



Quaffing



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May 2009

The year seems to be rushing past at an alarming rate - already we've had our A.G.M. and some great tastings and now this is the last newsletter before our summer break! Just a quick reminder that membership subscriptions were due by the 1st May and we have only received about half so far. Please return your forms and cheques as soon as possible.

We have one more regular tasting in June followed by something new in July - our first Hog Roast. Our Treasurer, Roger Foster and his wife have kindly thrown open their doors to host this event which we hope will be a great social occasion. After consultation with members, we have kept the cost low to cover the food and expenses only with members bringing their own wine. We would also ask you to bring your own picnic chairs. If the weather lets us down, we will be accommodated inside.

The June tasting is by Nik Westacott, a renowned local restaurateur and chef who will be showing some wines from Les Caves de Pyrene. Please see the notes for details.

Bob Hawthorne

Forthcoming Events

All tastings are held at the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth at 7pm unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday June 2nd 2009

Nick Westacott - Gascony & SW France

Friday 10th July 2009

PWS Summer Hog Roast Party

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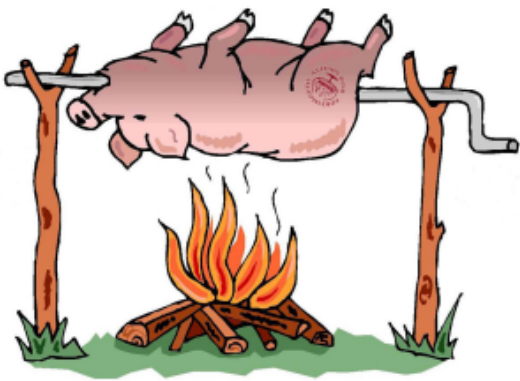
Nik Westacott

To drink the great wines of the world is always a privilege, sadly you won't be in the June tasting. We have secured an unusual eccentric ex restaurateur to present some slightly quirky wines.

Nik Westacott is based in Chichester, for the last 30 years he has run and owned small restaurants. Now he concentrates on providing bespoke catering functions. The link of wines and food has always encouraged him to source unusual wines. At the same time as Nik opened his first restaurant an equally crazy Frenchman Eric Narioo set up a new wine company in Guildford. Les caves de Pyrene is now one of the largest private wine importers in the UK supplying the top 600 restaurants in the country. Eric still travels the world buying wines with an unmatched sense of taste and terroir. The list has come a long way from the early days of being purely a Gascon's love affair with his own area. However the passion of these wine makers is incredible and the wines sometimes due to unpronounceable names or zany grape varieties have kept them being good value and often a little neglected.

Nik will present a selection of these wines of Gascony and the South west of France, with a few stories along the way. Don't expect to be bored by the technical bit but do pay attention to some very different taste tingles.

PWS Summer Hog Roast



This year, we are trying something new for our usual garden party - a Hog Roast. The event will be held at the home of our Treasurer in Droxford. We are most grateful to Roger and his wife Denise for allowing us to stage the event in their beautiful grounds. If the weather should be inclement, we will be accommodated indoors.

The cost of the event covers the Hog Roast or a fish alternative (pre-booked only). with salad accompaniments Members should bring their own chairs, wine and cutlery. Glasses and plates will be provided.

The evening will run from 6.30pm until 9.30pm with food being served at around 7.15pm. A firework finale will mark the close.

Parking will not be a problem but we are encouraging members to share taxis or other transport to minimise the environmental impact. The Society is also obliged to remind members to drink responsibly. Hopefully the evening will prove to be equally enjoyable for anyone not drinking.

Directions to Mylor House are shown on the reverse of the enclosed flyer. Guests are very welcome. Please try to book early so that we can be sure of numbers.

PWS Summer Hog Roast

Friday 10th July 2009 Droxford 6.30 - 9.30pm

PWS Summer Hog Roast

I/We would like to attend the Hog Roast. Guests are welcome.

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

Please provide fish alternatives to Hog Roast (available pre-booked only)

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

Send cheques payable to “**Portsmouth Wine Society**” to:

Roger Foster, Mylor House, Swanmore Road,

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By Friday 26th June 2009

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June Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 2nd June 2009 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

Nik Westacott

I/We would like to attend the Nik Westacott tasting. Guests are welcome.

Please reserve member's places at **£11.50** per head **Total enclosed £.....**

Please reserve Guest places at **£13.00** per head

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

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Friday 3rd July 2009 Mylor House, Droxford

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