chronicles the story of our pub since efforts began to buy and raise it from the ashes back in 2019, through to present day. Ken, who built and ran our previous website, has created this **important archive** for those of you who want to re-live memories and to keep up to date with our unique story. **You can find it at** friendsoftheswan.org

Both sites are works in progress and there is more refinement to come. There may still be a few glitches, so if you see anything odd when navigating either, please bear with us and do let us have your feedback!

WHAT'S ON AT THE SWAN



A long time ago in a village far, far away.....this **Bank Holiday Monday is Star Wars Day - May the 4th Be With You!** Will you join the Rebel Alliance or the Republic? With **character Meet and Greets** throughout the day, you'll get your chance to meet Old Ben and the Jawa and maybe some other familiar faces too.

Admiral Akbar's Snack Bar will be open for business for lots of themed snacks throughout the day. Fancy a Ham-Solo Sandwich? C3P-Oreos? Or how about high tea with 'Attack of The Scones' (aka Dawn's intergalactic sweet treat special)?!



There's a special performance from our **Cantina Ukulele band at 7pm** and learn to shoot better than a Storm Trooper in our **Nerf-Herder Shooting Academy**. Whatever you choose to do... we'll be here from 12noon ready to defend the Galaxy.

And as an extra special treat, get down here for **1pm** as we receive our award for winning **SWM CAMRA Spring Pub of The Year!**

For a more leisurely Bank Holiday afternoon, on **Sunday 3rd**, Dawn will be holding her annual **tomato plant sale from 1pm**, in the Courtyard. Her lovingly reared plants are always popular so get down quick to snap yours up - all proceeds towards the Renovation Fund.



Our friends at Local Creatives have a special **2-week mini art course** starting next week, covering watercolour painting with an animal theme. Suitable for beginners as well as the more experienced, There are two different nights to choose from; **Tuesday starting 5th May or Wednesday starting on the 6th, both 7-9pm.** Contact Dean direct on Lcreatives@outlook.com to register but hurry, there's only 3 spaces left on each night!

And next week also sees the **BII Licensee of the Year** semi-final interviews, with Micky meeting Head Judges Ashley and Amanda on Wednesday. **Go Micky** - keep everything crossed for him!

OUR REGULAR CLUBS AND EVENTS

Our regular community clubs and events continue over the next week. Most are free, all are open to everyone and very much welcome new people to join them:

Sat 2nd: Windsor Cycle – this week, weather permitting, the guided ride is an **Easy Level 1, suitable for beginners and families.** Please arrive by 10.45am to register and have your bike checked ready to set off at 11am. The regular Bike Kitchen will also be onsite from 11am-1pm for advice and minor repairs. It's essential to PRE-BOOK both, which you can do [here](#). Follow WCH on their social media to keep abreast of any weather-related changes.

Sat 2nd: Stitch Gang meet in the bar 1-3pm.

Mon 4th: NOTE: To make way for the Bank Holiday, our first-Monday clubs have all moved to alternative dates. Boardgames has moved to Thurs 7th, Book Club to Mon 18th and Chess Club will be back on Mon 11th.

Tues 5th: Windsor Ukulele Band rehearse in the Coach House from 7pm, and **Warhammer** is in the School Room from 7.30pm. **Cribbage Club** also meets at 7.30pm, in the bar.

Weds 6th: Windsor Town Funrunners meet at 6.45pm before setting off for their 45min run, and our **Swan Song Jam Night** will be in the Coach House from 7.30pm

Thurs 7th: Boardgames night, plus our German speakers' **Stammtisch**, both

in the bar from 7pm. **Mindfulness** is in the School Room at 7.30pm.



Fri 8th May: Chatty Café meet for a natter in the bar, 12 noon – 1.30pm, all welcome, just turn up and introduce yourself! Plus **Conversational French**, in the Coach House from 1.30-2.30pm.

See more details of all our upcoming events and clubs on our website by clicking the button below:

[Our Upcoming Events](#)

FOOD AT THE SWAN THIS WEEK

Our food offerings over the next week are:

TONIGHT! Fri 1st: Angkana ThaiFood, serving 5.30-9pm.

Sun 3rd: Micky's Kitchen Sunday Roast Lunch, serving 12noon – 5pm.

Mon 4th: Admiral Akbar's Snack Bar, available from 12 noon, with Dawn's 'Attack of the Scones' **cream teas available from 1pm.**

Thurs 7th: Epic Thursday Brunch, by the students and staff of Green Room College. Serving 11am-2pm

Thurs 7th and Fri 8th May: Angkana ThaiFood, serving 5.30-9pm both nights.

When our kitchen is closed, our **pie warmer** will be on whenever the bar is open, with pies and other savoury pastries, until they are gone. But it's advisable to give us a call to check availability on any given day to avoid disappointment.

Available menus, plus how to book a table, can be found on our website here.

[Our Menus](#)

Our Friday Feast takeaway from Dublicious on Fri 8th May is "A Taste of North Africa". **Order [here](#) by 5pm Weds 6th for pick up at the pub 6-6.30pm Fri 8th.**

COMMUNITY NEWS



At our last **Quiz Night** there was a dramatic turnaround of fortunes after half time with Hettie's Heroes coming out on top to win the bar tab prize. New team '**UC back at it again**' were **delighted with their Jammie Dodgers** and the £10 raffle jackpot was picked again for the second time running, meaning it will remain at £10 next time. As April was a 5-week month, the **next quiz is on Weds 13th** - book your place now via pub.manager@theswanwindsor.co.uk to avoid disappointment!



Last Friday our **Charity Coffee Morning** was in aid of **Friends of Windsor Music**, and boy did they give us a treat! Eight talented pupils from Windsor Boys and Windsor Girls Schools sang and played for us while we drank our coffee, scoffed our cake and joined in with well known tunes from across the years! **Over £300 was raised** as a result – thanks to all who came along and gave so generously for this very worthy, local charity.



Last Saturday was **Windsor Cycle Hub's 5th Birthday**, and they threw a great party to celebrate! There was a multi-level **ride to the Great Park** in the sunshine, lunch, a quiz and a raffle, plus the grand unveiling of the **new bike service station now in the Courtyard**. It was a celebration of everything they have achieved and we are proud to host such a great community organisation in our Community Pub!

You can see a write up and lots more photos of these, and all our April events on our new Social History website, by clicking the button below:

[Our Events Diary](#)

It's a long weekend so, even if the temperature drops a bit as threatened, why not come down for a pint or two to celebrate an extra day off work? You'll always find a warm welcome at The Swan!

Warm regards,

The Friends of The Swan



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