



VOTE FOR SWADS!

We are over the moon to have been given the opportunity to try and win funding for new projects we have been working on, but we need your help. We need as many votes as possible to be awarded the final funding. Here's a little bit about why this funding is important to us, and what we would do with it...

Studio 1

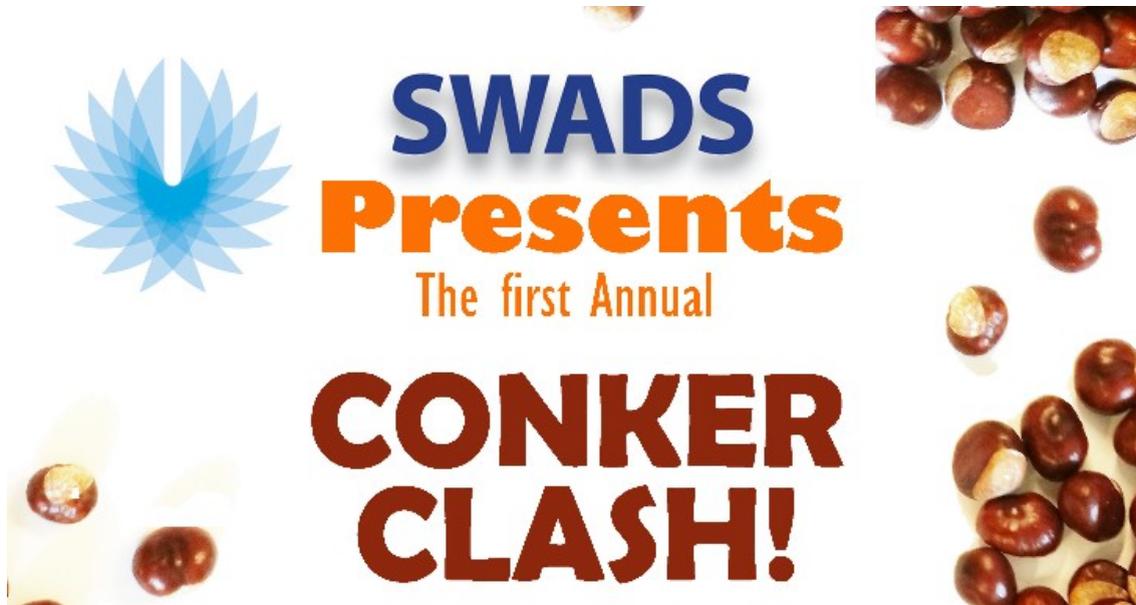
Studio 1 is a digital audio workstation that allows you to make electronic music, write your own tracks and create new sounds. Richie has been volunteering with us for some time now, over the years becoming a bit of a pro using this program and would now like to offer one to one tuition helping others create their own music digitally. Richie's workshops will run along side our already established Sound Recovery Studio, which means we can see more of you and offer you more too! We hope that this service will really help to engage vulnerable youngsters in the community.

The Basement Cafe @MiltonRd

Loneliness can make us vulnerable and have a negative effect on our mental health, and if you are new to town, have lost someone in your life or find it hard to meet people we hope that our new cafe will help. As we evolve and diversify as a charity we want to make sure we offer something for everyone and sometimes a hot cuppa tea and a good natter is all we need to cheer up a grey day. The Basement Cafe is designed to be a safe and friendly place to meet new people, have a piece of cake and maybe play a board game or listen to some live music.

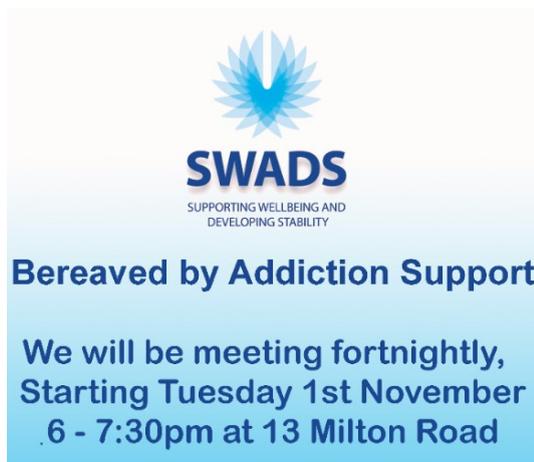
So if you feel it's a worth while cause, please clink the link and give us your vote -

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/16-3366>



We're totally nuts about October...

