

THAMES AND CHILTERN VINEYARDS ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting 2014
5-7pm Sunday 27th April 2014
Gilbey's Restaurant, Eton

Agenda

1. Attendees & Apologies received
2. Minutes & actions from 2013 AGM
3. Chairman's Report
4. Financial Report 2013 & Membership update
5. Secretary's Report
6. English Wine Festival, Balliol College Oxford, June 7th 2014
7. Election of Officers & Committee for 2013-14
8. Motions to be passed
9. Presentation: "A long term vision & Strategy for English Wine" by Peter Gladwin
10. Any other business

1. Attendees:

Title	FirstName	Surname	Vineyard
Mr	Andy	Creighton	Mill Hill Village Vineyard
Mr & Mrs	Daniel & Rhaki	Goss-Custard	Stanlake Park Wine Estate
Mrs	Sian	Liwicki	Bothy Vineyard
Mr & Mrs	Michael & Lin	Gilbey	Pheasant's Ridge Vineyard
Mr	Jan	Mirkowski	Fairmile Vineyard
Mrs & Mrs	Barbara & Tony	Laithwaite	Wyfold Vineyard
Mr	Roy	Phillips	Parhams Green Vineyard
Mrs	Patricia	Stefanowicz	
Mr	Bob & Carol	Nielsen	Brightwell Vineyard
Mr	Peter	Gladwin (Guest)	Nutborne Vineyard
Ms	Denise	Santilli	Linch Hill Vineyard

Apologies

Title	FirstName	Surname	Vineyard
Mr	Christopher	Cooke	Winding Wood Vineyard
Mr	Antony	Chapman	Hale Valley Vineyard
Mr	Robert	Louth	Winding Wood Vineyard
Mr	Mike	Dean	Vernon Lodge Vineyard
Ms	Anne	Linder	Theale Vineyard
Mrs	Margaret	McVey-Dymond	
Mrs	Wendy	Sargent	The Old Forge Vineyard
Mr	Simon	Tooley	Frithsden Vineyard
Mr	Oliver	Richardson	
Mr	Nigel	Smith	Manor Fields Vineyard
Mrs	Kaye	Laithwaite	Marlow Vineyard & Winery
Mr & Mrs	John & Feona	Petersen	Dropmore Vineyard

2. Minutes and Actions from 2013 AGM

The minutes and actions from the previous AGM were summarised as follows:

- AGM held 15th June 2013, Brightwell Vineyard, Wallingford
- The following Officers & Members were elected to the committee for 2013-14:
 - **Chair & UKVA Representative:** Bob Nielsen, Brightwell Vineyard
 - **Vice-Chair & Technical Advisor:** Patricia Stefanowicz
 - **Hon Treasurer:** Sian Liwicki, Bothy Vineyard
 - **Hon Secretary:** Denise Santilli, Linch Hill Vineyard
 - **Ordinary Members:** Margaret McVey-Dymond; Phil Rossi, Oaken Grove Vineyard; Michael & Lin Gilbey, Pheasant's Ridge Vineyard; Kaye Laithwaite, Marlow Vineyard & Winery; Andy Creighton, Mill Hill Village Vineyard (now resigned)
- T&CVA Wine Challenge held 15th June 2014
- Trade Tasting Day May 8th 2013: T&CVA table
- T&CVA website: sponsored links approached for payment – only VIGO have paid for sponsored link
- T&CVA English Wine Festival: decision to hold this in 2014 made in Dec 2013

- National Activities:
 - our objection to the funding ICCWS 2016 led to conditions being applied to the funding that the UKVA will provide.
 - We will align our financial year with that of the UKVA from August 2014 onwards
 - The UKVA 2014 English & Welsh Wine of the Year Competition will be hosted by the T&CVA.

3. Chairman's Report (Bob Nielsen)

The Chairman gave his report verbally at the meeting

4. Treasurer's Report

The accounts were handed out at the meeting.

THAMES AND CHILTERN VINEYARDS ASSOCIATION							
Income & Expenditure Account for the Period 1 January to 31 December 2013							
Income		2013		2012		Expenditure	
Main Account		£		£		Main Account	
Membership Subscriptions	Total receipts	3944.45					
	retained by TCVA		233.31	58.50			
	Remitted to UKVA	2349.18					
	Underpayment to UKVA	1,361.96					
AGM Catering receipts		0.00	0.00			Hire of Hall for AGM	0
Wine Challenge Catering	Part of Stanlake Festival	0.00	0.00			Catering for AGM	0
Wine Competition Entries		75.00	90.00			Wine Challenge Judges expenses, etc	244.54
Donations		0.00	13.50			Website Fees and management	90
Bank Interest (Reserve a/c)		0.00	0.58			Secretarial (include postage)	0
Adverts		72.00	0.00			Hon Treasurer's postage	0
						Certificates/Trophies	0
						Meeting costs	14
						Msic	3.88
Total Income		380.31	162.58			Total Expenditure	352.42
Surplus for the period		27.89				Deficit for period	-194.05
Balance Sheet for the Period 1 January to 31st December 2013							
		£	2013	£	2012		
Fixed Assests			0		0		
Current Assests							
Debtors		0		0			
Cash at Bank - Prom Fund		480.20		480.20			
Cash at Bank - General Fund		3799.95		2496.12			
		4280.15		2976.32			
Current Liabilities							
Trade creditors		39.59		90			
underpayment to UKVA		1361.96		140.82			
		1401.55		230.82			
Net current assets			2878.602		2745.50		

