

August 2017

# Newsletter



Our next meeting is on:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August**  
**At 7.30pm for 8.00pm**  
**Farnham Conservative Club**

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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

## THE NEW COMMITTEE

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	

