

NOTE VENUE CHANGE

Thursday 9th May Old Chapel Cellars wine merchant, comes to The Arts Centre. (and not in Truro).

We have always enjoyed humorous and very informative tastings with Louisa. New bookings required by May 2nd latest please!

Arrival for 6.30pm start, to finish at 9.30pm with time to make purchases as Louisa will take orders on the evening for delivery. Cost is **£30pp** ref WGMAY24.

On this visit Louisa will present the topic **Grape Varietals....**

“We will taste a total of **7 wines**. We will look at a pair of rose wines that are the same grape but with a different name because they are from different countries. A French Grenache and a Spanish Rosado.

Then we will look at the Tempranillo grape and how even though we know as a red grape there is also a Tempranillo Blanco. We will try the white first and then a young, and then an aged Tempranillo red.

Then we will do a pair of reds that are the same grape Pinot Noir, but with a different name.”

Wow that sounds a really great tasting – 7 wines with usual cheeses etc

Any further bookings required by 2nd May ref WGMAY and let Sue Osbrink know asap.

Elaine Nelson has very kindly agreed to buy the bread and biscuits, we need please someone to buy and serve the cheeses and grapes.

June Garden Party, Sunday 23rd June at 4 Tremena Road, St Austell from 12noon going through the afternoon

This is a most popular event held every Summer in the beautiful secluded garden of Chris and Karen Scott's home. A sloping garden with steps or a steep slope to access and many levels of fragrant garden to spread yourselves amongst. **This event is free**, and a wonderful occasion for socialising and getting to know other members.

Just bring a large platter ready to present, of sharing picnic style finger food (no salads as too tricky sharing) plus a bottle or two of wine, which will all be shared and laid out in the Dining Room (food) and Utility Room (wines).

The Wine Group will buy some fizz so that everyone attending can have a glass to set the afternoon off with a "bang"!

Sue Osbrink will kindly coordinate the food so that we do not have dozens of one item and sufficient vegetarian items – you can bring savoury, sweet/desserts, cheeses & biscuits/breads, but please ensure you bring a generous platter especially if you are coming as a couple. There is always a generous feast of food and wines.

We may well also have The Garker Street Band playing for a while, a wonderful local group with amazing sax player and singer(s) who do not charge a penny, instead raising money by donations for the Fowey RNLI such a deserving local cause. SO PLEASE bring some money, preferably notes! Also please bring your own tasting glass.

Email Sue to confirm your attendance and suggest what food you will bring – and Sue can let you know whether that is suitable.

As in the past couple of years, we need some volunteers to help Karen with the garden on Friday 21st just to prep it for the garden party, cutting grass, brushing leaves, and similar. I

would hope that some who have not volunteered in the past would give an hour or two of their time. Suggest 2pm there. Thank you so much.

**12th July at Ellis Wharton Wines, Indian Queens
“Mediterranean Wines without France and Spain (but quick drop into Alicante!)”**

Arrival/start at 6.30pm and due to finish around 9pm with time after for everyone to browse their shop (not only wines and spirits but some excellent food items/gifts too). The Minibus will depart at 9.30pm back to St Austell. **Cost tasting £30pp. Minibus cost £14.50**

Another of our great local wine suppliers, Ellis Wharton have always given us tastings to remember for not only the interesting selection of wines, but the amazing spread of food. Without doubt every member who has attended has commented what a wonderful evening they enjoyed, plus of course, many return to the bus with a box full of purchases.

This time Jim, helped by Victoria, will present **“Mediterranean Wines without France or Spain”**. “You will be visiting and tasting wines from Italy Greece and a boutique producer in Alicante, Spain. The line-up will include 2 whites, a rose, an orange wine and 2 reds. This will all be accompanied by cheese, meats, Da Bara focaccia and more foodie bits on the table.” This has all the components of an interesting and tasty tasting, can’t wait.

Friday 16th August, St Austell Arts Centre 6.45pm start, finish by 9.30/9.45pm with taxis at 10pm. Kate McBurnie from Cornish Wine Tasting, presenting World Wines £30pp to include room booking fee and food. Bookings by 7th July latest ref WGAUG.

“Join Kate from “Cornish Wine tasting” as she hosts an evening of wines from around the World. Be taken on a journey of discovery, uncovering some lesser known grape varieties and unique wine regions. Perhaps you may discover something you’ve never tried before and learn a thing or two along the way!” 6 wines to taste with food (prepared and bought by Chris & Chrissie Wright).

A new presenter to our Wine Group, so looking forward to meeting her.

20th September, St Austell Arts Centre 6.45pm start, finish by 9.30/9.45pm with time to purchase wines on the night. Taxis 10pm. Sebastien from Wadebridge Wines to present Wines of New Zealand. £28pp to include 6 wines and food, (prepared and bought by Judith Newell). Booking and payment by end August, ref WGSEPT.

Another visit from the very French and very knowledgeable Sebastien.

“We will remind ourselves of New Zealand’s main wine producing regions, their specialities and taste some exquisite examples of the country’s finest wines”.

The lovely Sebastien will join us again for a charming tasting of 6 wines, and this year will bring a supply of wines with him to purchase on the night.

Information on events for the remainder of the year will appear in subsequent newsletters. I am finalising a trip to Johns in Fowey,