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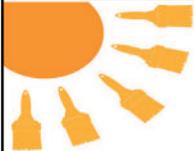
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Hi Everyone

November is here already and this year **The Wallingford Bonfire and Fireworks** will be going ahead on **Saturday 6th November!** Fantastic, we missed last year, it is always such a spectacular event.

The 1155 Club, who organise the Bonfire & Fireworks, do a fabulous job giving back to the local community and charities. They need your help to raise more funds. Please donate if you can, find out all about it on page 17.

The Remembrance Service is On Sunday 14th November in the Mar-
ket Place. For further details visit www.wallingford.co.uk.

Grape Minds Director, Michael Jelley, is now writing a **"Wine of the Month"** column for us. Not only that, but he has also given us a **WoW Readers offer**, thankyou Michael. **Find out all about it on page 25.** It's in our **Dining Out** section where you will also find some nice places to eat or buy your ingredients for cooking at home.

It is quite a busy magazine this month with the run up to Christmas and the local shops, businesses, bars, and restaurants are letting us know about their seasonal offers and products. I do hope you will support them by buying local wherever possible.

The front Cover this month of the beautiful Poppies, is a picture taken by Chris Wright, thank you Chris for allowing us to use it.

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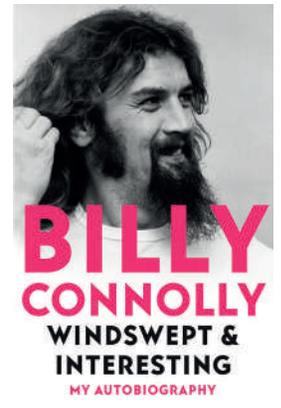
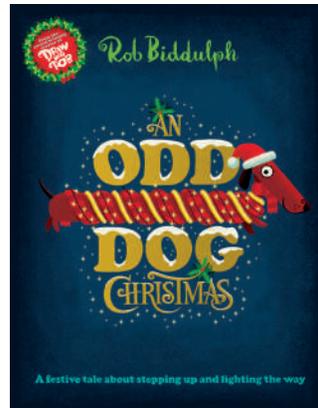
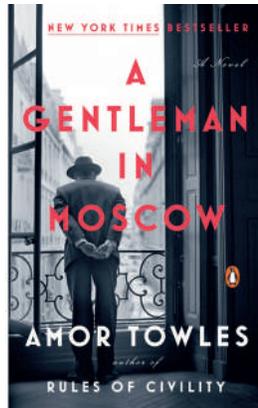
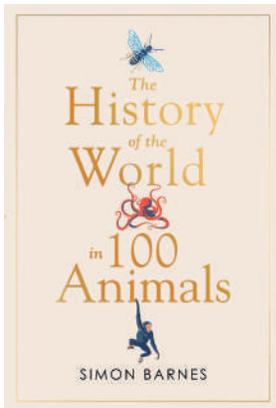
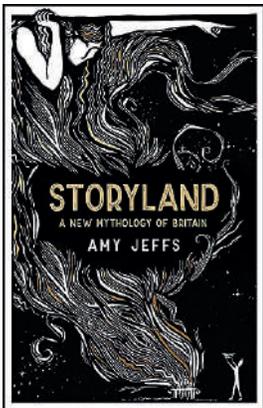
Despite 2021 seeming about 5 minutes long, it is Christmas again! And as ever there are loads of brilliant new books to satisfy all tastes, literally as there is Nigel Slater's new book, **A Cook's Book!**

For those who love a good yarn there is the beautiful **Storyland** by Amy Jeffs which explores Britain's mythology, the last John Le Carre in **Silverview**, and **The Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles, whose **A Gentleman in Moscow** we all loved. There are a wide range of memoirs for the non-fiction readers, from Lady Hale in **Spider Woman** Dave Grohl with **Storyteller**, Billy Connolly's **Windswept and Interesting** to **The Lick of Love** by Julian Clary.

Some of my favourite children's books this year have been **Don't Feed the Coos** by Jonathan Stutzman, **Where's Brian's Bottom?** by Rob Jones, **Indiana Bones** by Harry Heape and **Twitch** by M G Leonard. Rob Biddulph's Odd Dog is back with **An Odd Dog Christmas** and Lenny Henry's first children's book is the brilliant **The Boy with Wings**. **The History of the World in 100 Animals** Simon Barnes and **Oceanarium**, the latest instalment in the Welcome to the Museum series, are amazing, illustrated non-fiction books for young and old alike!

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The River & Rowing Museum, Henley

Skyscape: The limitless art of the sky



A new exhibition celebrating 500 years of artists' fascination with the sky has opened at the River & Rowing Museum in Henley. Inspired by Constable's famous statement that *"It will be difficult to name a class of landscape in which the sky is not the key note"*, **Skyscape** is an exciting opportunity to view the popular art of landscape from a new perspective, through a succession of masterpieces that span 500 years of European art.

