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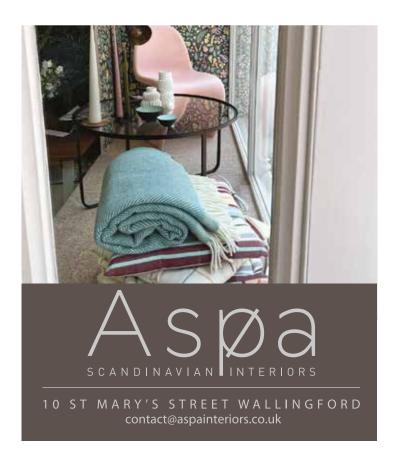


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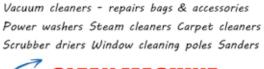
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WHAT'S ON!

The Thameside Singers

The Thameside Singers have had a fun year of singing under their new joint Musical Directors, Sue Huntingford-Ledger and Gaby Clements. The choir held a very successful concert on June 28th at the Baptist Church in Wallingford. An appreciative audience enjoyed a wide range of music, including songs from the shows, spirituals and popular classics.

Shortly before the interval we heard from representatives of the Goring Macular Support Group, who spoke very knowledgably about the condition and the work they do with patients and families from around the area. At the end of the evening a collection was held and we are delighted to report that we were able to donate the grand total of £400 to the Support Group and the Macular Society.

The choir will start back again on **Tuesday September 13th at 7.30 pm at the Baptist Church in Wallingford**. New members are very welcome, of course there are no auditions, just the desire to sing and have fun!

For more information please contact Rachel Pettit-Smith on 01491-834423 or just come along. We would be delighted to see you!

Wallingford Allotments and Gardens Society (WAGS)

Saturday 11th Sept it's The Autumn Show!

We are seeking more exhibitors from our local area for the following competitive categories; Baking, Photography, Home-Grown Vegetables, Fruits, Plants as well as Arts and Crafts and Floristry.

The event is open to non-members and members, all ages and abilities are encouraged to have a go! Our external judges from the local community will be awarding prizes and trophies.

From early July, the Show Schedule and Entry Form will be available here: www.wags-wallingford.com/autumn-show. All Show enquiries to our Show Secretary, Sandra Halstead s.halstead2@btinternet.com tel 01491 836527 or message us on www.facebook.com/WallingfordAGS

If not taking part as an exhibitor, come along **2pm-4pm 11th Sept 2022**, entry is free of charge with all proceeds from refreshments and the raffle going towards the running of the event. **Centre 70**, **off Goldsmith's Lane**

Wallingford & District Art Club

Wallingford & District Art Club will be welcoming professional artist Joel Wareing for the latest online demo at 7.30pm on Tuesday, August 16th. Joel will be painting 'People in Urban townscape in acrylics'. He enjoys focusing on body language and the interaction of people within the urban environment and his paintings are based on sketches and photographs taken on location. His aim is to capture the atmosphere and emotions that photographs alone may not give you. So, if you would like to join us for this Zoom session and pick up new tips and techniques on painting figures and turn those holiday snaps into exciting paintings, please visit our website www.wallingfordartclub.org.uk or contact admin@wallingfordartclub.org.uk We also hold tutored classes on Tuesday mornings and afternoons at Centre 70 which are suitable for all levels so please contact us if you are interested in joining the classes, would like to come as a visitor or require further information. www.wallingfordartclub.org.uk

Wallingford Town Information Centre

School holidays are here and we hope that summer will hang around for a good few more weeks.

It has been quite a summer so far – with lots of events reopening and places of interest welcoming the public once more and of course the Jubilee Celebrations nationwide.

The Town Information Centre has welcomed visitors to our town including many from overseas on their Agatha Christie or Midsomer Murders quest.

For our summer season we have sourced some new merchandise and a few new books. All by local artists and authors.

We are not here just for visitors to our town, we do hold local community information as well as bus timetables. We also hold a good stock of leaflets with ideas for days out and local walks, including a Murder Mystery Trail. Come in and have a look – we might have just what you are looking for.

