

news from

Woody Nook at Woodcote

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Woodcote's Very Own Wine

Owners Jane and Peter Bailey's winery Woody Nook in Western Australia restructured their range of wines in 2012, dividing them into two selections – one in a 'Heritage' label series, and the other in a 'Folkloric' label series, both with new designs, one elegant and classic; and the other funky and bright.

One of the folkloric series wines has been named 'Woodcote' in recognition of their restaurant's location in this Oxfordshire village and the part it has played in showcasing Woody Nook's wines in the UK.

Chenin Blanc is a great entertaining wine as, with its just hint of sweetness

and tangy, crisp taste, it is enjoyed by everyone regardless of their preference for dry or sweet wines. So refreshing for that first drink of the day, it is also an ideal accompaniment for spicy food and makes the perfect lunchtime wine.

As a special introductory price, the 'Woodcote' Chenin Blanc is available from Woody Nook at Woodcote at just £9 per bottle, until the end of the year and at the further discount price of £100 a case.

Only 64 cases were imported, so if you live close by, don't delay but pop in and grab a bottle while stocks last. Buy online if you are further away or simply give us a call on 01491 680775..



Afternoon tea three tier platter

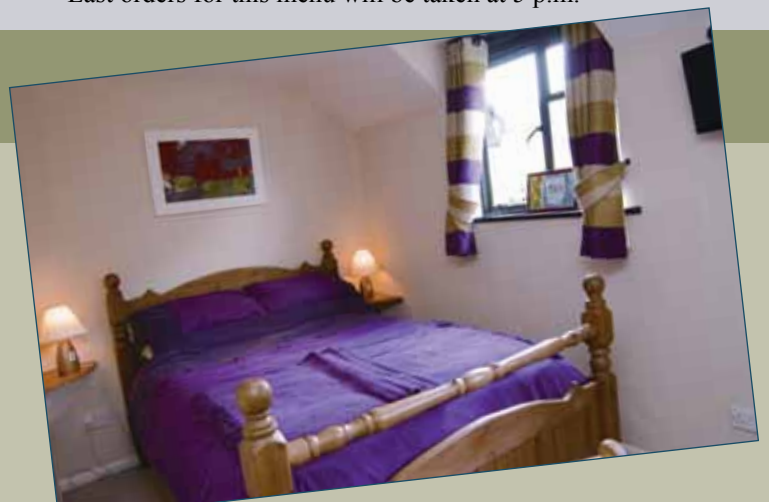
Afternoon and High-Teas on Sundays

As Woody Nook at Woodcote is now staying open on Sundays until 7 p.m., enabling patrons to partake of a much later lunch or early dinner, it also gives the restaurant the opportunity to offer what is becoming a very popular activity – afternoon and high tea! From 3pm Woody Nook at Woodcote will be serving several options under this category, starting with simple cream teas with homemade scones at just £5.95 a head, progressing through a selection of finger sandwiches, delicious small cakes and scones, jam and clotted cream with fine English loose teas 'Three Tier' £15.95 (see photo) to the addition of a glass of sparkling wine and/or a high tea dish such as smoked salmon and peeled prawn salad with lime mayonnaise or cajun chicken Caesar salad. Last orders for this menu will be taken at 5 p.m.

Accommodation available Wednesday-Saturday

Many of our patrons have been aware that they may book a room at Woody Nook at Woodcote if they live a distance away from the restaurant or want to enjoy a drink without the restriction imposed by the need to drive home.

Now we are advertising the availability of the rooms more widely. There are two, cosy, ensuite double bedded rooms that may be booked on Wednesday to Saturday nights inclusive. The £70 rate includes a continental breakfast.



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Lunchtime Menu - light & healthy choices

We have tried various ways of presenting our lunch menus and we believe that our new, more comprehensive one has something for everyone. There are sections for soup and baguettes; light bites; pastas; salads; fish; meat; desserts; and coffees; The selection in each is much larger than previously and the prices of the items start at just £5.95.