The exhibition is organised by the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, and features masterpieces of some of history's most celebrated artists including Rembrandt, J M W Turner, Samuel Palmer, John Ruskin, Paul Nash, and local artist, John Piper. Commissioned by Queen Elizabeth in 1941 to make a series of topographical records of Windsor Castle, Piper's stormy skies over the royal residence represented imminent threat of the War and the Luftwaffe.

This sombre symbolism seems to have been lost on King George VI who wryly remarked *"you seem to have very bad luck with your weather, Mr Piper"*.

The exhibition is open from now until 16th January 2022 during the normal opening hours of the River & Rowing Museum, Thursday to Monday, 10am to 4pm. Visitors can plan their visit now by booking General Admission tickets which include entry to **Skyscape** and the opportunity to enjoy the rest of the Museum, Cafe and Shop after the exhibition. Book now at <https://www.rrm.co.uk/visit/galleries/skyscape/>



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The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society

Zoom talks for members or possible return to St Mary's Church.

10 Nov (Weds)

Stephen Barker: 'Five Indian Pilots of the Great War'

In November 1916, the Royal Flying Corps began an experiment to recruit for the first time, Indians resident in Britain. Prior to that, men such as these were unable to enlist owing to a 'colour-bar'. Why was there a change of policy and what would be the experiences of these five men? The presentation is fully illustrated and includes both audio and video clips.

Stephen Barker is a Heritage Adviser, specialising in consultancy for those applying to fund projects with military history themes. He specialises in work relating to the First World War and British Civil Wars. His interest lies in promoting people's understanding of their military heritage, making the past interesting, relevant and exciting for a variety of different audiences.

Please see the web site for further details:

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Sue Wright

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This year, the month of September ushered in more ominous portents than chilly winds and dark nights: the Government reduced Universal Credit payments by £20 a week. This move could put many floundering people in a critical situation. Rising prices and the coming end of the pandemic furlough have joined other negative trends to put millions in serious debt, unable to pay vital bills and about to see life get even worse.

But, if you are in this position, remember that support and help are available and you need not suffer alone. Take charge of your situation. Start by making a list of what you owe and add up what you need to pay out each month. This list puts your financial position clearly in front of you in black and white. Next, prioritise your debts. There is advice on the Citizens Advice website to help you do this: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money> Some bills are more urgent than others. Rent or mortgage arrears, gas and electricity bills and Council Tax count as priority debts as there could be serious consequences if you don't pay them.

Get in touch with the companies to whom you owe money. Not everybody feels confident about doing this but the organisations expect such calls and they might be able to help by letting you pay smaller amounts over a longer period or even take a temporary payment break.

The government-backed Breathing Space scheme could also give you extra time to pay. See our website for details or www.gov.uk If you are eligible, you could get 60 days during which your creditors can't contact you, take any action against you or add interest and charges to your debt. A Citizens Advice adviser can check your debts to see if they are covered by the scheme.

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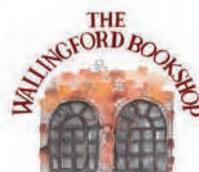
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Sited at The Great Hall, in Cholsey Meadows, Cholsey, now a thriving residential area, the indoor market was a sell-out for stall holders who witnessed a steady flow of customers from 9.00am through to 1.00pm. A wide variety of products were on display from clothing to meat products, jewelry to beauty products and greetings cards and other stationery items to a wide variety of breads.

Plans are in place to hold two further markets, on the last **Saturday of October (30th) and November (27th)** when the progress of the initiative will be reviewed. However, judging by the success of this first market we can expect to see many more running into 2022.

Meadows Morning Market has adopted an interesting approach to 'door money'. Instead of the usual entrance fee, customers are invited to support a local charity. Saturday's selection was Hedgehog Rescue, the Wallingford based Hog's Haven which attracted £62.14 in donations – a surprising amount. Next month the charity will be the Wallingford Accessible Boat Club and its Wheelyboat, WOW-one.