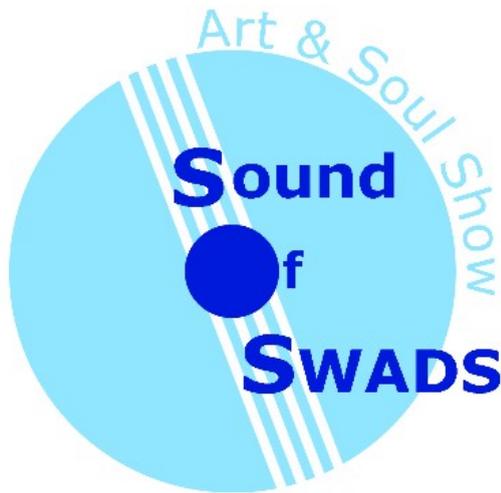
...and so instead of commiserating the end of summer we're celebrating Autumns beautiful bounty with our first ever conker tournament. The New View Art Room will hold several conker painting workshops beforehand so that you can prepare your selected conker for battle and a special prize will be awarded for the best in show, to be judged by Shirley Ludford, Station Manager at Swindon 105.5 Radio, where the tournament will be hosted and broadcast. The tournament will consist of eight heats, followed by quarter and semi finals and will be fought out by the two remaining contestants in a final match. So get in touch and sign up to take part in an event that is guaranteed to be great fun. Event date to be announced shortly!



Support groups for those bereaved by addiction will begin on Tuesday 1st of

Hi Bob

November. These groups will be held fortnightly from 6pm to 7.30pm and will be facilitated by SWADS Director and Counsellor, Julie Mattinson and the newest member of our team Bob Heath, Arts Psychotherapist, both of whom have vast experience in this field. Please register your interest through the SWADS website, by email or telephone.



Sound Of SWADS will be hitting the airwaves for the first broadcast of the Art and Soul Show on Wednesday 9th November, 2-3pm. Tune in to Swindon 105.5 to hear our show featuring interviews, music and events. This hour long radio show will be broadcast monthly and is created in our Sound Recovery Studios by those using our service.

Bob is our Arts Psychotherapist and general good fellow to have about. He's been working alongside us for a while, running Soundwell Music Therapy sessions from our home at Milton Road, but he has recently become a more permanent fixture, taking residence in the eaves of number 14.

Bob has worked extensively in Palliative and Bereavement care both as a clinician and a lecturer and has many years experience working in Dementia Care and Special Educational settings. Click the link and take a look at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCghEs5CLsQ>

A Huge Thank You to Rob Done from Magnetic Eye Films

Rob has over twenty years experience in the industry working as editor, cameraman, director and producer and earlier this week he was filming with us! Rob is donating his time to help us create a short film all about SWADS and what happens here. We will keep you posted on progress and be sure to share the end result.



A perfect place to pick up original and handmade stocking fillers and Christmas gifts! Members of the New View Art Room have been working like crazing to get things finished for our Pop Up Gallery and Shop, which will be held in the Brunel Center. Come and see us there This Saturday and Monday to Friday next week for some spooky live music and demonstrations.



Barbs bit on the side...

‘Teamwork makes the dream work’

That’s certainly the case at SWADS. The support and hard work of the dedicated staff and volunteers across the whole of the projects is reaping the rewards now. Feedback from our service users shows that the vision of a friendly, safe place for those needing support has become a reality. Having listened to some of the service users being filmed for our up and coming video, it was humbling and yet rewarding to have the vision for our service validated.



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