



The Swan

ENFORD

Update from the Swan

We wanted to thank everyone in the village and from further afield for their ongoing generous support of the Swan. We have held some great events in recent months and continue to plan through until the end of the year.

We have the following to look forward to:

Saturday, **12 September**, Hog Roast, 4pm, tickets at the bar

Saturday, **3 October**, 5-8pm Saturday, Smokin' Tacos, delicious street food

Saturday, **10 October**, Oktoberfest - bands, food

Saturday, **31 October**, Halloween Party with Food dovetailing with the Enford Bonfire Night, party bags for the little ones and everyone is free to wear a costume, tickets for food available at the bar

Sunday, **8 November**, marking Remembrance Sunday

Saturday, **19 December**, Splat the Rat's Christmas Gig at the Swan, tickets available at the bar

Friday, **25 December**, Christmas Day opening, 12-2pm

Saturday, **26 December**, Boxing Day – a maybe for now!

Thursday **31st December**, New Years Eve Party and Band

We should have, in addition to the above, a night with "John Lennon" in November, to be confirmed and potentially (potentially!) a Swan Nativity Story and a New Year band.

The wonderful Lauren has joined us as a permanent team member and we are so delighted to have her and her expertise as the Swan's Manager. I know you are all so pleased to see Lauren again and that you will continue to welcome her back and value her experience. We are also eternally grateful for Will and Ollie Elviss who have been such a fantastic help during the Summer months, we very much hope they will come back and help us again when their

schedules allow. Steve continues to provide the pub with a wonderful array of real ales and manages the cellar to perfection.

We also do need a shout out to Clive, without him our music events and private parties simply could not take place, his generosity of time appears limitless, thank you Clive, you are invaluable.

We also want to update you regarding plans for a refurb of the pub - we are at very early days - a detailed, structural floor plan has been undertaken so that we will have the detailed floor plans and elevations to work with. We hope to improve and enlarge the bar area and eventually have a fully operational kitchen. This all takes time and money as you will appreciate with the Swan being listed and we are a long way yet from even a draft planning permission application. Andy and Sophie are taking no wages from the pub and every drink (and every packet of crisps!) is paid for, without fail, every time. Slowly, slowly, funds are building up but this is in tiny amounts week by week. To that end, we have added tabs to the till - £5, £10, and so on, for anyone who might want to support the pub moving forward over and above your much valued presence in the pub. The promise was that we take no salary and plough every penny back into improvements. We continue to stand by that, every single step of the way. The option to donate is of course entirely voluntary, if you've had a great night at the Swan, please feel free to continue to support us and add to the refurbishment fund.

Thank you again, to each and every one of you for your support.