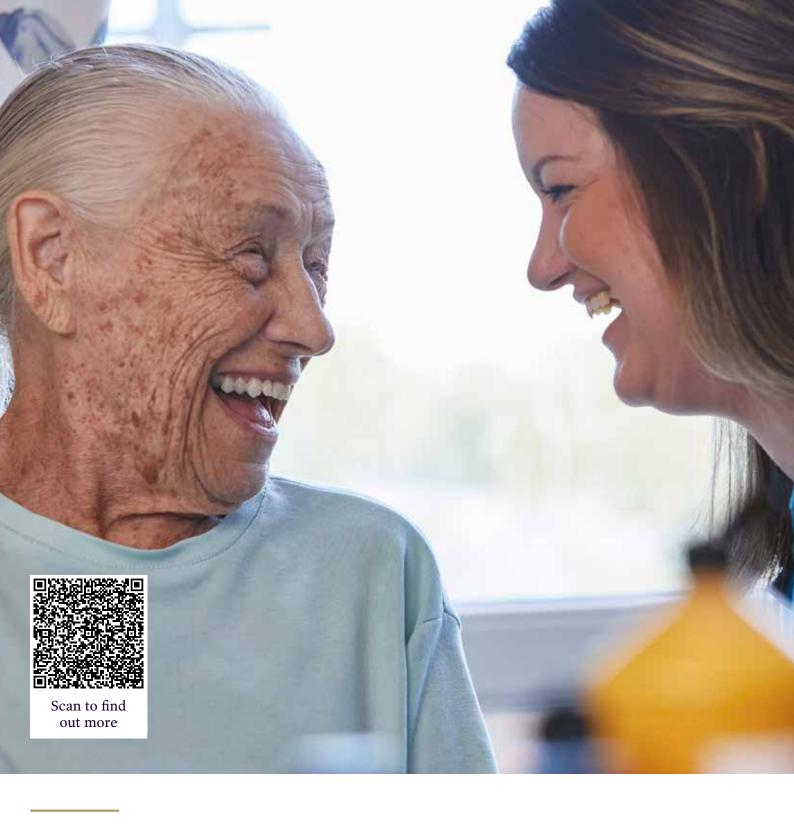
Tina, Sue and Anita



Hello my name is Angela Adams and I am a local doctor (GP/family doctor). I have been qualified as a doctor for 20 years and I am hoping to use my experience to help support local Ukrainian refugees with an emphasis on health and well-being.

My project is called WISHFUL which stands for Welfare, Integration, Support, Health, Friendship for Ukrainian Life which encompasses the principles of the project.

I aim to listen, guide, sign post and help support. I realise you will have experienced overwhelming changes and challenges in recent months on multiple levels affecting every area of your life and will be facing uncertainty in the future ahead. I hope I can be a confidential support to you. I aim to be at the Old Counting House in Wallingford most Fridays during term time around 11.30 am should you wish to chat or ask questions. I am happy to talk as a group or with individuals and I hope to get to know you and initially provide information on how the health system in the UK works. Thereafter I can hopefully identify any unmet needs, queries or issues. My email address should you wish to contact me is: adadams1@doctors.net.uk I look forward to meeting you. Best Wishes Angela.



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Please look out for new updates for the programme on the website www.cornexchange.org.uk.

The theatre will be closed for Annual Maintenance from Saturday 20th August to Sunday 28th August (inclusive).

Monday, 1st August, 7:30pm Tuesday, 2nd August, 7:30pm Wednesday, 3rd August, 7:30pm Thursday, 4th August, 7:30pm Friday, 5th August, 7:30pm Saturday, 6th August, 2:30pm Sunday, 7th August, 7:30pm Monday, 8th August, 7:30pm Tuesday, 9th August, 7:30pm Wednesday, 10th August, 7:30pm Thursday, 11th August, 7:30pm Friday, 12th August, 7:30pm Saturday, 13th August, 7:30pm Sunday, 14th August, 7:30pm Monday, 15th August, 7:30pm Tuesday, 16th August, 7:30pm Wednesday, 17th August, 7:30pm Thursday, 18th August, 7:30pm Friday, 19th August, 7:30pm

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Saturday, 6th August, 8:30pm **Westlife from Wembley**

