Senior Common Room

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AUTUMN SOCIAL PROGRAMME 2019

Welcome back Wine of the Month

Friday 4 October

SCR Lounge, Park House, 5.30-7.30pm

Come to the SCR Lounge to relax and kick off the beginning of the term! Wine from our cellars at £2.50 per glass.

No need to book but bring sufficient cash to pay for your wine.

Host for the evening: to be confirmed.

Visitors welcome!

Bordeaux Wine Tasting

Wednesday 23 October

Acacias Cellars, London Road, 5.30-7.30pm

A "Left Bank" vs "Right Bank" Bordeaux Wine Tasting.

The river Gironde and the two smaller rivers, Dordogne and Garonne, form a Y shape that separate Bordeaux in three main areas: the Left Bank is on the South, the Right Bank on the north and the area in between Dordogne and Garonne is known as Entre-Deux-Mers. The Left Bank and Right Bank are arguably the two main red wine regions in Bordeaux and have influenced the wine making styles and the consumer preferences around the world for a long time. In general, red Bordeaux wines are blended from Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot grapes. However, the vineyards in Left Bank are dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon, while those in the Right Bank focus on Merlot. Join us to explore a range of wines and vintages from each bank to find out your preferred style. All wines are selected from the SCR cellars and most are available in the SCR wine shop.

Please note a maximum of 20 people can attend this tasting so early booking is advisable.

Bookings with payment (£20.00 per person) by bank transfer or cheque to the SCR Office or Wine Shop (scr@reading.ac.uk). Bank details from Charlene McGroarty.

Organiser: Giuseppe Di Fatta, Wine Steward

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Sloe-picking Ramble

Sunday 27 October

Come for a sloe-picking ramble, with plant taxonomist, Dr. Jonathan Mitchley. Creator of the Dr. M goes Wild blog, and is an aficionado of anything sloe! Children welcome – gloves encouraged to pick sloes safely without the pain! Sloes will be used to make gin and brandy for a tasting later in the year. Meeting time to be confirmed.

Pub lunch prior to ramble; exact time and place to be determined.

Bookings to Charlene McGroarty in the SCR Office (scr@reading.ac.uk).

Host: Jonathan Mitchley (aka drmgoeswild.com)

Cocktail & Poetry Evening

Friday 8 November

SCR Meetings Room, Park House, Campus, 6.00-7.30pm

Come and enjoy a casual evening – try all four cocktails with some simple appetizers, chat and listen to an occasional poem ready by the poet himself, Dr Francesco Tamagnini (Academic Staff, Pharmacy).

Bookings with payment (£10.00 per person) by bank transfer or cheque to the SCR Office (scr@reading.ac.uk). Bank details from Charlene McGroarty.

Please note a maximum of 25 people can attend this tasting so early booking is advisable.

Organisers: Francesco Tamagnini (poet) and Nandini Vasudevan (bartender)

Gin Tasting

Wednesday 20 November

Save the date!

[Venue, cost and gin details to be confirmed.]

Organisers: Lorraine Farrelly, Nandini Vasudevan

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Wine of the Month

Friday 29 November

SCR Lounge, Park House, 5.30-7.30pm

Come to the SCR Lounge to relax with a glass of wine from our cellars at £2.50 per glass.

No need to book but bring sufficient cash to pay for your wine.

Host for the evening: Nandini Vasudevan

Visitors welcome!

University Carol Service

Monday 2 December

Great Hall, London Road Campus, 6.00-8.00pm

Music at Reading and the Chaplaincy invite you to join the University of Reading for the annual Christmas Carol Service, held in the picturesque Great Hall.
There will be a mixture of seasonal choral pieces by the University Chamber Choir, traditional Christmas carols and readings from members of the University community. Join us for a perfect way to celebrate the start of the Christmas season Admission free. Booking required.

To book visit: www.reading.ac.uk/christmas or email events@reading.ac.uk

SCR Christmas Market

Thursday 5 December

SCR Meetings Room & Lounge, Park House, 5.00-7.00pm

We have an exciting group of local artists and artisans coming to sell their wares to help with your Christmas shopping! Wine from our wine shop will be for sale at £2.50 per glass, or by the bottle (please bring sufficient cash to pay for your wine). All of our vendors are local makers, so come along and put a unique touch on your gift-giving.

Stall reservations to SCR Office (scr@reading.ac.uk). Price per stall is £5.00 payable in advance by bank transfer or cheque to the SCR Office. Bank details from Charlene McGroarty.

Car parking permits available for vendors and rooms will be available from 4.00pm for set-up.

Organiser: Sarah Cardey (s.p.cardey@reading.ac.uk)

O Christmas Tree!
Children's Christmas Lecture 2019

Tuesday 17 December

G10 Palmer Building, Whiteknights Campus, 4.30pm

Dr Jonathan Mitchley, Associate Professor in Field Botany
Join us on a botanical adventure as we discover Christmas plants from around the world, with special focus on a festive favourite – the Christmas tree! In this fun and interactive lecture, we will take a journey up and down the Christmas tree, revealing the amazing science hidden beneath the tinsel and baubles. Prepare to engage your senses as we explore the sights, smells and behaviour of these familiar plants – but be prepared, there are botanical surprises in store!

Admission free. Booking essential. Suitable for children 7–12 years.

This event is now fully booked. Please email events@reading.ac.uk if you would like to be added to the waiting list.

Christmas Wine Tasting aka Wine, Men & Song!

Wednesday 18 December

Acacias Lounge, London Road, 5.30-7.30pm

This tasting showcases a range of wines from the SCR cellars, ready for any occasion: from a social get-together to a formal dinner or a nightcap.

Bookings with payment (£15.00 per person) by bank transfer or cheque to the SCR Office or the Wine Shop (scr@reading.ac.uk). Bank details from Charlene McGroarty.

Please note a maximum of 20 people can attend this tasting so early booking is advisable.

Organiser: Giuseppe Di Fatta, Wine Steward

A little bit of music: Jonathan Mitchley and Dan MacLeod (on piano).