

April Newsletter 2023

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 4th April: 8:00pm Village Hall: Wine of the Year!

From Steve

How quickly events come around these days! April sees the Wine of The Year evening and we have selected 7 of the winners from the past year to present, also keeping as diverse a tasting as possible both in terms of origins and a mix of reds and whites. As they are all 'winners' we can be sure of quality, making a choice difficult. As usual the wines will be presented by members and we are particularly grateful to them for helping out.

Some of the wines selected at the monthly meetings were not available, either as a result of stock at the suppliers having sold out, or as was the case with the Chinese tasting, not available for sale in the UK. The wines to be presented are:

Harrow & Hope Brut Reserve No6	Oz Clarke	Jun 22
Hahn Pinot Noir 2019	Castelnau Wines	July 22
Chateau D'Aussieres, Chardonnay, 2020	Waddesdon	Oct 22
Methea white 2021 Vriniotis Estate	Tim Syrad	Nov 22
Les Creisses 2020 – Domaine Les Creisse	Sommeliers Choice	Dec 22
Gavanza Rioja Reserva 2015	Heather Dougherty	Feb 23
Cote de los Siete 2018	Laithwaites	Mar 23



So it is time to look back at your notes, and recollect why you voted for any of these wines at the time (or why you didn't!), put all out of your thoughts away and look again at the choices to select our Wine of the Year. Past winners can be found

Please register in the usual way via the website. Guests will be welcomed on any bookings from Tuesday 28th March.

It is also time for the AGM which we squeeze into the evening (briefly!) and allows a revue of the year and to elect the committee for next year. This is also an opportunity for members to comment on club structure; running of evenings; previous events and propose topics or ideas for the future. The officer's reports and AGM agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting. May I again thank all the committee for the hard work done to make the club run as smoothly and successfully as it appears to all the attendees.

Thanks again to all who assist in setting up and clearing away, the more the merrier.

Several members may be driving home, and therefore limiting their input at the meeting, we would appreciate it if they are allowed to take any 'left-overs' home to enjoy later. This also helps us recycle bottles which would otherwise go into the general waste skip at the hall.



Website Booking

From Alex:

I just wanted to remind everyone about the online booking system and our policy for bringing guests and for refunds.



- **Booking:** All booking must be done via the website in order to secure your place. The number of tables (and therefore the number of tickets available on sale) will be reduced depending on the number of bookings on the Sunday just before the event - so please book early to ensure you secure your places. This is to prevent purchasing too much food for the night. There will be some residual places available and these will be on sale right until the evening itself for any last minute bookings. **If the event is sold out, please do check back nearer the time** as we will release tickets back for sale in the event someone is unable to attend.
- **Guests:** In the final week before an event, members can book additional places to bring guests (subject to there being spaces remaining!). Please do not book for guests before this time as earlier bookings are for members only – any guests booked before this time will be removed from the booking.
- **Refunds:** Refunds/credit notes can be issued if members (or their guests) become unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. This applies right up to the evening itself. As issuing refunds to cards costs the club money, we kindly ask that if possible, a credit note is issued in preference to a full refund.

Using the website to take bookings in advance greatly reduces the amount of waste food should an evening not sell out, and enables us to be more efficient in terms of getting the best value for money for our members.

If there are any problems accessing the website or completing a booking, please email me at webmaster@chalfamwineclub.org.uk and I will do everything I can to assist.

Whisky Bible from Jim

From Robert:



We now have signed copies of **Jim Murray's new 2023 Whisky Bible** available to purchase from the club's website. Copies are priced at £16.99 each.