The UK's biggest-selling album group of the 21st century, Westlife will be broadcasting their first ever show from Wembley Stadium, in front of a sell-out crowd of 90,000 fans. This spectacular show is going to be their biggest yet! With 20 years of hits, a staggering 14 number one UK singles and selling over 55 million records worldwide, Westlife will deliver an unmissable night for fans. Performing all of their hits from their highly anticipated Wild Dreams tour, including 'Uptown Girl', 'Flying Without Wings', 'You Raise Me Up' and 'If I Let You Go'. Irish heart-throbs Shane, Nicky, Mark and Kian invite fans everywhere to come together in their local cinema and share in this unforgettable live experience, up close and personal.

COMING SOON

Thursday, 8th September, 7pm Saturday, 10th September, 7:45pm

Friday, 2nd September and Saturday, 3rd September Bunkfest comes to the Corn Exchange, in the foyer and auditorium Much Ado about Nothing, live from the National Theatre

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Thursday, 13th September, 7pm

La Boheme, recorded live at Glynbourne as part of the 2022 season

Wednesday, 28th September to Saturday, 1st October The Sinodun Players present Twelfth Night live on stage at the Corn Exchange

Shakespeare's classic comedy of love and deception is transported to the Art Deco period of the 1920s and set in the sumptuous Hotel Illyria on the Italian Riviera. Romance, intrigue, deception and revenge are all in the air as shipwrecked twins struggle to regain control of their lives and passions amongst strangers with their own desires. Twelfth Night is one of Shakespeare's most accessible and thought-provoking works. He deals with the spectrum of human emotions and motivations around love, loyalty, deceit and vanity. Originally intended as an end of year entertainment for the masses, it portrays elements of us all that are very recognisable! In this sleek and stylish new production, salted with comedy, romance and specially composed songs, tempers flare as passions rise under an unforgiving sun, leading to conflict, confusion and humiliation.

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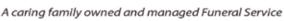
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Wallingford Museum News

Wallingford Museum is planning some really exciting activities and events to offer our visitors through the Summer months. www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk



BunkFest 2 - 4 September - museum extended opening hours

Tuesday 30th August - Friday 2nd September 2pm-5pm

Saturday 3rd September and Sunday 4th September 10.30am-4pm

Special FREE BunkFest Castle History walk Friday 2nd September - meet at the museum 4pm.(Not suitable for dogs) **Donations welcome**

Special FREE BunkFest - gentle guided walk around our lovely historic town - Sunday 4th September - meet at the museum 11am.Donations welcome

Friday 9 to Sunday 11 September 2022

It is good to have the Agatha Christie Weekend back again this year.

We begin in Wallingford Museum on the Friday night at 7.30pm, with a 'Who Dunnit' challenge. Use clues to find your way around the Museum's nooks and crannies, as well as its fascinating exhibits, to learn more about Agatha Christie while detecting the answers that will solve the murder!

On Saturday, take a guided walk along the Agatha Christie Trail, starting at Wallingford Museum at 10am and finishing at Cholsey's St. Mary's Church, where Agatha Christie and her husband, Max Mallowan, are buried.

On Saturday evening 10 September don't miss the great Murder Mystery Dinner at Cholsey Great Hall. The setting is a wedding reception, so please feel free to dress up!

'You are cordially invited to the impending Wedding of Lady Mary Campbell to her betrothed, Jamie Lamont. The Father of the Bride requires you to bear witness...and keep the naughty groom in check, strictly no fighting. Everyone's a suspect – can you solve the case?'

There will be a delicious three-course dinner provided by The Little Artichoke, and a licensed bar will be available. Places are selling fast (£40), so be sure to book your tickets now!

On Sunday, there's a guided Walk around Wallingford, taking in some of the town's historic sites and buildings, as well as its Agatha Christie and Midsummer Murders connections! Starts from under the Town Hall at 11am.

