

# Quaffing

PWS Quarterly Notes & News



May 2006

## 30 Years On

It hardly seems 5 years since we celebrated the start of our Silver Jubilee aboard HMS Warrior. A lot has happened in the World in that time and a lot more wine has been consumed too. The Society remains as strong and as vibrant as ever thanks to the continued efforts of your Committee which in itself has seen quite a few changes of personnel in the past few years.

As publicised, we are taking the opportunity to mark our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner at the Brookfield Hotel in Emsworth. Many of you will be familiar with the venue by way of Alistair Gibson's regular Winemakers Dinners, the Emsworth Food Festival or just as a good place to dine out. We are particularly delighted that we will have a very special guest of honour at the dinner. Christopher Tatham MW has been our Honorary President almost since inception. Christopher has decided that at 80-something he would like to step down and so we will take this opportunity to thank him for his association with the Society. He will become a Life Vice-President and the Committee have started the process of seeking a new President in line with the requirement of our Constitution.

The dinner will be a formal occasion with a black tie / evening dress code. Places are limited to a maximum of 80 so early booking is probably advisable. We may be able to accept guests but preference will be given to members. In the event that members account for all the places, clearly no guests will be possible. Please check the guest situation with Sheila Robinson or Bob Hawthorne nearer to the closing date.

## June Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

**Sandy Leckie - A Tasting about Tasting**

I/We would like to attend "Tasting about Tasting". Guests are welcome.

Please reserve ..... places at **£12.50** per head - Total enclosed £.....

Name:.....Telephone:.....

Send cheques payable to "Portsmouth Wine Society" to:

**Roger Foster, Mylor Cottage, Swanmore Road,**

**Droxford, Hampshire SO32 3PT**

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# Sandy Leckie

Sandy's first career was as a training and development manager in a large international company. In 1994, feeling the need for a change of direction, he harnessed a life-long passion for wine to launch a second career as a wine educator.

The wine school, which he now runs, is one of the biggest of its kind in the country. Trading as The Wine Education Service Limited, it offers a wide ranges of courses and events for wine lovers. Courses are designed to suit all levels of knowledge and experience and are delivered in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. There are six venues in London and regional centres in Aberdeen, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Leeds and Manchester. In addition, there are wine workshops, tu-

tored wine tastings, wine tours and holidays.

In his own capacity, Sandy tutors wine tastings for private clients and wine clubs. Alsace, Burgundy, Rhône, Languedoc, California, New Zealand and vertical tastings of Château de Beaucastel, Château Cissac, Mas de Daumas Gassac and Château Musar are some of his specialities.

He holds the Wine & Spirit Education Trust Diploma and is a member of The Association of Wine Educators and The Circle of Wine Writers. He travels widely to keep his wine knowledge up to date.

Sandy will present a tasting about tasting - an opportunity for members to brush up their tasting technique.

There will be 8 wines (4 white and 4 red), selected to demonstrate the influence of grape variety, climate and wine-making on wine style. Some of the wines will be shown "blind". Some examples of faulty wines will be available for "sniffing".

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# JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2006 Brookfield Hotel Emsworth 7.30pm

## PWS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Guest of Honour: Christopher Tatham MW

**Dress: Black Tie**

I/We would like to attend the Anniversary Dinner (guests to be confirmed)

Please reserve ..... Member places @ **£39.50** per head

If available, please reserve.....Guest places @ **£45.00** per head

I enclosed a cheque for £..... in total

Name:.....Telephone:.....

Guest

Name:.....

Guest

Name:.....

Please seat with:.....(tables of 4/8)

**NB** We will try our best to achieve preferred seating arrangements but cannot guarantee a perfect match!

### **Dietary Alternatives:**

Alternative Main Course - Fish of the Day (state number required) .....

Alternative Dessert - Unsweetened Fruit Salad (state number required) .....

**Regretfully, we are not able to cater for any other dietary requirements.**

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Guest of Honour: Christopher Tatham MW

Dress Code: Black Tie

### Menu

Canapes / Cremant de Loire

Asparagus Soup / Brampton Sauvignon Blanc 2005

Salmon Terrine / Yalumba Viognier

Confit of Duck Leg / Conde de Valdemar Crianza Rioja 2002

with mashed potato, red wine sauce, carrots & courgettes

OR Fish of the Day

Vanilla Panacotta / Trentham Estate Noble Taminga 2001

with strawberry coulis

OR Unsweetened Fruit Salad

Coffee and Petit Fours

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