



# Newsletter



Our next event is held on:

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

November 2017 edition

## West Surrey Wine Society November Meeting

Monday 20th November 7.30pm Farnham Conservative Club

### **Wines from the Southern Rhone, presented by Alun Griffiths MW**

We are delighted to welcome back Alun Griffiths who has been a significant and influential member of the wine trade for many years. He became a Master of Wine in 1991 and was appointed Wine Director at Berry Brothers & Rudd, one of Britain's oldest and most prestigious wine merchants, in 1995.

His chosen topic - Southern Rhone - is the home of great blended wines including Grenache and Syrah based reds plus Marsanne and Roussanne whites. Alun is the ideal speaker for this subject as he knows the Rhone and its wines very well. This will be an excellent opportunity to try some of the world's sought after wines with one of the world's experts – so make sure you don't miss it!

To facilitate arrangements with the Conservative Club, and ensure we have enough 'Welcome Wines', it will help if you let Tim Thackeray know, without commitment, if you are likely to attend or not.

Tim's email: [tim.thackeray@falconfarnham.co.uk](mailto:tim.thackeray@falconfarnham.co.uk)



## December Preview

We are fortunate to have another very prestigious speaker - Charles Minoprio MW, past Director of Hatch Mansfield and holder of many other notable positions, who will present what he describes as an 'awesome range of ports'. Charles has been associated with the port trade for many years - so whatever you do do not miss this as it will be very special.



## Badges

Do not forget to bring your name badges to meetings

## The 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, 20 <sup>th</sup> November | Wines from the Southern Rhone      | Alun Griffiths                     |
| Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December | Port (and mince pies) presented by | Charles Minoprio MW                |
| Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January  | Volcanic Wines of Hungary          | Lilla O'Connor, Wines of Hungary   |
| Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February | South African New Wave Wine Makers | Nik Darlington, Red Squirrel Wines |
| Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March    | TBA                                |                                    |
| Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April    | The Natural World of Wine          | Tony Burke                         |



## 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.



*I've trained my dog to bring me a glass of red wine.*

*It's a Bordeaux collie.*