For full details of events, costs and bookings see: www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk and www.cholseyvillage.com

We are now taking bookings on the web site for Fabulous Fossils, which is being offered at the Museum on Saturday 24 September by the Oxford Geology TrustFamily Fun Activity: Handle fossils from Oxfordshire and around the world with the Oxfordshire Geology Trust Saturday 24th September 11 - 1pm or 2 - 4pm

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The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society

14 September (Weds)

Giles Pritchard: 'Conservation work on the Remains of the College of St Nicholas, Wallingford Castle' www.twhas.org.uk/meetings-programme.html

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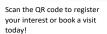
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Wildlife Memories by Barry Collett

New Zealand (South Island)

Having arrived on the North Island by sea (via the ferry), we departed it from Auckland with Air New Zealand and flew to Dunedin on the South Island. We booked ourselves on a wildlife tour of the Otago peninsula.

On a very windy day, we walked along a boardwalk to a hut, one wall of which was made of one-way glass, enabling us to look out at a colony of southern royal albatross. The birds were struggling to land owing to the gusty conditions.



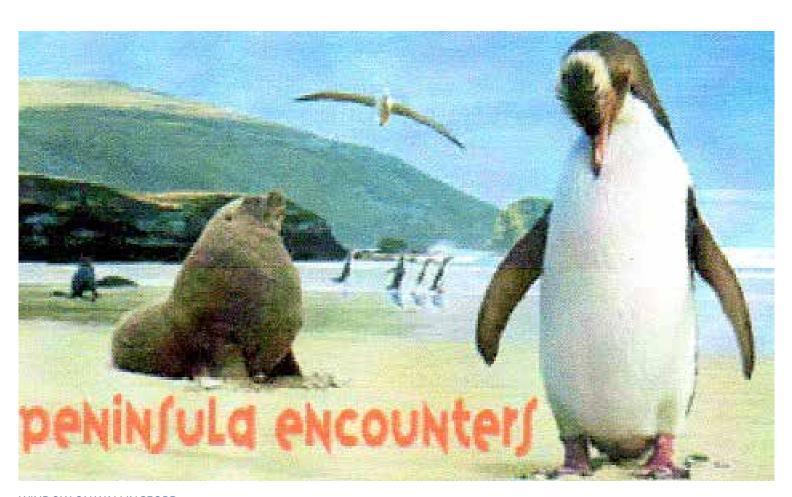
Next we descended onto a beach bordering the Pacific Ocean and walked towards a group of New Zealand sea lions (formerly known as Hooker's sea lions). As we approached them, the largest of the group became agitated and soon made it clear that we were not welcome. Although sea lions have flippers, not legs, the one that confronted us showed a fair turn of speed, so we did the sensible thing and ran! As we retraced our steps, dusk was falling and we were greeted by the sight of yellow-eyed penguins, a species endemic to New Zealand, emerging from the sea. They then proceeded to climb a near-vertical cliff and disappeared into the safety of their burrows.

We then moved on to Invercargill and flew to Stewart Island. With over 140 species of fern, the place is a botanist's paradise. On the second day of three we took a water taxi to Ulva Island, which is named after the island of Ulva in the Inner Hebrides of Scotland. There we were greeted (in Maori) by Ulva Amos, a half-Maori, half-Scottish woman who was proud of her joint heritage. She showed us the Stewart Island robin, which resembled our British robin in terms of its behaviour but was grey with a white breast.

When Captain Cook was about to set off to explore the South Seas, Kew Gardens asked him to return with specimens of interesting plants. Ulva showed us examples of two of them. One was a 10-foot-tall tree with (completely inedible) spiky leathery leaves. The other tree was 18-foot tall with a fan of normal leaves growing out of the reach of browsing moa, the giant flightless bird of New Zealand. Kew Gardens grew both plants and discovered that they were two forms of the same species.

This story has a sad end. No one has thought to tell the tree that the moa is believed to have been extinct for hundreds of years!

Next month: Closer to home.



FAMILY PAGE

Moulsford Prep School

Moulsford Prep School opens new state of the art Pre-Prep building Moulsford Prep School officially opened its new state-of-the-art Pre-Prep building at the beginning of July, when nearly 300 people saw children's TV presenter Andy Day cut the ribbon and officially open the new building.

The new Pre-Prep will officially open its doors to pupils in September and will be home to a Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The Pre-School is a new venture for the school, and will be for boys and girls who have turned 3 years old. There are no plans for any other year groups in the school to be co-educational, and from Reception

onwards (as now) Moulsford will focus on delivering an outstanding education for boys.



