

March Newsletter 2026

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 3rd March – Bernhard Bieri, Swiss Wines

I am pleased to introduce a new speaker in March, Bernhard Bieri. Bernhard is travelling from Switzerland to showcase and educate on Swiss Wines.

From Bernhard,

Recently retired, having worked in banking as a Derivatives Trader in London, Switzerland & Hong Kong, of which several years together with Robert Stein. Passionate wine enthusiast, mostly self taught. My personal favourite wine regions are Oregon, Bordeaux, Süd Tirol, Tuscany & Switzerland.

I will try to concentrate on presenting Swiss wines with grape varieties that are very typical and some unique to Switzerland: Petit Arvine, Cornalin, Chasselas, Syrah, Merlot.

From David

Dear members,

With the end of our 2025/6 club calendar, we have the opportunity to sample the best of what has been presented, from which there can only be one wine of the year (WOTY).

As a reminder of presentations gone, WOTY is my favourite event of the CAWC of the year, also representing the year's best value for money with a flight of ten wines rather than seven. Bring member presented, WOTY requires ten speakers from the member community to present 3-5 minutes on a wine that was their favourite, or one on which they have some subject matter expertise or interest. Remembering that you are among fellow wine lovers, WOTY is a safe space to brush up on your presentational skills. Although your committee is the safety net in case presentation slots change, I encourage non-committee members to step forwards.

Please can you either reply directly to chairman@chalfamwineclub.org.uk or to Kirsten Stein at secretary@chalfamwineclub.org.uk to volunteer one of the ten wines to present:

1. May-25: Primero Blanco (Somontano Spain) white
2. Jun-25: Pillaastro Selezione d'Oro Puglia 2023 (Puglia, Italy) red
3. Jul-25: Reserva Terroirs 2019 Quinta Nova (Lisbon) red
4. Aug-25: L'Arco 'Arcum' Rosso Veronese IGT (Veneto Italy) red
5. Sep-25: Isola Della Fiamma Nero d'Avola 2024 (Sicily) red
6. Oct-25: Vina Salort Albarino 2024 (Uruguay) white

7. Nov-25: Nals Margreid Penon 2022 (Italy)
8. Dec-25: Quinta de la Rosa 20yo Tawny (Port = red)
9. Feb-26: Blake Family Wines Amethyst 2021 (South Africa) red
10. Mar-26 <To be advised>. However, as we may not be able to import the winning wine, and in view of the red wine dominance, we may substitute this for the fizz of the night from December, the Samur Brut Cremant)

Chiltern Foodbank – Message of Thanks

I am writing to thank you, and all at the Chalfont & Amersham Wine Club, for your generous donation of £126.00 to Chiltern Foodbank.

In the past twelve months we have provided over 24,000 meals to local people in need, more than a third of whom were children.

We keep our costs as low as possible, however there are always some overheads and development costs associated with running a charity. Our food is donated by people within our local communities. We are very aware that some of our clients find themselves trapped in a circle of poverty that it is hard to break out of. We are working with partner agencies who help our clients with the aim of reducing the need for them to keep returning to the Foodbank - e.g. by helping them get out of debt. We provide grants to enable these activities and to reduce food poverty.

Your donation helps us to cover our costs and to support initiatives that help our clients.

We long for the time when our Foodbank will no longer be needed because everyone will have enough money to buy the basic essentials in life. But until then we are here to provide emergency food parcels to those who find themselves struggling. And it is support from people like yourselves that makes this possible.

Thank you again for your kindness and for helping those who are the most vulnerable in our communities.

Julie Gamston & Kate Turnick, Co-ordinators.





Website 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 send an email to webmaster@chalfamwineclub.org.uk to be placed on the waiting list.**

If you have a credit note from a previous cancellation, please do remember to use this on your next booking!

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 up to 24 hours before the evening (8pm on the Monday). Refunds/credit notes are not possible after this point unless there is another member on the waiting list who is able to take the place – **so please do let us know if you are unable to attend even at very short notice** as this may enable another member from the waiting list to come in your place. This is because the club will have finalised the orders for the evening. 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.

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.

