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## The White Oak Opens

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Saturday 8th November was the launch night for the White Oak. The White Oak previously Spencers has gone through a massive refurbishment and extension over the last few months with a resulting cool, sophisticated atmosphere, described as French rustique, which will be a pleasure to visit. The aim of the owners is to provide a relaxed, informal atmosphere with excellent food, wine and service. but to retain the quaint characteristics of the charming old building, but brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with a stylish, chic interior and first class food and service.



Henry Cripps, Lady Wogan, Sir Terry Wogan and Katherine Cripps

The White Oak is the brainchild of owners Henry and Katherine Cripps who run the hugely popular gastro-pub The Greene Oak in Oakley Green, and they will be following the same successful format at The White Oak with their chefs using fresh seasonal, free-range and organic produce, where possible. The main menu and daily specials will be a blend of classic British and modern European dishes.





Sir Terry Wogan



There was quite a gathering of people to launch the White Oak, both from Cookham and further afield, including Katherine's Dad, Terry Wogan.



Former TV presenter Michael Barratt and White Oak manager Andy Seeley



Councillor Jean Stretton and Borough Councillor John Stretton



Council Chairman Pat Woodbridge and Councillor David Ricardo



Councillor Mandy Brar with her husband Harry Brar



Rugby stars Sean Fitzpatrick, Johnny Gilbert, Zinza Brooke and Peter Hart



Sports presenter Jim Rosenthal



The photographer from Greene King was there, Greene King had been instrumental in gaining planning permission for the White Oak. His camera was very impressive!!



Mine's Bigger than Yours!!

The champagne flowed and the kitchen had produced some amazing nibbles both savoury and sweet, the ambience was wonderful and will continue to be for all the foodies who come and visit the White Oak. Good luck to Henry and Katherine in their new enterprise.

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