

February Newsletter 2025

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 4th February – Single Grape – *Kath Dart MW*

From Kirsten

I am delighted to welcome my sister-in-law back to the club in February. Kath has held her MW since 2006 with an impressive career to date working as a buyer for Berry Brothers and more recently her bespoke wine consultancy service; Grape and Nectar. Kath will be sharing her wealth of experience, and extensive personal wine producer relationships, covering a single grape variety in February. I wish I had a sneak preview of the 7 wines we will be tasting!

From David,

Dear members,

Although the statute of limitation on the “Happy New Year” greeting is seldom clear, and may vary from place to place, as I write the chilly start to 2025 indicates that winter is still with us and that CAWC salutation New Year to members and guests, is still appropriate!

Good luck to those embarking on their dry January journey, you have only a few weeks until the next event on the 4th of February, which sees the return of friend of the club Kath Dart, Master of Wine. The topic will be single varietal wines, which are wines made exclusively (or sometimes predominantly depending on local rules) made from just one grape variety. A Sauvignon Blanc without any additional grapes varieties blend in, is an example of a white varietal wine. Variations on this theme can include Single Varietals from the same vineyard, the same region or the same wine collective.

The objective is to showcase the characteristics of the principal grape, which those bearing the very difficult to obtain “MW” qualification, spend many years acquiring the requisite knowledge. Once again, we will be in safe hands for our first event of 2025.

As the club prepares its plans for the 2025/26 tasting calendar, please can I encourage member feedback to provide your ideas for topics we haven’t had for a while, or wines/speakers who might provide interest, insight or expertise that would make for an engaging evening.

Your committee considers all constructive feedback aligned with our Rethian principles, to inform, educate and to entertain. Please use:

chairman@chalfamwineclub.org.uk to contact me.

meetings@chalfamwineclub.org.uk to contact Kirsten Tolfree-Dart.

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From Robert:

There are 5 places left for the Waddesdon Manor trip on Friday 21st February so if you are interested please contact me on events@chalfamwineclub.org.uk

The cost per ticket is £62.00 which includes wine, extra food and the coach. We will leave Little Chalfont Village Hall at 5.30pm."

Website Booking

Please note that we are making some changes this month to our refund policy when booking tickets. We want to ensure that the online booking system is as flexible as possible for members, but also to ensure that we are able to manage costs incurred if members are not able to attend at short notice. We have therefore decided to continue to provide credit vouchers to anyone unable to attend, provided that we are given more than 24 hours' notice before the evening. This coincides with the cut-off for the food order and still enables us to adjust this to accommodate the final numbers for the evening. It also enables us to approach members on the waiting list for months which sell out to help avoid disappointment. After this point we are unable to adjust any of the ordering for the evening. To summarise – credit notes or refunds will no longer be possible from 8pm on the Monday before the meeting (24 hours' notice)

If there are any problems accessing the website or completing a booking, please email webmaster@chalfamwineclub.org.uk.

Whisky Bible from Jim



We will have signed copies of Jim Murray's new 2025 Whisky Bible for sale soon, but do purchase now from our website to reserve your copy. They will be priced at £16.99."

