**BRITANNIA SQUARE RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION - AGM 2024**

**Wine Club**

The Wine Club has been in existence since 2006 and is a social group comprising residents of our area who share an interest in wine.

We currently have approximately 55 addresses on our circulation list (in most cases couples, so potentially could have around 100 attending our meetings)

Generally our meetings are over-subscribed, places are allocated on a first come, first served basis, so when you receive an invitation, please apply early.

We have held two meetings this year.

In March 2024 we held a meeting to taste wines selected by the committee. The event was held in the Ballroom of 48 Britannia Square and was attended by 25 people. We made a surplus on the evening of £110.00 which (by agreement by all attendees) was donated to **BBC Red Nose Day** appeal. Fortunately one of our members works for an international company with a charity budget which match-funds charity donations made by its staff, so our donation was doubled to **£220.00**.

In July 2024 we held our annual Summer Party, tasting wines selected from Jane McQuitty’s “Top 100 Summer Wines” as published in The Times newspaper. For the first time this meeting was held in the Garden Gazebos at 50 Britannia Square. The weather was good and 30 members enjoyed a great evening. A surplus of **£240.00** was made on the evening, at my suggestion; this became the first donation to the newly established **BSRA** **Defibrillator Fund**. (See article in BSRA Newsletter Autumn 2024).

I would like to record my thanks to John and Liz Prosser for acting as hosts to our Summer Garden parties for many years. They have always been delightful events held in a superb location. I hope my garden can fill the bill as our summer venue for many years to come.

Our meetings are an opportunity to get together to enjoy a glass or two of wine and catch up with our friends and neighbours – we are a social group at heart, so no prior knowledge of wine is required!

Our next meeting will be held in Spring 2025 (details to be circulated later).

If you are new to the area and have an interest in wine, please let me know and I’ll include your name in our invitation list (Note: Current BSRA membership and a completed GDPR Consent form will be required).

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