Mr Beardmore-Gray, Headmaster at Moulsford commented, "After a delay due to Covid, to finally be able to open the doors feels fantastic and we are very proud of the first-class facilities on offer. The extra space created for the Pre-Prep boys as well as the older boys on the Prep school site will provide even more opportunities for the children to thrive."

The building incorporates eco-friendly systems such as solar panels and air source heat pumps to provide underfloor heating, and there is natural ventilation through roof turrets. Green roofs have covered flat roof areas, and extensive planting and landscaping with wild flower meadows will enhance the external areas.



Mr Beardmore-Gray concluded, "Our fabulous new Pre-Prep building will operate alongside our existing Prep School site. The combined sites will form one school with lots of interaction between the Pre-Prep and the Prep School, giving boys the chance to enjoy everything that Moulsford has to offer."

This Summer, pupils will be awarded the school's first set of A-level exam results. With Cranford House's reputation as the top ranking co-educational independent school in Oxfordshire at GCSE the future looks bright for their Sixth Form graduating class of 2022.

Experience first-hand what the school has to offer at their upcoming Whole School Open Morning, Saturday 8 October. Advanced booking is recommended for this popular event and can easily be done at

www.cranfordhouse.net

Wallingford Rowing Club celebrates its 75th anniversary

Wallingford Rowing Club celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, having been in the town since 1947. The junior section of the club, catering for 13-18 year-olds, is a thriving, energetic place where children develop skills and friendships that will last them a lifetime. Under our Directors of Rowing, Katie Greves (silver medallist, Rio Olympics) and Andy Green, our 50 juniors have been racing and winning all year, from winter Heads (time trials) to the British Junior Championships. We've won gold medals at some of the most prestigious events, including the National Schools Regatta, Junior Sculling Regatta and our very own Wallingford Regatta, a level of success that we are planning to build on massively in the coming years.



More important than success though is the fun the juniors have. Yes, rowing

in few other sports. But the camaraderie and the joy of being on the Thames in all seasons more than outweigh this. We completed a 24 hour sponsored row this spring, covered by BBC TV and Radio, where the juniors slept in the gym and pulled rowing machines by the river, under the stars. We have young Ukrainian refugees taking advantage of free membership. Our oldest juniors dressed up and went to Henley Royal Regatta at the end of June. Rowing and sculling skills, race psychology, training programmes, awards evenings, boat-rigging, summer Learn To Row courses for Y8/9s - all these supervised by enthusiastic, experienced coaches. If you want to find out more, we'd love to speak to you! Email the Captain Geoff Brown for more information. generalenquiries@wallingfordrowing.co.uk

Wallingford & Crowmarsh Football Club



Wallingford & Crowmarsh Football Club are the result of a merger between Crowmarsh Youth Football Club and Wallingford Town AFC. As the merged Wallingford & Crowmarsh Football Club we are delighted in being able to deliver both amateur youth and adult football throughout the town of Wallingford and its surrounding area including Crowmarsh and we are always on the lookout for new football players, with both boys and girls welcome.

We have youth teams running from Under 7s to Under 16s and a Mens first team, reserves, U21s and Ladies team for the 2022/23 season.

We also have a thriving Wildcats that runs on a Saturday morning at our Crowmarsh Recreation site. We welcome U5s and U6s as we prepare them for competitive football.



We are an England Football Accredited Football Club and Supporters of the FA respect campaign. We are also proud to be part of the Oxfordshire Smoke Free Sidelines Campaign.

Wallingford & Crowmarsh Football Club have teams playing in the Oxford Youth Football League and the Oxfordshire Girls Youth League and Combined Counties League Division One.

Wallingford AFC have recently been promoted beating Hilltop 2-1 in the play-off final and will start next season as Wallingford and Crowmarsh Football Club, playing Step 5 League football!!

www.wandcfc.co.uk/ClubContacts.aspx





The Wallingford Autumn Show



Saturday 10th September 2022 Centre 70, Wallingford

Calling all bakers, photographers, growers, crafters, artists and floristry artists <u>download a copy of the Show Schedule</u> and enter your finest work into this year's Autumn Show!