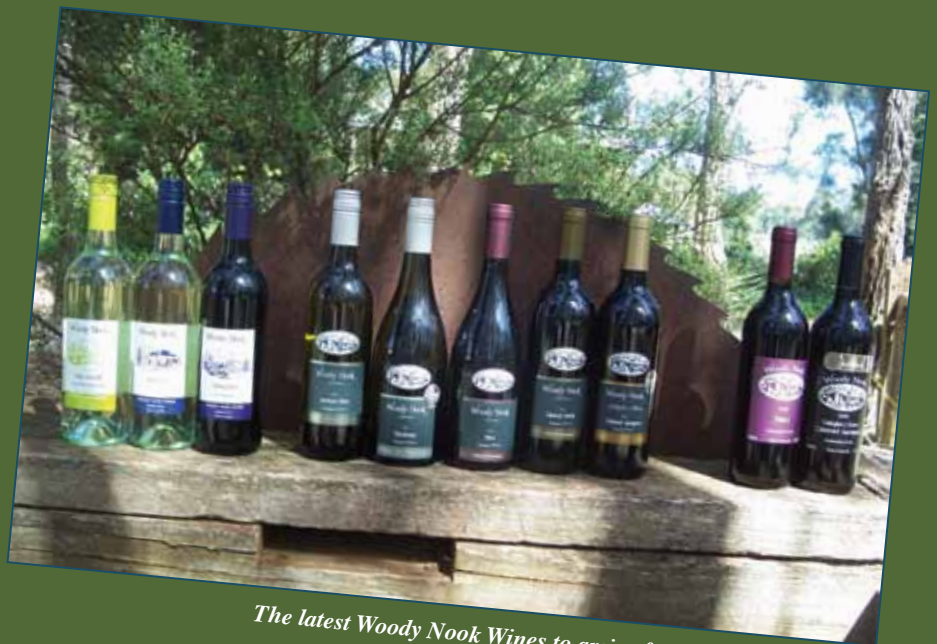
New Lunch Menu

New Wines Have Arrived

The photo shows all the wines that have arrived in the new shipment from Woody Nook's winery in Margaret River, Western Australia. They comprise two new label series, one the 'Heritage' collection and the other the 'Folkloric' range.

The former has the 'Gallagher's Choice' Cabernet Sauvignon 2010, Shiraz 2010, Cabernet Merlot 2010, Chardonnay 2011 and Sauvignon Blanc 2012 in it; the latter includes 'Woodcote' Chenin Blanc 2012, 'Kelly's Farewell' Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2012 and 'Killdog Creek' Tempranillo 2010.

On Friday, November 30 we will be officially releasing these wines to the UK market and, to coincide with this launch, holding a wine tasting event at the restaurant between 6.30 and 8.00 p.m. for £15 per head, refundable with the purchase of 6 bottles or more of wine. Canapés will be served but attendees are welcome to book for dinner afterwards.



The latest Woody Nook Wines to arrive from Western Australia

Decanter Medals



Other recent UK competition medal winners - Decanter World Wine Awards



Decanter World Wine Awards 2012 Silver Medal Winners

We have boasted so often, I am sure many of our readers will remember that Woody Nook Wines won the coveted 'Warren Winiarski' Trophy at London's International Wine & Spirit Competition in 2009 for the best Cabernet Sauvignon (We still have a few cases left here in the UK!).

Now, in 2012 we are thrilled to have collected two Silver Medals at the Decanter World Wine Awards where the competition is very serious and the number of entries enormous. The two wines were our 'Gallagher's Choice' Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 and our oaked Chardonnay 2011, both of which have just arrived in our latest shipment from Australia.

Parties at Woody Nook



Woody Nook at Woodcote can seat up to 60 people comfortably and if you have plans to invite up to that number for an engagement, birthday, anniversary party or wedding reception, we would love to hear from you and be able to provide you with sample menus and our very reasonable prices for such private events.

