

# Newsletter

## March 2019



**Our Next meeting is on Monday 18th March 2019 at the Farnham Conservative Club,  
7.30pm for 8.00pm.**



**“South Australia - A tour of the valleys.”** presented by Tim Syrad, Tim Syrad Wines

Tim regards South Australia as one of the most interesting wine areas thanks to its eclectic mix of terroirs. The tasting will feature a broad range of grapes and styles from Barossa, Clare and Eden Valleys, Adelaide Hills, McLaren Vale and Coonawarra and will illustrate the cooler climate styles of Clare Valley and Adelaide Hills, the power of the Barossa Valley, the maritime influence on McLaren Vale and the famous red soils of the Coonawarra.”

His selection of wines will feature top names including Peter Lehmann, Jeffrey Grosset, Mount Horrocks and Mitolo.

Tim runs the Richmond and Teddington wine societies and a range of other wine activities - dinners, tastings, corporate events and has taken over 100 groups on wine tours. All rather a far cry from a previous life in insurance (which presumably drove him to .....wine). This will be a good-un - don't miss it

**Please use the website to tell us if you will be attending or not.**

### **News from our South African correspondent.....**

Back in November Peter and Frances Smith with 4 friends (2 Swedes and 2 South Africans) and 2 vehicles ventured north from their base in Knysna on the Garden Route in South Africa on a 3 week 7,000kms trip through Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Highlights were wonderful elephants galore, Hwange National Park in Zim, the Zambezi and Lake Kariba. But this is NOT a travelogue (though if anyone has nothing better to read I can send a 14 page illustrated diary).

Bereft of vineyards – sugar cane and bananas were an alternative – there are rumours of a vineyard in Zambia though we fortunately avoided any risk of sampling its products. I do remember drinking local wine in Zim on our honeymoon (it wasn't called Zim then) – totally undrinkable. Anyway enough blather. We did of course get through rather a lot of wine, Robertson boxed wines held up remarkably well, though it was not stored under ideal conditions – the temperature rarely dropped below 38. Peter found it a soothing accompaniment when cooking a braai (bbq) with an elephant 100 meters away. But we also managed to get through copious amounts of beer and Frances found whisky very refreshing on hot afternoons on the Zambezi.

So just for fun, at the end of this newsletter are a few pictures of the authors and friends enjoying cooling tipples.

### Upcoming Meetings

Monday 15th April 2019	TBC	TBC
Monday 20th May 2019	TBC	Robert Boutflower, Tanners Wines of Shrewsbury
Monday 17th June 2019	2019 Fine Wine Tasting	Stephen Spurrier
Monday 16th September 2019	TBC	Pierre Mansour, The Wine Society

IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE  
BETWEEN DRINKING  
WINE EVERYDAY OR  
BEING SKINNY, WHICH  
WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

RED  
OR  
WHITE?



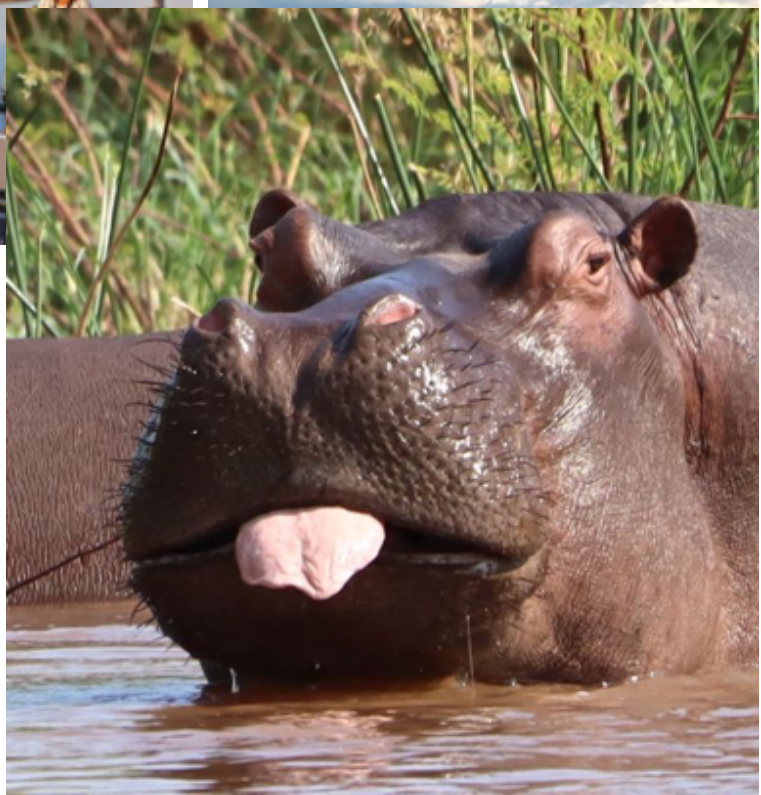
I have not figured out  
how to have a wine  
collection.....I do  
however have an  
extensive cork  
collection.....

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‘On Valentine’s Day, a couple bought the most expensive bottles on a wine list. Everyone naturally assumed they were in love. In reality they were celebrating their separation... Each to their own!’ said **Stéphane Morand**, sommelier at Le Cercle à Bourges.

wine  
o'clock



We were not sure which  
beer he wanted.