



Newsletter

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Queen's Jubilee celebrations went ahead on Sunday 5th June, despite the very discouraging weather. All the entertainers and stands turned up as planned: musicians, dancers, artists, dog owners for the fun dog show, and many more - and of course, we were there too!

Sales were disappointing, with a low turnout generally, and so fewer visitors to our stand than we'd hoped for, but it was good to have a presence at the event, and we received some very positive feedback on how the stand looked.

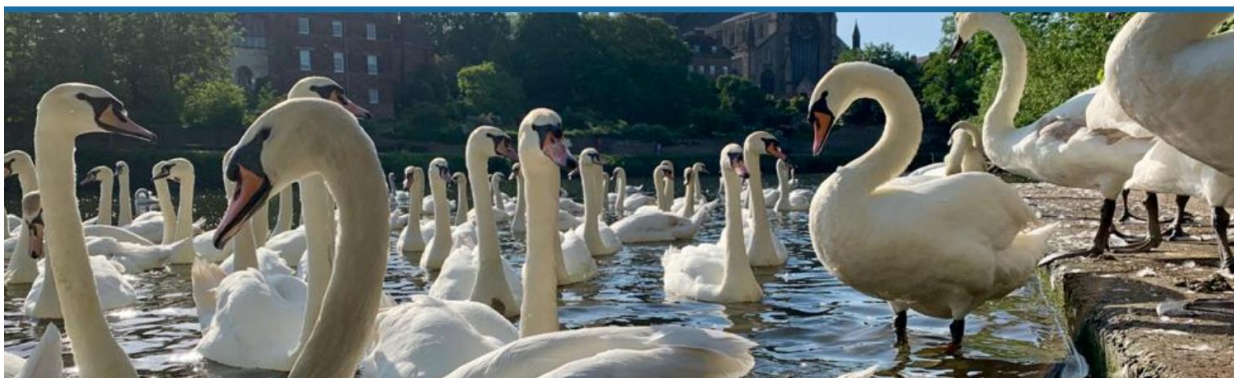


Our New Website

We launched The Swan Food Project website at the end of May, in time for the Jubilee.



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Jack and Marilyn worked hard on the content and look and feel of the website, and we hope you'll agree that the end result is very professional.

Do please take a look!

<https://theswanfoodproject.co.uk/about-us/>

*Comments and feedback welcome, via the website **Contact** page.*

Cygnets on the River

It's not often that Worcester swans nest successfully on the river, but this year 5 cygnets hatched by The Old Rectifying House. The nest was isolated from humans and predators, and dry weather meant it didn't get washed away.

So far, 4 cygnets survive and are doing well. The cob seems off-colour, leaving the pen to defend their territory north of Worcester Bridge. It would help if you took food for them if you walk that way.

We also have 9 hungry cygnets at County Hall! For more info, visit <https://www.facebook.com/The-Swan-Food-Project-549819075117845/>



Litter Pick Extraordinaire!

Part of the daily swan feed duties is to litter pick around the boathouse steps feeding area. Sometimes odd items turn up, like this Council barrier, and a white plastic chair.



The chair was on the South Quay side, so we enlisted the help of a couple of canoeists to tie the rope for us to haul it up the bank.

Rising Price of Pellets

The cost of our floating swan & duck pellets has risen dramatically. We won't be increasing the price of our handy bags of pellets, but we will need to increase the price of the 15kg sacks sold through our Community Purchase Scheme.

The full price now should be £25, but we're giving a special offer price of £20 per sack (£10 per half sack) until the end of July.



To order a sack, contact Karl on: 07779-240822

The swans are now moulting, so need a good food supply to grow their new feathers.

Pellets are wholesome, but you can add free food too, such as fresh, unsprayed grass cuttings, dandelions or outer lettuce leaves. *Please keep on feeding!*