

August 2017

Newsletter



Our next meeting is on:

Monday 21st August
At 7.30pm for 8.00pm
Farnham Conservative Club

A Portugese 'Taste-Off' - the Wines of the Douro v the Tejo

Presented by Robert Bouflower, Private House Sales Director, Tanners of Shrewsbury

August sees the long-overdue return of one of our most popular and engaging speakers - **Robert Bouflower**. Robert also looks after Tanners' range from Portugal and Spain and will present a "taste-off" between the table wines from the Douro and Tejo. Portugese wines have improved hugely in recent years so this will be a really interesting contest. Robert originally set out to be the new David Attenborough but was thwarted by being unfairly not awarded a first in zoology and wisely decided wine was the answer. Before joining Tanners he was MD of Truro-based Spanish specialist Laymont and Shaw.

Tanners is a long-established and respected wine merchant, family-owned and family-run, with a very long list of awards - the latest being The International Wine Challenge's Large Independent of 2017.

Important!

Please do not forget to tell Tim Thackeray if you will be attending the August meeting – and also if you are not. **Tim - tim.thackeray@falconfarnham.co.uk**

September Meeting - 'Fine Wines: Are They Worth the Price?'

This will be a very special tasting. **Nicola Arcedeckne-Butler MW** from the Private Cellar will present four wines from Bordeaux at £40/bottle and four at £15 - and you will be the judges of value. The Committee are happy for guests and visitors to attend but in view of the value of the wines will be charging them £25/person.

June Meeting Review

A fascinating presentation by nuclear physicist and past Chair of the Oxford University Wine Society **Cecillia Muldoon** who has set up a high tech start-up company VeriVin which is developing the technology to analyse the contents of a wine bottle without opening it. And we enjoyed some really good wines too! Some of us found it over-technical but others said it was the best presentation ever - horses for course!

For Your Attention -----

Paying your subscription and meeting fees – you can pay in three ways –

1. Bank transfer (the preferred method and please remember to tell David Rathmell when you make a payment - dw.rathmell@btinternet.com)
2. cheque
3. cash

Name badges –

from now on members will keep their badges and must remember to bring them to meetings.

Guests –

from October the meeting fee for guests will be same as for members, ie £15.

MEETING DIARY

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

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| Monday 21 st August | A Portugese 'Taste-Off' - the Wines of the Douro v the Tejo | Robert Bouflower, Tanners of Shrewsbury |
| Monday 18 th September | 'Fine Wines: Are They Worth the Price?' | Nicola Arcedeckne-Butler MW, the Private Cellar |
| Monday 16 th October | 'A new look at Chile' | Richard Bost, Amethyst Wines |
| Monday 20 th November | To be confirmed | Possibly a speaker from Berry Brothers & Rudd |
| Monday 18 th December | To be confirmed – possibly Port | |

THE NEW COMMITTEE

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| William Cowpe | Chairman |
| Max Hubbard | Secretary |
| David Rathmell | Treasurer |
| Tim Thackeray | Membership Secretary |
| Mick Linsell | Webmaster |
| Peter Smith | Speaker Organiser |
| Tanja Lambe | |
| Bill Loach | |
| Tom Merry | |