The AGM unanimously approved the proposal to hold the UKVA fees and hectareage levies for 2014/15 at the same level as in 2013/14.

From 1 August 2014 the individual member's fee shall be £38.50 and the vineyard levy shall be £6.88 per tenth of a hectare up to a maximum of 7 hectares".

It was proposed by Denise Santilli and seconded by Patricia Stefanowicz that the accounts be adopted. This was passed unanimously.

2014 Membership update: we have 7 new members this year (Highlighted in red below)

FirstName	Surname	Vineyard	Town	County
Jonathan	Abbott	Grange Farm Vineyard	CHIPPING NORTON	Oxon
Colin & Nicola	Baker	Titchfield Vineyard	Titchfield	Hampshire
Tom	Blyth	James Blyth Contracting	Nettlebed	Oxon
Thomas	Charge	Tyringham Hall	Newport Pagnell	Bucks
Tim	Chafor	Chafor Vineyard	TINGEWICK	Bucks
Antony	Chapman	Hale Valley Vineyard	WENDOVER	Bucks
Paul	Cooper	Dreaming Squire Vineyard	OXFORD	Oxon
Christopher	Cooke	Winding Wood Vineyard	HUNGERFORD	Berks
Robert	Louth	Winding Wood Vineyard	HUNGERFORD	Berks
Andy	Creighton	Mill Hill Village Vineyard	LONDON	
Peter	Cridland	Ragged Hall Vineyard	ST ALBANS	Herts
Peter	Dart			
Daniel	Goss-Custard	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	READING	Berks
Michael	Dean	Vernon Lodge Vineyard	TOWCESTER	Northants
David	Ealand	Old Luxters Vineyard	HENLEY-ON-THAMES	Oxon
Alastair	Field	Reading Agricultural Consulting	Woodcote	READING
Michael & Lin	Gilbey	Pheasants Ridge Vineyard	HENLEY-ON-THAMES	Oxon.
Indrajit	Hoon	Gallowstree Vineyard	LONDON	
Patrick	Hurd		LEE COMMON	Bucks
Laurence	Kimber	Dinton wines Ltd	AYLESBURY	Bucks
Barbara	Laithwaite	Wyfold Vineyard	HENLEY-ON-THAMES	Oxon

FirstName	Surname	Vineyard	Town	County
Henry & Kaye	Laithwaite	Marlow Vineyard & Winery	MARLOW	Bucks
Richard & Sian	Liwicki	Bothy Vineyard	ABINGDON	Oxon
Anne	Linder	Theale Vineyard (Direct Wines)	THEALE	Berks
Jan	Mirkowski	Fairmile Vineyard	MARLOW	Bucks
Margaret	McVey-Dymond		WINNERSH	Berks
Nigel	Morgan	Daws Hill Farm	HIGH WYCOMBE	Bucks
Bob	Nielsen	Brightwell Vineyard	WALLINGFORD	Oxon
Tom	Newey	Cobbs Farm Vineyard	HUNGERFORD	Berks
Douglas	Palin		LONDON	
David	Palmer		LONDON	
John & Feona	Petersen	Dropmore Vineyard	SLOUGH	Berks
Roy & Lavinia	Phillips	Parhams Farm Vineyard	SHAFTESBURY	Dorset
Matthew	Press	Seer Green Vineyard	SEER GREEN	Bucks
Phil	Rossi	Oaken Grove Vineyard	LONDON	
Rob & Denise	Santilli	Linch Hill Vineyard	STANTON HARCOURT	Oxon
Wendy	Sargent	The Old Forge Vineyard	HENLEY-ON-THAMES	Oxon
Nigel	Smith	Manor Fields Vineyard	Nr AYLESBURY	Bucks
Patricia	Stefanowicz		LONDON	
Rob	Sutton		Chalfont St Giles	Bucks
Alex	Taylor	Bridewell Organic Gardens	CHIPPING NORTON	
Simon	Tooley	Frithsden Vineyard	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	Herts
David A	Wheeler		CHIPPING NORTON	Oxon
Richard	Woodward		COMBE	Oxon

