



# Whitewater Valley Wine Society March 2017

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**Next Tasting: Wednesday 8th March 2017**

**Venue: The Raven Hotel, Hook, RG27 9HS**

**Welcome drink from 7.45pm**

**Tasting starts at 8pm. Finish approx 10pm.**

**Cost £15 members, £18 non-members**

Please book in advance for the March tasting, by calling Secretary Keith Cooper on 07976 272822 or e-mailing him at [kcooper.medlar@btinternet.com](mailto:kcooper.medlar@btinternet.com)

Bookings are strictly for fully paid up members only until Thursday 2nd March, on a first come, first served basis. Bookings will be accepted from both members and guests from Friday 3rd March, assuming places remain available.

## Tim North

Joie de Vin Ltd

### The wines of the Loire Valley

I know we have many Loire enthusiasts amongst our members, so it's perhaps a surprise that we haven't had a tasting of Loire wines for over 10 years! This month we will put that right as we welcome Tim North of Joie de Vin Ltd.

Tim & Jill North have set up business fairly recently and their objective is to share the artisan wines they have discovered during their travels across France. For 18 years, Tim worked for France's largest exporter of wine, establishing it in the UK.

They have personally visited the winery of ever grower they list, many of whom are surprisingly young. All share a passion for making great wine.

Joie de Vin Ltd has already received much praise, with Oz Clarke saying "To be honest, I like everything these guys bring in—refreshingly honest and authentic."



The Loire Valley is a diverse region running from Sancerre in the East to Nantes in the West. There is a rich palate of grape varieties that gives rise to a range of styles.

Our tasting will include a sparkling wine, several whites and some reds. Most of the wines we will taste are made in very limited quantities, typically only 2 to 3,000 bottles.

Our Society is keen to encourage new independent merchants, so it's good to be able to welcome Tim along to present to us.

I look forward to receiving your bookings.

**Whitewater Valley Wine Society: Wine tasting in North Hampshire for 30 years**

**Secretary: 07976 272822**

Payment must  
be received  
by 4th March!

**The Society's 30th  
Anniversary Dinner  
at the  
Elvetham Hotel, Hartley  
Wintney**

**Friday 7th April 2017**

**See separate flyer for details**

Just £55 for  
members  
and their  
partners!

### **AGM Minutes**

Our Society AGM was held on 8th February. The minutes will appear by early March on the Members page of our website:

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### **Late cancellations and no-shows**

The number of no-shows and late cancellations (after 10am on the day) has been creeping up in recent months. Last month we were four down, which means we're up to £60 down on the amount we'd expected to cover the costs of wine and food. When we pay for a speaker, the cost to the Society can be even greater.

We know that sometimes members fall ill at the last moment. All we ask is that you let the Secretary know (phone or e-mail) by 10am on the morning of the tasting if you are unable to attend. We request a payment of £10 for cancellations and no-shows received after this time.

Thank you for your help with this.

### **Subscription Renewals**

Thank you very much to all those members who renewed their membership during February.

Remaining members are reminded that your annual subscription of £12.50 is due no later than 8th March 2017. The main benefits of retaining membership are priority booking and a saving of £3 at most meetings.

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.

You may also pay by cash/cheque at the February tasting. Alternatively, send a cheque to The Treasurer, Whitewater Valley Wine Society, 1 Lingmala Grove, Church Crookham, Fleet, GU52 6JW. Cheques to *Whitewater Valley Wine Society*.

### **Report on our February tasting**

#### **Wine Gems for 2017**

In February, our very own Jim King and Keith Cooper presented their pick of wines which are going to be good in 2017.



You can read a full report of this tasting on the Newsletter page of our website:



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### **Dates for future tastings and events**

Friday 7th April	Society's 30th Anniversary Dinner at Elvetham Hotel
Wednesday 12th April	Chris White, Ellis Wines New Zealand
Wednesday 10th May	Simon Hawkins Fine English Wines
Wednesday 14th June	Details to be advised
Wednesday 12th July	Sarah Ahmed, The Wine Detective. Portugal