

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group Information for presenters

About the Croughton Wine Appreciation Group:

- We are a very informal and friendly group, mainly drawn from the village, who enjoy wine and who would like to learn a bit more about different wines, where they come from, how they are produced, and what they taste like!
- The group was formed in 2008.
- We have approximately 30 members.
- Each meeting usually attracts between 25 and 30 people.

About our wine tasting evenings:

- **Venue:** Croughton Village Hall. Directions to the hall are provided below
- **Times:** Events start at 8pm and run for approximately 2 hours.
- **Arrival time:**
 - o Members of the committee are usually at the Village Hall by 7pm to set up the room. Please let us know if you plan to arrive before 7pm so we can ensure someone is there to meet you.
- **Wines:**
 - o We tend to choose 7 or 8 types of wine to taste in an evening, and allow 2 bottles of each type of wine
 - o Our budget for wines is approximately £160
- **Event format:**
 - o Our regular format is to divide the evening into two halves, tasting some of the wines in the first hour, and the remainder after a break for some bread & cheese
 - o We ask everyone to score the wines they are tasting and we note the scores at the break and at the end of the evening. (Note that our scoring is not very sophisticated yet but it does provide a record of what the group likes and what they don't like!)
 - o We also provide print-outs of the tasting notes for everyone.
 - o Presentation equipment such as laptop, projector and screen can be provided for you if required. Please feel free to bring marketing information about your organisation – our members are always interested to know about different wine merchants.
- **Selling wines:** please note that Croughton Village Hall is licensed to sell wines. So please feel free to bring spare bottles to sell if you wish

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What we need from you

To help us run the event smoothly and efficiently, please can you provide us with some key information at least 3 days before the event:

- The list of wines that people will be tasting, and the order you recommend they are tasted
- Tasting notes: please can you send us the tasting notes so that we can format them into our standard template and print them out ahead of the meeting
- Please confirm whether you need presentation equipment eg. laptop, projector, screen
- A bit of background about yourself so that we can introduce you properly on the night – just a couple of lines
- Invoice: please send us your invoice for the wines before the meeting, or bring it with you, so that we can provide payment on the night.

Directions

Venue address:

Croughton Village Hall, Wheelers Rise, Croughton, Northants, NN13 5ND

From the A43: take the B4031 signed to RAF Croughton. Go past the RAF base, over the mini roundabout, and then past the Co-operative store on your left. Immediately after the road narrows, turn right into Wheelers Rise, and then the first left which is signed to the Village Hall. Follow the road until you reach the hall.

From Aynho, take the B4031 signed to Croughton and follow the road into the village. Go past the Blackbird Pub on your left, and take the next turning on the left, Wheelers Rise which is signed to the Village Hall. Take the first turning on the left and follow the road until you reach the hall.