Janine Wolfe, a co-founder of the initiative together with Becky Kite, was excited by the success of the day: *"What a great start we had! Many thanks to all our stall holders who had faith in us and to our customers who flocked in – we are very grateful to them all. We have exciting plans to grow what was our first step with additional stall holders and an even wider range of products on display. We have special plans for our "Christmas event" in November so watch this space for that one!"*



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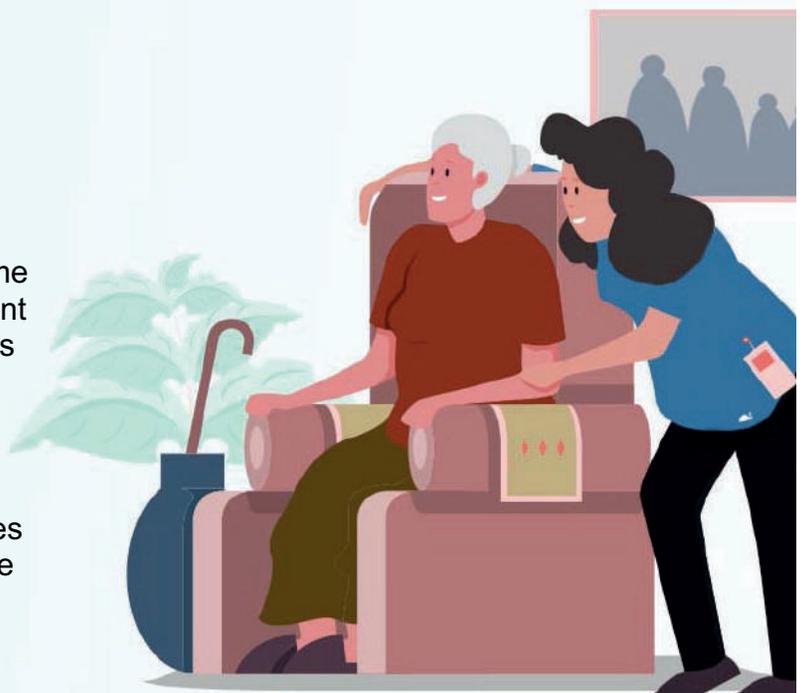


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Wallingford Local Producers Market

Wallingford Local Producers Market is looking forward to our second **Christmas in Centre 70**. For those all-important locally-made gifts, do come and see what we have to offer. During this last year we have welcomed a number of new faces and many familiar faces are still with us. Whether you want to buy soft furnishings and other craft items, art works, ceramics, jewellery or special food items as gifts, or just do your weekly shopping, WLPM has it all. If you wish to check who will be attending a market, follow us on Facebook, or sign up to receive our weekly newsletter at newsletter@wlpn.org.uk

Cholsey Repair Café

Cholsey Repair Café is back in action and the next session will be at the **Cholsey Pavilion between 11.00 and 13.45 on Saturday 20th November**. Many types of repair can be considered and volunteers aim to teach their fixing skills to customers. Textiles and bicycles, cracked china, electrical faults, computers, blunt gardening tools, broken toys and many other household items can often be repaired for cost of parts and a donation towards operating costs. Basic Covid precautions will be in place. See www.cholseyrepaircafe.com for our house rules and more information.

British Modern Military History Society

Please note we will not be recording or streaming any of our live meetings or Zoom talks.

It is planned that the first of these two talks will be on Zoom, and the second in **Woodcote Village Hall**. This may change – please check www.bmmhs.org for the latest information.

Our afternoon Zoom meeting on **Tuesday 2 November at 2pm** will be a talk by Professor Gary Sheffield on the role of NCOs in the armies of the British Empire 1914-1945.

On **Wednesday 13 November at 7.30pm** Paul Beaver will give a talk on Suez.

It is planned that this meeting will take place in Woodcote Village Hall. Due to COVID please note that we are likely to have a reduced number of places and also that the meeting may change to a Zoom talk at short notice. Please check www.bmmhs.org for the latest information

Check out our website on www.bmmhs.org for details of all our talks, and to register for talks, email us on zoom@bmmhs.org. Thank you to everyone who has supported us and made donations to help keep us going.

Wallingford Country Market

Wallingford Country Market is open each **Friday morning in St. Mary-le-More Church, (Market Place), between 9.30 am - 12 noon**. With Christmas on the horizon, why not let Wallingford Market help take the strain? Christmas orders can be placed for seasonal and other home baked goods from November onwards. In addition, as well as our regular seasonal plants and produce items, fresh Christmas decorations and wreaths will be available from December. Our Crafters are busy making small hand-crafted gifts and cards.

Do pop in one morning - you may be surprised at what you will find.

Our last market for **2021 will be Friday, 17th December**, but orders can be placed for delivery the following week by arrangement with the producer.

We return after the Christmas break on **Friday, 14th January, 2022**. Country Markets BAKE, CRAFT, GROW. We are currently looking for new producers. If you have any of these skills and feel that you may like to join our team, we would love to hear from you. For further enquiries, please contact Alison Broadbridge, our Market Manager, (email: alison.broadbridge@gmail.com), or come in and speak with her, or any of us, one Friday morning. We wish all our customers an enjoyable Christmas and a very happy and peaceful New Year!

