CHARWELTON
COMMUNITY PUB & SHOP

Welcome to Fox News, Issue 5

Sharing the latest updates from the heart of Charwelton.
As always, your comments and ideas are warmly welcomed drop a note to our editor, Pete, at charwelton-fhs-committee@outlook.com

A New Season

After a long and warm Summer, Autumn is now upon us, bringing Halloween, Bonfire night and before we know it, Christmas will be upon us again. As the nights draw in, we look forward to a cosy fire and the warmth of a winter evening with friends at the Fox.

Tom has a new autumn menu available, so please come along and enjoy a drink and a meal at the Fox to brighten up a cold evening.

Also why not check out some of the other weekly offerings;

Tuesday Lunch Club (two courses for £10 / three courses for £15)

Thursday Steak Night

And the return of the Sunday Roast (all priced at £15)

The Christmas Day menu is also now out, so if you want to enjoy your Christmas dinner at the Fox, book now to avoid missing out. This was a hugely popular day last year, so hurry while places last.

In addition, within the coming days there will be the release of the festive menu in the run up to Christmas, this will be available from the 1st– 23rd December.

Also keep an eye out for the release of this years New Years Eve Party (details to be announced).

Seeking your feedback

In this issue of Fox News, the Committee wants to take the opportunity to understand your views of the Fox and Hounds. It is important that we gauge a collective opinion on our community to ensure we help provide a valuable asset for us all.

A thriving village pub makes our community a more valuable and attractive. It can encourage people into the area, boosts the local economy, and gives the village a lively and welcoming place to meet friends, old and new.

During the 14 years since we opened the doors with Steve Weeks, then David and Sarah, Kalei and now Tom, we've enjoyed some great nights in the pub, but also experienced some lows as well. Not least the nine months we were closed when Kalie decided to leave.

As a committee we are fully committed to the growth and development of the pub as a village hub. However, we rarely see many of the other villagers in the pub, some come regularly, some occasionally, others almost never.

So, as we move towards 2027, we'd like to hear from you. Please read the questions below and send your thoughts to pete at charwelton-fhs-committee@outlook.com
and have your say on the Fox & Hounds

What do you want from the Fox & Hounds?

How often do you visit the Fox – weekly/monthly/less often?

How often do you visit other pubs nearby?

How does the Fox compare with the competition?

What would encourage you to visit more often?

There is plenty of inspiration online to give you some reading matter into village and community pubs and the state of the market today. We've added some links below if you are interested.

We need to hear your feedback, the good, the bad and the downright ugly. Write as much as you can, the more feedback we have, the more ideas we have to improve the pub.

All responses will be treated with the strictest confidence.

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Thank You

Finally, our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the Fox whether by enjoying a drink, a meal, or simply spending time here with friends and neighbours. Your support is what keeps the Fox thriving.

Here's to good company, good food, and many more good times at the Fox.

Cheers to you all!