



# Newsletter



Our next event is held on:

18<sup>th</sup> September  
7:30pm for 8:00pm at  
the Farnham  
Conservative Club

September 2017 edition

## September Meeting

### 'Fine Wines: Are They Worth the Price?'

We often declare there is no point spending £40 on a bottle wine when you can get 2 good ones or 4 quite decent ones for the same price. Well we will put this to the test at the September meeting when **Nicola Arcedeckne-Butler MW** from Private Cellar will present four wines from Bordeaux at £40/bottle and four at £15 - and you will be able to make your own judgements.

Nicola is the Director of Buying at Private Cellar. Passing the MW exams with flying colours, she collected the Villa Maria Viticulture Award along the way for her viticulture paper and has held the responsibility of chairing one of the notorious MW exam theory papers. Prior to joining Private Cellar she was in charge of buying at Corney & Barrow. Private Cellar offers a wide range of wines from both New and Old World, but their USP is their extensive list of fine wines which Nicola and her colleagues spend considerable time researching and exploring.

This is a very special meeting and is not one to be missed. The Committee decided last year that we should arrange at least one such special meeting each year as this is what membership of WSWs is all about. Guests and visitors are welcome to attend but in view of the value of the wines will be charged £25/person. (Normal meeting fee for members).

### Important!

Please do not forget to tell David Rathmell if you will be attending the September meeting – and also if you are not. [dw.rathmell@btinternet.com](mailto:dw.rathmell@btinternet.com)



## WSWS On-Line

If you have not visited the new website then take a look at the great work Mick Linsell has done for us - [www.westsurreywinesociety.org.uk](http://www.westsurreywinesociety.org.uk)

We are planning to make greater use of this and are working on enabling you to register your meeting attendance through the website - hopefully by early next year. And of course you are encouraged to pay your meeting fees and subscription by bank transfer rather than cash or cheque.

## The New Committee

Chairman	William Cowpe	Speaker Organiser	Peter Smith
Secretary	Max Hubbard		Tanja Lamb
Treasurer	David Rathmell		Bill Loach
Membership Secretary	Tim Thackeray		Tom Merry
Webmaster	Mick Linsell		



## Meeting Diary

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month unless otherwise shown

Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> September	'Fine Wines: Are they Worth the Price?'	Nicola Arcedeckne-Butler MW, the Private Cellar
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October	'A new look at Chile'	Richard Bost, Amethyst Wines
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November	TBA	Alun Griffiths
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Port	



## August Meeting

Robert Boutflower from Tanners of Shrewsbury more than lived up to his reputation as probably our favourite speaker with a masterful and lively presentation of Portuguese wines from the Douro and Alentejo. We compared 4 wines from each region - and decided we liked them all - while learning a lot about the Portuguese wine scene as well as the two areas the meeting focused on. This was just about a record attendance with nearly 50 members present.



## October Meeting

We welcome back Richard Bost (remember the Indian Tasting last year) who will present a "New Look at Chile". Richard has recently made an extensive tour of Chile and has found some interesting and unusual wines.

## Badges

Do not forget to bring your name badges to meetings