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MASS TIMES

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Henley and District Stamp Club

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Do come and visit us one Wednesday evening at Bix and see for yourself the wide scope that this hobby has. Our programme is still in progress but we will be **meeting on November 10th and 24th** and the subjects will be on our website very soon.

Meetings are held the **2nd and 4th week of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.** Visitors and new members are welcome. Further details can be obtained by phoning **01491 681739** or on our website: - www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk



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Visit Ayres House Studios this November & December

'Heart of Nature' will be open from the 1st to the 14th Nov over two sites, at the studios Gallery and Garden off Station Road and at St Peters Church.

The exhibition grew from Septembers Oxfordshire 'Great Big Green Week' and as part of the WWF 'Just Imagine' project -imagining different potential futures and creating art which puts nature at the heart of our decision making; to be exhibited coinciding with the Climate Change Conference in Glasgow (COP-26).

Jack Cowley and Ayres House Studio artists, Emma Souter and Karen Goonewardene, ran free workshops during September supported by the WWF. From this process, Emma and Karen are curating the exhibit which includes work by professional artists and the public.

At the studios Gallery & Garden: Studio artists will be joined by marine conservation artist Jack Cowley (WWF Just Imagine Winner) and selected works from the hugely successful 'Green Art Trail'; a collaboration between Watlington Artists and various local environmental groups to raise awareness of local habitats and biodiversity. (Closed Wednesdays)

At St Peter's Church: There will be a clay community art installation '**Please handle with care**', by **Adumbration Arts**. A body of clay figures, individually created by the community, installed alongside the root sculptures and drawings of Neocartouche from the **1st-2nd**, and the photographs of glowing '**Exo Earth**' planets, an exhibition by @john.granzophotography, from the **5th-7th & 11th -14th**.

Both sites open 11am-5pm. Only a 5 minute flat walk between venues or parking available at both.

It's a busy time for the studios, planning the Christmas events too! From November there are decoration workshops, the Gallery will be open for Christmas shopping daily from 1st to the 14th Dec with the Xmas Market on the 5th Dec. So people have the chance to make their own gifts, buy unique handmade items and shop local while supporting artists and makers!

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We are particularly looking for new members for our Civilian Committee, which makes up an important part of the Sqn, and helps to support the Sqn by fundraising for cadet activities and equipment, and look after cadet welfare!

If any of these roles sound interesting, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing oc.966@rafac.mod.gov.uk for more information!

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Christmas Pantomime Announcement Sleeping Beauty

The Sinodun Players Wallingford are roaring back to the Corn Exchange Theatre Wallingford with their new production of the classic French fairy tale, Sleeping Beauty.

The full company of actors, singers, dancers, musicians, designers, stage managers, technicians and the Corn Exchange staff are fully energised and are already preparing to give you a warm, passionate, humorous and outrageous welcome back with their spectacular pantomime.

Come along and cheer at the brave Prince, hiss at the Evil Carabosse, follow the journey of the Princess and marvel at the magic as the good fairy saves the day. And we haven't forgotten how much the children love the traditional slapstick scene!!

With happy vibrant songs accompanied by a live band, colourful scenery & costumes, and an impressive light show this is a theatrical event for all the family and a great way to start the New Year and banish all those lockdown blues.

SHOW DATES & TIMES 2022: PERFORMANCES –

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The Wallingford Bonfire and Fireworks

The Wallingford Bonfire and Fireworks will be going ahead this year on Saturday 6th November!

Every year, all of the money raised at the fireworks is given back to the community. Our local charities and organisations have suffered enormously in the last 18 months and need your help more than ever.

We want to make this year a special year, together we can raise more money than ever, and we need your generous help to do this through the following means:

Online Donation – Help us raise much needed funds ahead of the bonfire night by donating now or in the run up to the fireworks using the link <https://wallingford1155.co.uk/donate/>

Gate Donation – Wallingford Fireworks is FREE to attend but we rely on your generous donations on the night as you enter the Kincroft and when you leave, please give generously!

Purchasing from Wallingford 1155 – By paying for a Hot Dog, Mulled Wine, Glow Sticks or Sparklers you will be supporting the event and helping us raise even more money for local causes!

The world class fireworks display choreographed to music is bought to you by Wallingford's very own award winning Illusion Fireworks Ltd - producing firework displays with a 'Unique Style, Rhythm & Scale' for Wallingford for the last decade! The team have just recently won two more UK firework competitions and we have been assured everybody is in for a special display!

This is a crucial year for Wallingford Fireworks, the 2019 event was a financial loss for many reasons, 1155 litter volunteers have been working throughout the year at Xplosive Events who have provided substantial donations to recoup our reserves which have enabled us to put on this year's event.

