Staff Common Room



SPRING SOCIAL PROGRAMME 2020

Welcome to Spring term Wine of the Month

Friday 17 January

SCR Lounge, Park House, 6.00-8.00pm

Come to the SCR Lounge to relax and kick off the beginning of the new year!

Wine from our cellars at £2.50 per glass.

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

Host for the evening: Nandini Vasudevan (Social Steward).

Whisky Tasting & Burns Night



Friday 31 January

Acacias Lounge, London Road Campus, 7.00-10.00pm

Whisky Tasting with Burns Night readings and celebrations of the Bard's work! Alternatively, you can bring or buy your own wine from the SCR Wine Shop to accompany the light nibbles provided.

Live entertainment including readings and music themed around Burns' work and life.

Whisky Tasting: bookings with payment of £20.00 per person (a maximum of 25 can attend) to Charlene McGroarty in the SCR Office: scr@reading.ac.uk.

Bring-your-own drinks: bookings with payment of £8.00 per person (a maximum of 15 can attend) to Charlene McGroarty in the SCR Office: scr@reading.ac.uk.

Guest Host: Rob Jackson (assisted by Louise Johnson and Nandini Vasudevan).

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Reading Bach Choir

Saturday 8 February

St. Andrews Church, Albert Road, Caversham, 7.30pm

Come and join us for an evening of choral music and support the local Reading Bach Choir. We will enjoy a prerecital drink at the Caversham Rose (a 10 minute walk from the church and parking available) at 6.15pm. If you are interested in a drink, please email Nandini Vasudevan: n.vasudevan@reading.ac.uk

Tickets: Concessionary tickets (£12.00) available from Jonathan Mitchley. Please email Jonathan at: <u>j.mitchley@reading.ac.uk</u> beforehand. See flyer attached for further information.

Wine of the Month

Friday 28 February

SCR Lounge, Park House, 5.30-7.30pm

Come to the SCR Lounge to relax with a glass of wine after a busy week!

Wine from our cellars at £2.50 per glass.

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

Host for the evening: Nandini Vasudevan (Social Steward).

Sloe Gin and other Alcoholic Delights

Wednesday 11 March

SCR Lounge, Park House, 6.00-8.00pm

Join us for "Forager's Delights" an evening exploring and celebrating sloe gin (with sloes collected on the SCR walk last autumn) and other fruits and alcohol combinations! This evening is curated by Nandini Vasudevan and Jonathan Mitchley and includes vocal interludes from the local barbershop quartet, Tonyx featuring our very own Louise Johnson - http://facebook.com/thetonyxuk

Bookings with payment (£15.00 per person to include smoked salmon and nibbles) to the SCR Account. Details from Charlene McGroarty in the SCR Office: scr@reading.ac.uk.

Please note a maximum of 25 people can attend this event so book early to avoid disappointment.

Organisers: Jonathan Mitchley and Nandini Vasudevan.

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Quiz Night

Thursday 19 March

Park House, Meadow Suite, 7.00-11.00pm

Teams of between 4-6 needed to do battle for the prestigious title of SCR quiz champions, not to mention fabulous prizes! Ticket price £12.50 per person to include hot bowl buffet supper provided during the interval (details of food will be circulated in due course). Please note payment must be made in advance of the event.

SCR members and University staff, family and friends all very welcome to participate!

The Park House bar will be open for your convenience.

Table reservations: Charlene McGroarty in the SCR office SCR@reading.ac.uk.

Volcanic Wine Tasting

Wednesday 25 March

SCR Lounge, Park House, Whiteknights, 5.30-7.30pm

Volcanic soils can vary significantly in structure and composition. However, they typically have a unique richness of minerals. Some volcanic terrains have been used for the cultivation of vines and production of wine for centuries and millennia. They arguably have unique properties that make their wines special, at least for their evocative power. Volcanic wines have long been debated and have attracted interest and curiosity. Of course, the wine business needs images that can help to differentiate products and to attract the consumers. How much hype and how much reality is there? Let's try some of these wines in the attempt to investigate this fascinating dilemma.

Bookings with payment (£20.00 per person) to the SCR Account. Details from Charlene McGroarty in the SCR Office: scr@reading.ac.uk.

Please note a maximum of 20 people can attend this event so book early to avoid disappointment.

Host for the evening: Giuseppe Di Fatta (Wine Steward).

Walk in the Woods

Sunday 5 April, meet at 11.00am

Pullen's Pond and Starvale Woods (Burghfield Common/Mortimer), 4 miles, circular route.

Attractive mixture of heathland, woodland and farmland, with open views.

Meet at Burghfield recreation ground car park (enter from Recreation Road), RG7 3EN.

Pub lunch at 1.00pm in The Cunning Man, Burghfield Bridge, Burghfield Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG30 3RB

Bookings to the SCR Office: scr@reading.ac.uk. Organiser: Simon Andrews.