The Autumn Show is a chance for all those from the local area to exhibit their prized bakes, photos, plants, flowers and home-grown crops. All ages and abilities are encouraged to have a go!

The event is run by the Wallingford Allotments and Gardens Society (WAGS) with external judges from the local community awarding prizes and trophies.



Free of charge to the public. Public viewing 2pm-4pm. Refreshments served and raffle!

Download the Show Schedule: www.wags-wallingford.com/autumn-show



All enquiries to our Show Secretary, Sandra Halstead s.halstead2@btinternet.com Tel: 01491 836527 or contact via Facebook page www.facebook.com/WallingfordAGS





EVENT DETAILS

The 2022 Treehouse 10K, 5K and Children's Fun Run (formerly known as the Bunny Run) will take place on Sunday the 18th September at 10am.



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ASPA Scandinavian Interiors is an exciting new interiors business recently opened in St Mary's St in Wallingford.

This stylish shop celebrates the Scandinavian design aesthetic – from the reflection of nature in fabrics and furnishings to the clean simplicity of form in the design of everyday objects. Owner Sylvia Merritt started the business a little over six months ago naming it after a small village in Sweden on the shore of a beautiful lake.

A qualified interior design who trained at London's Design Centre at Chelsea Harbour, she advises on most types of design challenges, from colour on the walls (the shop is also an official Farrow & Ball partner) to fabrics, curtains, blinds and especially wallpaper which is enjoying a renaissance.

The shop stocks an exciting range of design-led home accessories sourced from across the Nordic countries, which changes each season. At the moment, visitors are choosing from the unparalleled selection of candles from Denmark in over 30 colours; as well as the 'wall of cushions' and ceramics and accessories from leading design brands across Scandinavia.

Sylvia has really enjoyed helping the people of Wallingford with their interiors questions since she started in late 2021. She has served a wide range of clients so far, whether retirees moving to the area who want to try something new to young families taking on a new-build and wanting to create their own identity with a stylish interior treatment. She looks forward to welcoming new clients over the summer and beyond.

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I am writing this after listening to a splendid talk by Judy Dewey to u3a members of the Thames Valley Network on "The History of Wallingford". She managed to compress 1100 years of history into an hour with clarity, humour and engagement.

Our interest groups continue to increase; this month we have started a second Climate Change group and a Music Performance group (our own band, perhaps!). It is encouraging to see that many new groups are being started by new members as this ensures continuation of the ethos of our u3a.

In August, instead of a speaker meeting we hold our annual Summer Lunch Party at Crowmarsh Village Hall where a light lunch and a glass of Prosecco will be offered for a small individual contribution.

This month the outings committee have arranged a trip to **Gilbert White's House and gardens near Selbourne** which includes the Oates Collection (Capt. Lawrence Oates died on the ill-fated Scott expedition to the South Pole in 1912). In September we have our annual holiday which this year takes us to southern Ireland.

Monthly coffee mornings in Centre 70 on 1st Friday from 10.30am to noon are an opportunity for members to get together, and for potential members to find out about our activities. Our speaker meetings are on 3rd Wednesday at St. Mary-Le-More church at 2pm.

To find out more about this u3a please visit our website at: www.wallingfordu3a.org where you will find contact links.

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Wallingford Wine of the Month – Borga Prosecco Extra Dry

August is upon us, and it's about time we highlighted one of the most important bottles that Grape Minds stocks. As you probably know, we're lucky to sell some of the very finest wines in the world, and we're extremely proud of the rare and special bottles that we stock. But there's a particular kind of joy in finding a bottle that is refreshing, tastes great, and doesn't trouble the bank too much, especially if it's from a family winery with a focus on quality and sustainable winemaking.

Prosecco as a style of wine occupies an interesting place in the British wine lover's heart. It made its name in Britain as a fabulously well priced refreshing fizz, and quickly established a place in the public consciousness as the go-to affordable sparkling wine, found in every pub, bar and wedding venue across the land. But so vertiginous was its success, that the region expanded rapidly, such that an enormous section of north east Italy is considered Prosecco DOC, and some of these new areas produce decidedly average wine. The result is that while a loyal core of Prosecco lovers remains, there are plenty of us who have been served one too many sweet, bland or boring glasses, and have been turned off the style altogether, which is a great shame.