We truly need your support more than ever, if we don't raise enough money this year the future of Wallingford Fireworks and all of the good that comes from the event will sadly hang in the balance.

If you can donate now, please visit the link above to help us raise the minimum amount of funding we need to bring back this year's fireworks!

Look forward to seeing you all there from 6pm on Saturday 6th November!

About Wallingford 1155

Founded in 2008 Wallingford 1155 is a local charity 'Giving Back' to the local community of Wallingford, Oxfordshire!

Wallingford 'Eleven Fifty-Five' is a charity organisation formed in 2008 in order to continue the work of the Round Table in and around the town. Many of its members had previously belonged to the Round Table but sought to develop a more inclusive group open to both men and women. Wallingford 1155 aim to plan, coordinate and support a number of established charity events in the town but also to have great fun and make new friends in the process!

The organisation is most well-known for organising The Car Rally, Santa's Sleigh, the Town Fireworks & the annual litter picks as well as providing support to the other major events that take place in and around Wallingford like Bunkfest. All the while supporting our local charities and organisations by including them in a multitude of ways.



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'WOW-One' Picks the Litter!!

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club supports the Thames river clean up.

The Wallingford Accessible Boat Club (WABC) with its Wheelyboat 'WOW-one' helped out with the Thames Clean Up in Wallingford today. Bankside litter pickers, co-ordinated by local councillors and actively supported by the charity Wallingford 1155, passed the rubbish bags and other debris to the Wheelyboat for ferrying downstream to the main collection point at Riverside, Wallingford.

WOW-one proved to be the ideal craft for the job. Its flat decking, designed for carrying wheelchair users, coupled with its shallow draft allowed it to get very close to the bank making it easy to load the rubbish.

Councillor Steve Holder, lead coordinator of the Litter Pick, commented: "Another great Litter Pick thanks to the 80 or so local people who turned out to help. We were very pleased to have the support of WABC and WOW-one which was invaluable for the river element of the Litter Pick which coincided with the wider South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse River Thames Clean Up event. It is great they were involved in this important community initiative."

John Jenkins MBE, Chairman of Trustees WABC, added "The Litter Pick was all great fun and I am very glad that our involvement proved to be so helpful. After all, our Wheelyboat operation is itself a community project and we are always keen to get involved to support local Wallingford initiatives such as this Litter Pick."

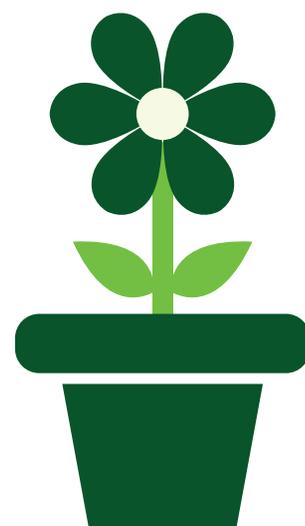
For further information please contact John Jenkins on john.jenkins@wabc.org.uk or phone 07976 297835.



Wallingford Allotments and Gardens Society (WAGS)

A huge thank you to all those who exhibited and helped out at the 2021 WAGS Autumn Show Sept 11th. Congratulations to the prize winners and a reminder that your trophies can be engraved at Feet First and reimbursed in person at the WAGS store – please bring your receipt.

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"Return of Panto to Corn Exchange" Oh no it isn't Oh yes it is.....



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Kev Dyer

The Town Information Centre is pleased to inform you that we have an additional member of staff here in our Centre. Anita has recently joined us and we hope she has a long and happy stay. Do call in and say hello and browse our brochures and leaflets- we love to meet our fellow Wallingfordians.



Wallingford Town Council

The end of the year is nearly upon us and we wonder how we all got through this year. Hopefully we will still have some nice days ahead to enjoy the countryside as the seasons change.

Christmas is looming and we will start to think about gifts soon. Hopefully many of us will support our local shops that have struggled to survive during the past year. Our Information Centre has a selection of books written by local authors on Wallingford and some lovely Wallingford gifts. These make memorable presents for ex-Wallingford residents here in the UK or overseas.

With Christmas cards soon being delivered please remember to save your stamps from the envelopes and drop them in to us sometime. We collect for the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Also we would like to advise any local Club or Society holding a Christmas or New Year event to take advantage of some free advertising - we have large notice boards in our windows and all you need to do is supply us with two A4 posters.

There have been several items of lost property handed in to us for safekeeping. If you have lost something recently it might be worth popping in to enquire if we have it.

