



Whitewater Valley Wine Society

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The Society's 30th Anniversary Dinner! **Friday 7th April 2017**

Guest Speaker: Robin McMillan,

Chief Executive Officer at The Wine Society

Venue: Elvetham Hotel, Hartley Wintney Dress: Black Tie



The Whitewater Valley Wine Society will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2017. Our main celebration event of the year will be our black tie dinner, to be held on Friday 7th April 2017. The venue for our special evening will be Elvetham Hotel, located in Hartley Wintney, just a few miles from Hook. Elvetham Hotel is a stunning, privately owned estate, set in 35 acres of beautiful gardens and grounds.

Our spring evening will start at 7.30pm with a welcome bubbly. We will then enjoy a four course dinner, accompanied by wine, and followed by coffee/tea. We have negotiated to take our own wine into the hotel, so the wines will be chosen by us to suit the occasion and menu. And there will be several glasses for each person!

This will be a black tie event, thus giving the guys the chance to don their dinner jackets and the ladies the opportunity to wear something special! For the men, a suit and tie will also be fine.

The bar will remain open until midnight for an hour or so after dinner.

Guest Speaker:

Robin McMillan, Chief Executive Officer at The Wine Society

During the dinner we will introduce our guest speaker, Robin McMillan, who is Chief Executive Officer at The Wine Society. Robin has been CEO of The Wine Society for four years and has worked in the wine trade for more than 25 years. Prior to joining The Wine Society he was Chief Operating Officer at Berry Bros & Rudd.

Many of our members are also members of The Wine Society. So this will be a great opportunity to hear Robin talk about the opportunities and challenges associated with running a society which for over 140 years has been solely owned by its members. There will also be an opportunity to ask Robin questions.

We want as many members as possible to be able to join together for this celebration dinner. So we have decided to offer all members and a partner a subsidy of £10, bringing the price down to a bargain £55!

The cost of the evening for members and a partner will be £55 per person. This includes a subsidy of £10 from Society funds. This subsidised price applies to those who were full members of The Whitewater Valley Wine Society as at 1st October 2016.

We invite members to bring additional guests at a cost of £65 per person.

The cost includes the welcome bubbly, four course dinner including a cheese course, coffee/tea and several glasses of wine.

To book, please send full payment. Payment by electronic banking is preferred. Please send your payment to the Whitewater Valley Wine Society at Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-91-31, Account Number 01158564. Please include your surname and first initial as part of the reference.

Alternatively, send a cheque to The WVWS Treasurer, 1 Lingmala Grove, Church Crookham, Fleet, GU52 6JW. Cheques to *Whitewater Valley Wine Society*.

Your Menu Choices

As well as making your payment, please would you send an e-mail to Treasurer Ian at i.johnson50@ntlworld.com

to advise the names of all those attending and clearly indicating each person's menu choices (i.e. starter, main and dessert).

Smoked Trout, Russian salad, lemon verbena

Confit duck ballotine, saffron pear

Courgette, pear and rosemary tart, white balsamic (V)

Gigot of Lamb, gratin potatoes, sprouting broccoli, seasonal vegetables

Slow cooked rump of beef, herb dumpling, seasonal vegetables

Risotto verde, parmesan crisp (V)

Dark chocolate tart, praline cream

Eton mess, crisp meringue, honeycomb

Sticky toffee pudding, caramelised sauce, date compote

Cheese board of locally sourced & French cheeses, water biscuits & chutney

Coffee or tea, with petit fours

Option for overnight accommodation at Elvetham Hotel

The Society has negotiated a special rate for those who wish to stay overnight at Elvetham Hotel. The rate is £85 for a double/twin classic room and £95 for a double/twin superior room. These rates include breakfast. If you wish to stay overnight, you should book directly with the hotel by phoning 01252 844871 and quoting reference EVNT001118.