

“Causes for Celebration”

So say the owners of the new GLASS BARN at High Clandon, Bruce and Sibylla Tindale. Despite a gloomy Saturday 12th November, the Glass Barn at High Clandon Vineyard glowed with colour from display of exceptional artworks and sculpture and autumn colour of the Surrey Hills AONB. This exhibition of works by acclaimed Surrey artists, marked the inauguration of the new wine tasting facility at High Clandon and celebrates the release of their Special Vintage Reserve sparkling wine, the Celebration Cuvée 2010. Sales of both art and wine benefit Cherry Trees which provides respite care for children with disabilities



The Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Gordon Jackson with the Tindale family

The Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson attended the special reception at which 160 guests tasted this English sparkling wine from multi-award winning High Clandon Vineyard and their newly launched liqueur, The Essence. In his speech, the Mayor said “I am excited by the development of the wine tourism in Surrey and this Glass Barn is example of how this is helping Surrey to become a tourism destination”. He went on to say how much he admired Cherry Trees for the work that they do for children and thanked the owners of High Clandon for their donations of over £5000 in support of Cherry Trees over the past year. The Mayor then planted an oak to mark the occasion. The oak, being one of Surrey’s landmark trees, its oak leaf features prominently on High Clandon’s bottle.

In his welcome speech, Bruce Tindale said “High Clandon prides itself on our personal touch, 90% of our wine is sold directly to our valued customers who have become friends, and on the excellence of our wine. In the August Decanter magazine feature, Richard Hemmings MW rated High Clandon’s Celebration Cuvée 2010 in

the top 2 of the 96 English sparkling wines tasted”.

Earlier that day, Bamber Gascoigne, attended and spoke about his return to Surrey life when he ‘accidentally’ inherited West Horsley Place which is to build and host Grange Park Opera from June next year. Bamber, the former TV presenter and original quizmaster of University Challenge, talked of his pleasure at being involved in the superb opera venture and then to find that a near neighbour was High Clandon Vineyard with its superb sparkling wines.



Bamber Gascoigne, Sibylla Tindale, Nikki Nelson-Smith

High Clandon’s Spirit of Christmas event was held in its new Glass Barn during November. Take the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful setting in the Surrey Hills, to taste the award winning sparkling wine and the just-released liqueur, and stock up for festive celebrations, contact 01483 225660 or email finewine@highclandon.co.uk. www.highclandon.co.uk



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