Tina, Sue and Anita

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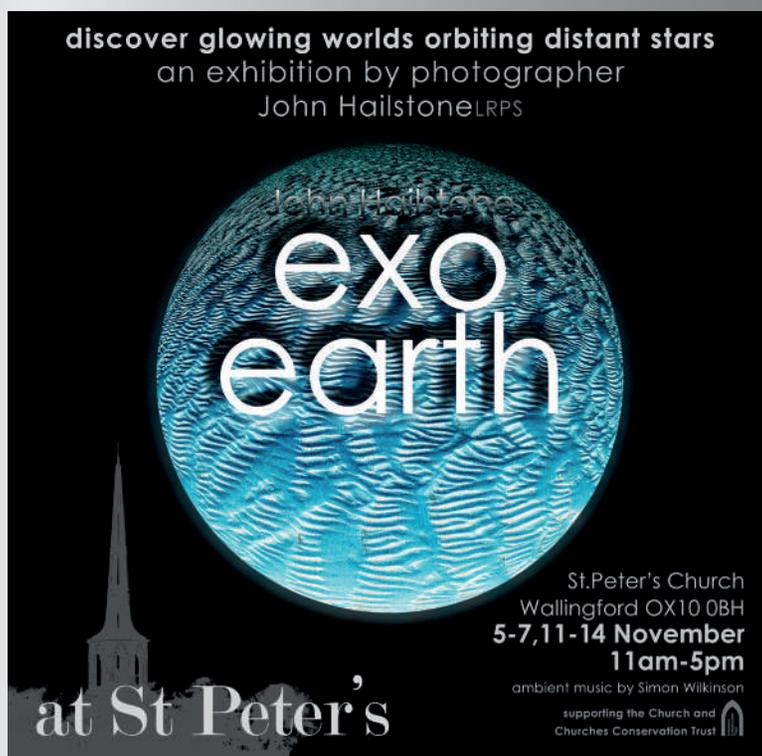


'exo earth at St.Peter's' 5-7 and 11-14 November 2021

Local photographer John Hailstone returns to St.Peter's Church, Wallingford between 5th and 14th November with an exhibition of glowing photographic canvases that explore speculative worlds that orbit stars other than our Sun and in particular those that lie within a star's habitable zone where life may exist. This exhibition is an extension of a previous work, inspired by the over 4000 exo planets that astronomers have now discovered.

Original photographs of the Earth and its lifeforms have been altered in form and colour to embody new earths beyond our own. Discover the worlds of Aether, Gaia, Thalassa, Chronos, Ananke, Eros, Tartarus, Erebus, Nyx & Hypnos and the new worlds of Prometheus, Ourea, Nesoï, Chaos & Nemesis.

Joining 'exo earth at St.Peter's' will be 'Please handle with care', around 900 air dried clay figures created by the local community at Ayres House Studios during the 'Great Big Green Week' in September as part of the WWF 'Just Imagine' project which is being exhibited during COP-26. The exhibitions will be enhanced with ambient music by Simon Wilkinson.



A percentage of the exhibition sales will go to support St.Peter's Church and the Churches Conservation Trust.

Thameside (Wallingford) u3a

Since July we have already recruited over twenty five new members and we're encouraged that people seem to be keen to get "out and about" again and make new acquaintances.

Our first "live" speaker meeting at St. Mary's Church went very well with over eighty attendees. Thanks to the church's help we were also able to live stream the event to those who were unable to come along. While there is sufficient demand we shall continue to do this. Our speaker this month will be Muriel Pilkington talking about "The Mitford Sisters in the Cotswolds".

Our monthly outings continue to be very successful and fully attended. Coming up is a visit to the Aerospace (Concorde) Museum in Bristol followed by a concert or theatre trip in December.

The object of the u3a organisation is to help people who are no longer in full-time work to "learn, laugh and live". Membership is neither onerous nor expensive and does not require any qualification. We hope that people joining us will make friends, perhaps learn something new, and join in activities which they might otherwise not have thought of doing.

For more information and an enquiry form have a look at our website:- www.wallingfordu3a.org. Prospective new members are always welcome at our monthly coffee mornings (Centre 70 every first Friday from 10.30am) or speaker meetings (every third Wednesday, St Mary's Church at 2pm).



Neil Kelly
Deputy Chairman. Thameside (Wallingford) u3a.

Wallingford Theatre Club

**Do you love live theatre? Would you like to share your passion with other like-minded folk?
Then you may be just the person to help Wallingford Theatre Club get going again after lockdown.**

Wallingford Theatre Club, which has members across the whole Wallingford area, including Didcot, is keen to get started again after its enforced inactivity because of Covid. The Club exists to organise coach trips to various theatres to watch live performances and share the experience with others. Favourite theatres Club members have visited include the Richmond Theatre and the Orange Tree in Richmond. Following lockdown, the Theatre Club finds itself without someone to organise the purchase of group tickets from various theatres; keep an eye out for and select plays and theatres that would be suitable for members and liaise with the box offices.

