

## Newsletter



#### Our next event is held on:

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

## December 2017 edition

# December Meeting - Monday 18th December 7:30 for 8:00pm - Farnham Conservative Club

#### Ports presented by Charles Minoprio MW

With just a week to go to Christmas Day we have an appropriately festive topic - port. We were delighted when Charles Minoprio MW accepted our invitation to be our speaker. He is bringing some seriously interesting ports and just to whet your palates these include a Graham's 20 year old Tawny, an Exhibition Crusted port, bottled 2007 and a Taylors vintage 1985. This will be a very special tasting with a renowned speaker.

Charles has one of the most impressive CVs in the wine industry. MW since 1977, his many prestigious roles include Chairman of the Institute of Masters of Wine and the Champagne Academy, Master of the Worshipful Company of Distillers, Director of Hatch Mansfield and a regular speaker to Vintners dinners in the City and to port houses in Oporto. This is a rare opportunity to hear one of the great speakers and characters of the wine world - we are fortunate to have him so please don't miss it.

And to make sure you are in the festive spirit there will be sparkling wines to whet your palates and of course mince pies.

As usual please inform Tim Thackeray - tim.thackeray@falconfarnham.co.uk - if you will be attending - and if you will not.



### January Preview

#### Monday 15th January

We start the new year with a tasting of Hungarian wines - 'Volcanic Wines of Hungary' presented by Lilla O'Connor from Wines of Hungary'. Hungary has a long history of wine making - one of the oldest in Europe. It has an ideal climate, extensive areas of volcanic soils and a rich diversity of local grape varieties.



## Badges

Do not forget to bring your name badges to meetings

The Committee				
Chairman	William Cowpe	Speaker Organiser	Peter Smith	
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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> 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	ТВА			
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.westsurreywinesocity.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.



Every raisin is a tragic tale of a grape that could have been wine.