

## SPRING SOCIAL PROGRAMME 2025

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### Whisky Tasting & Burns Night



**Friday 24 January**

**Acacias Lounge & Dining Room, London Road Campus, 7.00 to 10.00pm**

Whisky Tasting with Burns Night readings and celebrations of the Bard's work!

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

Bookings with payment of £30.00 per member and £35.00 per guest to Charlene McGroarty in the SCR

Office: [scr@reading.ac.uk](mailto:scr@reading.ac.uk).

*Hosts: Josh Madrid and Natasha Kennedy*

### Games Night

**Wednesday 19 February**

**SCR Lounge, Park House, 6.15 to 8.00pm**

Join us for an evening of board games and card games. A selection of games will be provided including strategy games, cooperative games, fast based games and family favourites.

Please feel free to bring games with you.

Wine from our cellars will be available from £3.50 per glass.

Soft drinks will be available from £1.50 per glass.

**No need to book but please bring your card to pay for your drinks and nibbles.**

*Host for the evening: Natasha Kennedy and Nick Bardsley*

## Monthly Nectar

**Friday 28 February**

**SCR Lounge, Park House, 6.15 to 8.00pm**

Wine from our cellars and cheese/bread from £3.50 per glass.

Soft drinks and cheese/bread available from £1.50 per glass.

**No need to book but please bring your card to pay for your drinks and nibbles.**

*Host for the evening: Josh Madrid*

## Sloe Gin and other Alcoholic Delights

**14 March, 6.15 to 8.00pm**

**Acacias**

Join us for “Forager’s Delights” an evening exploring and celebrating vintage sloe gin (with sloes collected on the pre-covid walk) and other fruits and alcohol combinations! This evening will include some musical surprises and is curated by Nandini Vasudevan and Jonathan Mitchley.

Bookings with payment (£15.00 per member and £18.00 per guest to include nibbles) to the SCR Account. Details from Charlene McGroarty in the SCR Office: [scr@reading.ac.uk](mailto:scr@reading.ac.uk).

**Please note your booking will be remain unconfirmed until payment has been made in advance of the event.**

**A maximum of 22 people can attend this event so book early to avoid disappointment.**

## From Start to Finish: Aperitifs and Dessert Wines

**Friday 21 March**

**Acacias Members Lounge, 6.15 to 8.00pm**

The tasting will range over extremes, aperitifs being dry to whet the appetite and dessert wines being the opposite, often unctuously sweet. We will sample dry sherries, rosés, lighter champagne and other sparkling wines, plus spirit-based bitters such as Aperol, to be accompanied by savoury snacks. Skipping the main course, to go with our afters we will try medium sweet wines for less sugary dishes, classic dessert wines with high residual sugar such as Sauternes, sweet sherries, and naturally we will finish with vintage port from the SCR cellars.

Bookings with payment per member and per guest to Charlene McGroarty in the SCR Office: [scr@reading.ac.uk](mailto:scr@reading.ac.uk).  
Prices to be confirmed in the New Year.

*Hosts: Nick Bardsley and Jake Bishop*

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*Host for the evening: Natasha and Josh*

## Signs of Spring Walk

**Sunday 30 March**

Meeting in the carpark of Cow Common, Ewelme at 10.30am. OX10 6PG. If the carpark is full, you may need to park on the road.

Setting off at 10.30am, we will take a fairly hilly, scenic circular walk from Ewelme, via Swyncombe Downs and Swyncombe Church. It's an approximately 8-mile route. The weather may be wild, windy or wet, and the route muddy underfoot, but we should see signs of Spring! Bring your own lunch to eat, we'll stop at beautiful Swyncombe Church. I estimate we'll finish 2:30ish, but this is dependent on how fast people like to walk and how long they like to stop for lunch. There is a public toilet at Swyncombe Church.

*Host: Julie Hawkins.*

## Monthly Nectar

**Friday 25 April**

**SCR Lounge, Park House, 6.15 to 8.00pm**

Wine from our cellars and cheese/bread from £3.50 per glass.

Soft drinks and cheese/bread available from £1.50 per glass.

**No need to book but please bring your card to pay for your drinks and nibbles.**

*Host for the evening: TBC*

## Bluebell Amble

**Sunday 27 April**

Meeting outside the Red Lion pub, Peppard Common, Rotherfield Peppard, Henley-on-Thames RG9 5LB. There is a small carpark, you may need to park along the road.

Setting off at 2:30pm from in front of the Red Lion, we'll take a gentle amble for about three miles, stopping in the midst of bluebells for a tea and cake - bring your own, and a blanket to sit on! The Red Lion is open for lunch, and walkers are welcome to book directly with the pub if they fancy a Sunday lunch before the walk, or they are booking for Sundays until 5:30 if you'd like to eat later.

*Host: Julie Hawkins*

## Wine tasting

**Friday 16 May**

Venue TBC. A selection of wines to try, further details to be provided.

## Date for your diary

**Annual General Meeting with Wine & Nibbles**

**Friday 23 May**

**SCR Park House meeting room, 5.30pm**