The reward? The satisfaction of enabling fellow drama enthusiasts to visit theatres and see plays that they might not see otherwise. There is also a modest honorarium to cover out of pocket expenses.

If you are interested and think you could help, please get in touch with the Theatre Club chairperson, Sue White (sueandterrywhite@ntlworld.com) or telephone Sue on 01491 200978, to find more details of what is involved.

Mr & Mrs Park's, Family Butchers

The mince pies are ordered, the turkeys are fat. Christmas is coming so dust off that hat! It's that time of year again and we are well into the throws of prepping for the festivities.

First and foremost, we would like to thank the hundreds of families for trusting us last year with supplying you with your main ingredients for the most important meal of the year and of course, for being such wonderful customers year round.

This year we will again be sourcing our excellent free-range turkeys from Aldworth, perfectly dry aged beef as well as Peachcroft geese, Cotswolds chickens and of course, the best local cheese and wines we can find. And don't forget about those home made sausages all wrapped up as pigs in blankets!

Since it made things so much easier last year, we will once again be using the order form system. Order forms will be available very soon both on our website and in store.

Orders will need to be in by Saturday 11th December, however we do recommend getting your order in before then to ensure that we have our full range available to you.

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Wallingford Wine of the Month

As winter draws in, the natural reaction for all of us wine lovers is to pull up a blanket, light a fire and open a bottle of red. A good bottle of wine when it's cold outside is one of life's little comforts: warming, delicious, and the perfect complement to a hearty meal and good conversation.

As such, I've resisted a natural temptation to highlight some customer favourites from our first month: columns I could have written on Sancerre, Gavi, Provence Rosé, and New Zealand Sauvignon are therefore all shelved for future instalments. Instead, we're heading to northern Italy, and the luxurious deep cherry flavours that are the hallmark of that region. Our wine of the month is the fabulous FortErcole from Tenuta Santi Giacomo e Filippo.



The FortErcole wine is a gentle twist on a classic: a blend of two iconic grapes from Tuscany, taken 100 miles east to the lesser known but arguably even more beautiful region of Marche. Sangiovese is the signature grape of Tuscany, and will be familiar to many as the backbone of wines such as Chianti, Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. Montepulciano, on the other hand, is most commonly found in Montepulciano d'Abruzzo*. The grapes are fermented in large barrels, then aged for 3 years in old oak to soften the wine, giving it a silky but robust character when it hits the glass.

The wine is produced by a family-run, organic vineyard in the heart of a nature reserve just outside Urbino, the home of artist Raphael. The vineyard has been organic since it was planted in 1997, way before it was cool, and the sense of permanence and belonging is highlighted by the winemaker's tribute to her grandfather Ercole, a man for whom "every grape was important".

The result is a magnificent, substantial but lovable wine: cherry the main flavour, backed up by a spicy body and the gentlest notes of hedgerow berries. Soft enough to drink on its own, but substantial enough to enhance robust mushroom or meat dishes; there is real elegance behind the rustic façade. It's a fabulous wine to have in the rack – smart enough for a dinner party, but such good value you might be tempted to open it on a school night...

Wine Name: Fortercole

Producer: Santi Giacomo e Filippo

Grapes: Sangiovese (60%), Montepulciano (40%)

Region: Marche IGT

Exclusive Price: £13.99/bottle until the next issue.

Just mention Window on Wallingford in store!

* If you're wondering why Montepulciano the grape isn't grown in Montepulciano the appellation, you'll begin to appreciate the fun of importing wine from Italy...

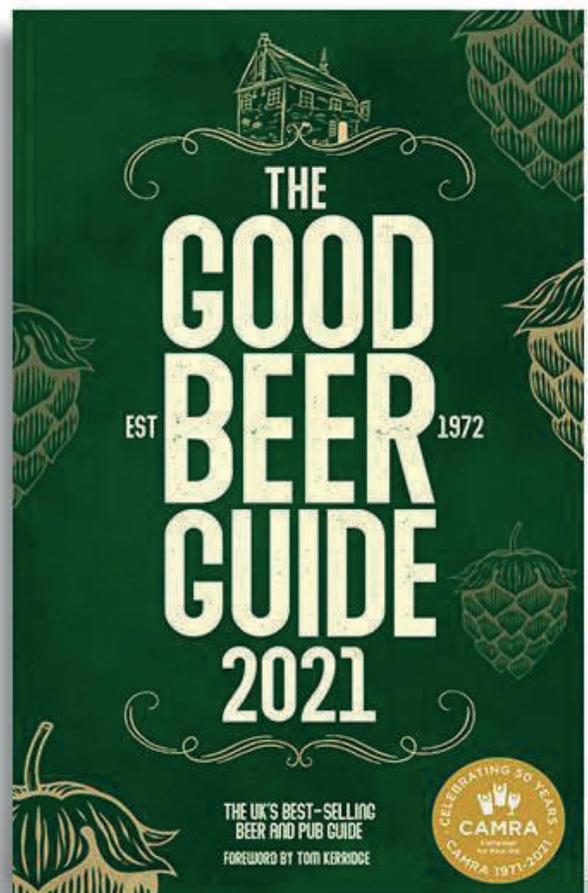
Michael Jelley is the Director of Grape Minds Wallingford

