

U3A ST AUSTELL WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



Dear Fellow Wine Members

Firstly, a big welcome to our new members! It is very encouraging to meet new members who are interested in our Wine Appreciation Group, and just to reiterate, we are a group of people who enjoy wine, may not know a lot about every aspect of it, but are keen to learn more, and most importantly are friendly and enjoy a social time. I hope to see you at some events next year and would be keen to get feedback.

I tend to send out a monthly newsletter following a monthly meeting, whether that be “in-house” at the Arts Centre, or a visit to a vineyard, restaurant etc. You are welcome to continue reading these even if you do not attend our meetings – we have over 48 members in this group, but generally around 20-25 attend most meetings.

DECEMBER MEETING Xmas Food & Drink Evening

Our final meeting of 2019 was certainly an evening to remember. Everyone contributed wonderful plates of food, for which many thanks. We enjoyed a wide variety and high quality of finger food, ranging from canapes and many other tasty delights right through to sweetmeats and cheese. A veritable feast! I think the wines were enjoyed by all, and I would like to thank Chris Palmer for the donated bottle of Port, and Rod

Wharton who bought along a bottle of Manzanilla, very generous of you both and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you also to everyone who donated a Raffle prize, it was certainly a long and humorous process of finding winners!!

WINE GROUP PROGRAMME 2020

I attach a slightly revised/updated next year's programme for those who have not received one.

We are now taking bookings for our first event of 2020, our February visit to the Old Chapel Cellars in Truro. Payment is required by 10th January, usual method on line as there will not be an opportunity of paying in cash to Shirley before that date, unless you contact her and send a cheque. Any questions regarding online payment, please email Shirley on shirley.salliss@btinternet.com

CHRIS SCOTT VISIT TO SKINNERS BREWERY JANUARY 14 2020

Chris who has arranged the above, has asked me to include the following in this newsletter:

The plan is a tour of Skinners Brewery in Truro, I still have to firm up the fine details but the draft plan is;

(1) Assemble at St Austell station around 11.30 (to be confirmed) and travel on a group ticket/s costing around £4.50 return. All the group/s have to travel together.

(2) Group lunch hopefully in Piero's (Italian) for 12.30, there will be the option for people to walk from Truro station, use their bus pass to get to the museum stop and then walk the short distance on the flat to the restaurant.

(3) After lunch the group will split, those wishing to taste beer will walk to the brewery on Newham Quay for 2pmish, those not attending can spend the afternoon shopping, wine tasting in a venue of your choice, or just drinking coffee and socializing.

(4) The beer tasting concludes between 4.30 and 5pm. We make our way back to Truro station to catch a train around 5.50pm, arriving in St Austell around 6.15.

We can either meet up with the lunching people, however if they wish they can return on an earlier train (if all on their group ticket agree)

Those so far who have expressed an interest in the brewery Tour are
Elaine Nelson
Jenny and Mick Skipp
Chris Crane
Peter and Nicky Tombs
Rod Wharton
Chris Palmer
Judith Newell
Roger and Wendy Tubb
Pauline Weir

If you have changed your mind please let me know. Anybody else who wishes to join in the tour, or just lunch etc can you please email me by 2nd January stating your preference on chris.bulah@gmail.com.

And finally, it just remains for me to thank you all for being a wonderful group, and to wish each and every one of you a Happy Christmas & Healthy New Year, and may we all look forward to tasting some interesting and different wines during 2020.



Best regards, Amanda