



Newsletter



Our next event is held on:

19th February
7:30pm for 8:00pm at
the Farnham
Conservative Club

February 2018 edition

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South Africa, New Wave Winemakers - presented by Nik Darlington, managing director Red Squirrel Wines

This month we welcome back Red Squirrel Wines who presented Off the Beaten Track Spain a couple of years ago. This time the speaker is their MD Nik Darlington who luckily for us has recently moved to live near Farnham. Red Squirrel are a young online company which started in 2012 and has been described by no less than Jancis Robinson as "One of the newer, younger independent merchants that has flowered in Britain." And as Jay Rayner from the Observer has observed "The wine list is a rather beautiful thing ---- full of bottles I'd never heard of."

Red Squirrel focus on little known wines and producers - very much off the beaten track. In South Africa they are working with a number of very small wineries, some still garagistes, and have also made their own wines in cooperation with local young wine makers. Nik will present a range of South African wines that do not even get a mention in the ubiquitous John Platter Guide so this will be a great opportunity to try wines you have never tasted and that few South Africans have either and to have a look at the next generation of SA wine.

Nik was previously a political journalist covering Westminster for BBC Scotland - so we may hear some interesting stories from SW1A 0AA.. This has all the promise of an excellent and lively evening, so be sure not to miss it.

As usual please let Tim Thackeray know as soon as possible whether or not you will be attending - tim.thackeray@falconfarnham.co.uk



WSWS is 30 this year

Plans are in hand to celebrate this momentous occasion - see the Diary below and get the date in your diaries.

The Committee

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Meeting Diary

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

Monday, 19 th February	South African New Wave Wine Makers	Nik Darlington, Red Squirrel Wines
Monday, 19 th March	Laithwaites' Growers Range	Tom Ager, Laithwaites
Monday, 16 th April	Hidden Gems from Bordeaux	Frazer Mott, Department 33 Wines
Monday, May 21st	TBA	
Friday, June 22nd - (please note it is a Friday)	Burgundy	Alun Griffiths MW. A special tasting to celebrate the 30th
July	TBA or summer break	
Monday, August 20th	The Natural World of Wine	Tony Burke of WSWS



Name Badges

Tim Thackeray is preparing new badges for those who do not have one. These should be available at the February meeting.



Website diary

All currently known future events have been put in the website diary. A new section of Interesting Articles has been added under the Welcome heading. We hope also to be asking you in the next few weeks to register yourselves and pick your own password