



# Newsletter



Our next event is held on:

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

January 2018 edition

**January Meeting**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm for 8.00**  
**Farnham Conservative Club**

Volcanic Wines of Hungary presented by Lilla O'Connor-Varga, Wines of Hungary

This promises to be a great start to 2018. Lilla started Wines of Hungary in 2014 with the aim of achieving the rebirth of Hungarian wine in the UK. She knew she had succeeded when Oz Clark led a tour to Hungary in June and she now travels all over the UK presenting Hungary's finest. Most of us will remember Hungarian wine from our younger days - cheap and strong and guaranteed to get the party going. Since the end of the communist era there has been major restructuring of the industry and a focus on the Hungary's many indigenous grape varieties. Hungary is one of the oldest wine-producing countries in Europe and is "volcanic-terroir hotspot" with two thirds of the country lying on volcanic soils.

Lilla has chosen wines that illustrate the strengths of these varieties - including Irsa Oliver, Napbor, Harslevelu and Kadarka. And we will be finishing with liquid gold - a Royal Tokaj, 5 puttonyos aszu. She asked if this wine would be OK, but no answer was needed! Lilla will be accompanied by Veronika Gal who luckily for us will be in London at the time and whose family make one of the wines we will taste. It is always a real bonus when one of the growers is at the meeting.

This promises to be a very enjoyable and interesting evening. To whet your palates she suggests you look at Oz's video on Hungarian wines - [https://youtu.be/DJb\\_q7Qgfdk](https://youtu.be/DJb_q7Qgfdk)

As usual - please let Tim Thackeray know if you will be attending - [tim.thackeray@falconfarnham.co.uk](mailto:tim.thackeray@falconfarnham.co.uk) - And don't forget your badges!



## 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 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, 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



“In victory, you deserve Champagne. In defeat you need it.”

*Napoleon Bonaparte*