Royal Standard makes The Good Pub Guide

THE GOOD PUB GUIDE is a national institution – a bible for pub-goers who require real warmth, quality of service, good food and fine ales from their pubs. Now in its 39th edition, it is the definitive guidebook to good pubs that serve real ale across the UK. Completely independent, with listings based entirely on evaluation by CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) members, it is the complete book for beer lovers and for those wanting to experience the UK's finest pubs. Which is why it is such an achievement for Wallingford's Royal Standard to make the 2021 edition. It comes, in no small part, to the pub's relationship with local micro brewery Amwell Springs. Based in Cholsey, the brewery's ales have grown in popularity at the Royal Standard since it opened its doors for business in May 2019.

The past 18 months have obviously been difficult, but a number of initiatives, including 2-4-1 deals on food every Tuesday and Wednesday evening, plus a quiz night on Thursdays, has seen the pub bounce back strongly since restrictions were eased back in July. The pub's food offering is also increasingly in popularity, especially its Sunday roasts which sees the pub packed every Sunday lunchtime.

As we head into the Autumn months and the nights begin closing in, the Royal Standard certainly ticks all the boxes for those seeking a warm welcome, excellent pub food and of course, those all important locally made real ales.

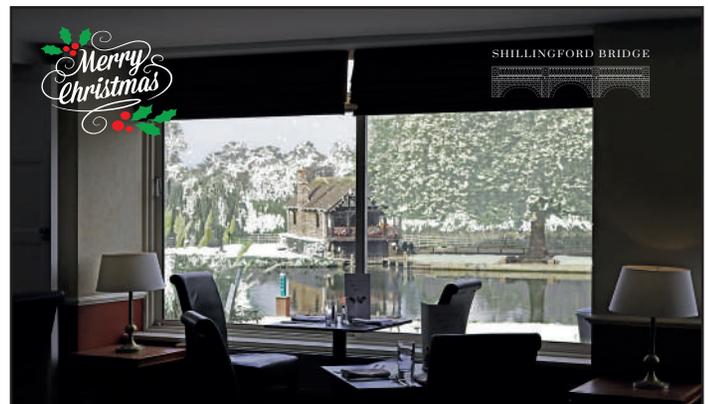




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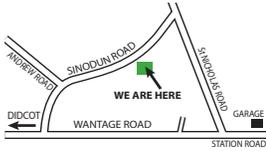


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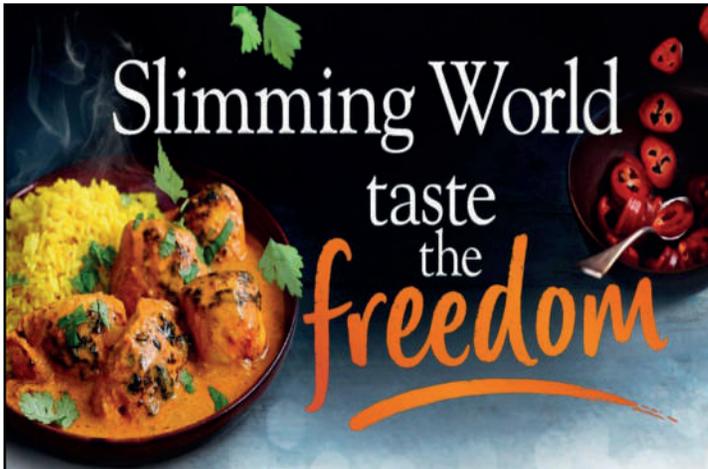
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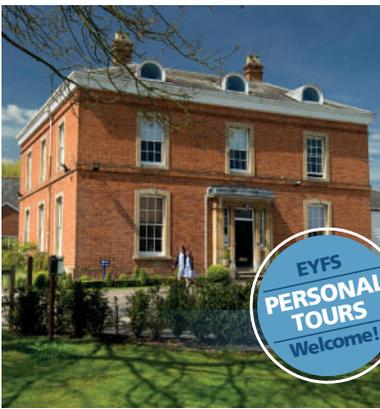


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