So what makes the Borga Prosecco wine of the month? Well, it's the first wine we chose for Grape Minds, fully six months before Grape Minds was a real shop. More importantly, it's the kind of wine that could make even the most ingrained sceptic fall in love with Prosecco all over again. We met two of the four Borga cousins at a trade fair in 2018, and found the wine they produced was delicious – crisp, fruity and moreish, with a deliciously persistent palate and a long refreshing finish. Packed with flavours of pear and citrus, it is one step away from Brut – which in my view is the perfect way to show off the Glera grape. There's no extended lees contact, which means the flavours are fresh and aromatic, and ready to drink within a year of harvest. As such, it's not a wine that takes itself too seriously – it's a wine to be enjoyed.

When the sun is out and a sense of fun is in the air, you have to go a long way to beat this for moreish refreshment. Why not pop a bottle in the fridge now – you might find the occasion presents itself sooner than you think. Cheers!

Michael Jelley is the Director of Grape Minds Wallingford

Wine Name: Borga Extra Dry Prosecco DOC

Producer: Cantine Antonio Borga **Grapes:** Glera **Region:** Prosecco, Veneto

Exclusive Price: £10/bottle until the next issue Mention WOW in store!



22 June 2022, Wallingford, Oxon - Soiree wins the Muddy Stiletto award for BEST BAR in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Less than a year since opening its doors Soiree has been crowned Best Bar and goes onto the national finals, with a chance of winning The Best Bar in the UK. The Muddy Stilettos Awards 2022 romped to a close last week, the culmination of six weeks of cheer-leading, sharing the lov and voting for the most brilliant local businesses across 28 Muddy counties. This year, an astonishing 75,000 businesses were nominated and 765,000 votes were cast making this a record year for the award and making

Soiree's win doubly special.

Soiree is located at 45 St Marys street Wallingford, in the heart of Wallingford town centre and has led the way in the redevelopment of that end of town. Soiree opened in October 2021 after a 2 year planning process and has since served over 12,000 drinks to the people of Wallingford and the surrounding areas. They've introduced innovative promotions to continue to be affordable throughout the cost of living crisis, they've kept the menu fresh and innovative, ensured the staff are friendly and knowledgeable and all round delivered on their promise of being a fantastically relaxing evening destination. - General Manager had this to say Stephanie Linaker "To have become award winning in our first 8 months is mind blowing, Thank you so much to everyone who voted for us. We are still in shock that our local community focused bar in Wallingford has won Best Bar in the whole of Oxfordshire and Bucks. AMAZING We will keep working hard to make sure we build on this success" Soiree has some big advances on the horizon with another 4 beer taps being added this week, Additional Food offering starting in July and an exciting new

announcement in August. Soiree will continue to listen to its guests and build on this amazing success.





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- 24 tiger prawns
- 180g chorizo, diced
- 4 x tomatoes
- 1 x red onion
- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp brown sugar
- 10 x capers
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 100ml extra virgin olive oil
- 1 x lime
- ½ red cabbage
- 3 x carrots
- 30g parsley
- 4 x cloves confit garlic
- 8 x soft tacos

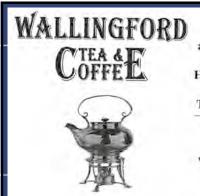


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Method:

- For the relish, finely dice the onion, tomatoes & capers & mix with the red wine vinegar & sugar, then set aside
- For the gremolata, add the parsley, confit garlic, lemon zest & olive oil to a food processor & blend until slightly chunky, season to taste
- Grate the carrots & finely slice the red cabbage, add to the relish & mix well
- Add the chorizo to a warm dry pan to bring out the natural oils, once hot add the prawns & cook for 6-8 minutes (dependant on size of prawns), black pepper to taste
- Warm the soft tacos & fill, starting with the slaw & tomato relish, add chorizo & 3 prawns per taco & top with a drizzle of the gremolata. Add a wedge of lime & light sprinkle of sea salt to finish

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