T&CVA Life members 2014

FirstName	Surname	Vineyard	Town	County
Dorothea	Fisher		READING	Berks
Jon	Leighton			
Gerry	Fowles		READING	Berks.
Oliver	Richardson		Wem	Shropshire
David	Wheeler		MAIDENHEAD	Berks

5. Secretary's Report (Denise Santilli)

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date	Event name	Venue	Times	Hosted by / contact details	More about this event
Sunday evening 27th April 2014	T&CVA AGM & members Dinner	Gilbey's Restaurant Eton	5pm-9pm	T&CVA Denise Santilli 07721 744020 dr@lhvineyard.wanadoo.co.uk	AGM followed by Presentation and discussion "A vision & strategy for English & Welsh Wine" followed by Dinner & networking
Weds 7 th May 2014	EWP Trade & Press Tasting Day	One Great George Street, London.	10.30am -4.30pm	English Wine Producers Julia Trustram Eve - Marketing Director julia@englishwineproducers.com	This is an invitation only event for the Trade & Press. T&CVA invited to be present with a stand and wines from selected T&CVA commercial vineyards
Saturday 24th May until Sunday 1st June 2014.	English Wine Week	All vineyards in the UK	To be decided locally	English Wine Producers English Wine Week Co-ordinator: Zoë Davey - Tel: 07970 340069 EWP Office - Tel: 01536 772264 wineweek@englishwineproducers.co.uk	To raise the awareness of English wines amongst the general public through local events such as vineyard wine tastings and tours, lectures. T&CVA participants needed!
Thurs 5 th & Fri 6 th June 2014	UKVA English & Welsh Wine Competition	Balliol College, Oxford	10-4pm each day	UKVA and T&CVA	This is a CLOSED event for judges only except DINNER on Thursday night (5/6/14) when T&CVA members invited

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Saturday 7 th June 2014	English Wine Festival	Balliol College, Oxford	Midday until 6pm	T&CVA Denise Santilli 07721 744020 honsec@thameschilternsvineyards.org.uk	English Wine tasting open to the paying public (entry fee £8). A fantastic opportunity for the public to taste 200+ English Wines and to purchase T&CVA wines. T&CVA volunteers needed!
23rd July 2014	Vines to Wines as part of Fruit Focus	East Malling, Kent	See website	Sarah Whittaker-Smith Tel: +44 (0) 1788 892041 Fax: +44 (0) 1788 892038 e:mail sarah.whittaker-smith@haymarket.com www.fruitfocus.co.uk/vines-to-wines/	Vines to Wines is a mini-event set within Fruit Focus, bringing together all those involved in the growing, production, distribution and sales of still and sparkling wine in the UK.
Sunday 14 th September	T&CVA 2014 Wine Challenge & committee mtg	Laithwaites Winery, Henley	11-2pm	Kaye & Henry Laithwaite, Marlow Vineyard & Winery, Henley-on-Thames	The Wine Challenge is attended by judges only. We will conduct a committee meeting after the judging.
2 nd - 4 th December 2014	Vinitech 2014	Exhibition Centre, Bordeaux	See website	http://www.vinitech.fr/en	Meet 40,492 professionals: wine producers, oenologists, suppliers, trade associations

Annual Wine Challenge: the secretary will obtain gold, silver and bronze stickers that can be affixed to winning bottles of wine and will ask medal winners how many stickers they require. The cost of the stickers will be ascertained. If approved by the committee, this cost will be borne from the entry fees to the competition and T&CVA reserves.

6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2014-15

The following were proposed, seconded and approved as officials and committee members for 2014-15: -

Chairman & UKVA Rep	Bob Nielsen
Vice Chairman & T&CVA Technical Advisor	Patricia Stefanowicz
Hon Secretary	Denise Santilli
Hon Treasurer & Mem Sec	Sian Liwicki
Ordinary Members	Margaret McVey-Dymond, Phil Rossi Michael and Lin Gilbey Kaye Laithwaite

7. Motions to be voted on:

It was agreed to maintain the T&CVA subscription fee for 2014-15 to £10 per year

It was agreed that the T&CVA committee have the authority to approve the UKVA subscriptions and hectare levy for 2014 when they are agreed at the next UKVA AGM (usually in January).

8. Any Other business

The membership year will run from Aug 1st 2014 thus giving 6 months "free" membership in 2014

It was proposed that we hold a T&CVA post Christmas social event – details to be discussed at Committee meeting in September. The Secretary will then poll members to gauge interest / attendance.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7pm followed by Dinner

Next Committee meeting beginning of September 2014