



In July 2024 a film crew descended on Salcombe, transforming iconic local restaurant, The Winking Prawn, into a movie set for major new comedy *The Roses*, releasing in UK cinemas on August 29th.

The Roses is a reimagining of 1989 black comedy The War of the Roses, and stars national treasures Olivia Colman and Benedict Cumberbatch as picture-perfect couple Ivy and Theo Rose. The Roses seem to have it all - successful careers, a loving marriage, great kids. But beneath the façade, a storm is brewing. When professional disaster strikes for Theo just as Ivy's ambitions take flight, a tinderbox of fierce competition and hidden resentments is ignited.





"We scoured the coasts of England and after months found an existing and thriving restaurant called "The Winking Prawn" in Salcombe, South Devon, which has been owned and run for decades by a wonderful family, headed now by Lucy Culkin, along with her parents Jane Tyler and Mark Goodey and her daughters Bellatrix and Honor.

It was already a warm and popular place, but Lucy and her amazing team invited us to take it over and helped our excellent production designer, Mark Ricker and his team dress it way down for its "abandoned" phase, and then bring it back to its preexisting warmth and inviting feel, but converted to Ivy's Crab Shack. We filmed there for a great week, and thanks to Lucy, captured a whole world and vibe, and helped take our audience on Ivy's crazy crab cooking adventure.

If I could, I'd make a movie about making that part of the movie, because Lucy and the whole community collaborated with our crew in ways I've never experienced in a location before. We and our film's characters found a very happy home for a while in the magical Winking Prawn in Salcombe."

Jay Roach, Director of The Roses