A marquee can be arranged for larger gatherings.

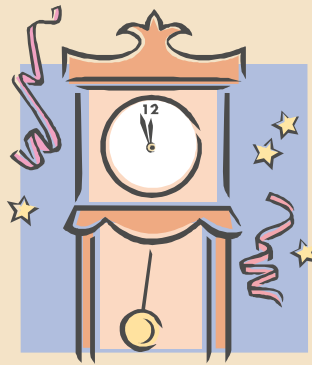
Woody Nook's Soccer Champions



The Champions celebrating with their trophy

New Years Eve

We have found over the years that a live band is not a good idea for our New Year's Eve dinner, as the noise level can be rather uncomfortable and it limits the amount of space we have available for tables on this extremely popular night at Woody Nook at Woodcote. Consequently, again this year, you will have a more intimate candlelit dining experience at the restaurant with pleasant background music and just a little more traditional frivolity leading up to midnight!



As seating is limited, do please reserve your table early to avoid disappointment. We are offering one of the most reasonably priced New Year's Eve menus around at just £67.50 per person including an aperitif on arrival, a 5 course dinner and bubbly at midnight.

For several years Head Chef Stuart Shepherd has headed a team of Woody Nook at Woodcote employees and friends in the '5 a side' Reading Rivermead Division 2 Soccer League. The makeup of the team has changed from year to year, but Stuart has been the constant force behind the squad. Co-founded by Stuart and Sous Chef Matthew Pengelly, the name 'Euro Allstars' was coined due to the varied nationalities of the players. In 2012 they came out on top and are pictured with their Champions' trophy and wearing their Champions' tee-shirts. Their match jersey is also shown, proudly worn throughout each season. For all those who are familiar with Stuart's culinary prowess, we thought we'd let you know that he is highly skilled in other ways too! Stuart is pictured back right in the photo; Andrew Taylor, Woody Nook at Woodcote's Kitchen Porter, is front left

Parties at Home



Of course we would love everyone to choose Woody Nook at Woodcote for all special occasions but we understand that sometimes the perfect place for a small celebration is your own home and, for a large one, a community hall for example.

We thought that many of our patrons may not realise that our chefs are always available to discuss and supply your catering requirements.

They specialise in designing cold platters of attractive canapés to suit your preferences and budget, together with selections of cold meats and cheeses.

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Coffee & Cakes



Summer 2012 did not see the ideal weather for a pleasant coffee and chat with friends on the patio at Woody Nook at Woodcote. However, with the seriously cooler temperatures having arrived, do remember that our chefs always have a delicious homemade cake to tempt you if you drop in for coffee in our cosy, warm interior. We throw the door open for coffee from 9.30 a.m. onwards. Scones, jam and cream will always be available too. Pushchairs welcome!

Super Summer Saturdays

Next summer - starting on Easter Saturday (April.1st) and continuing until the end of September, Woody Nook at Woodcote will be the place to enjoy a delicious gourmet, multi-course buffet lunch £19.95 per head (half price for children under 12).

Watch out for reminders about this exciting innovation closer to its inception.



Christmas Fayre

Our Nookery Cookery jams and preserves proved to be very popular at the Woodcote Steam Rally in 2011 (sadly we did not have the opportunity to sell them this year as the Rally was cancelled due to the saturated field) so we decided our chefs' talents could be put to an alternative good use – that of producing some of your Christmas goodies, namely Christmas cakes, puddings and mince pies, all made fresh to order and delivered free of charge in Woodcote. (see photo for selection.) Prices: 6 mince pies £1.95 ; Small Christmas puddings £8.95 large £12.50 and cakes (undecorated) £9.95 (£5 extra for marzipan and fondant icing.)



Corporate or Personal Wine Gifts

If you are responsible for organising your office or company's gifts this Christmas or are thinking that a bottle of wine to all your friends and family would be a great idea to make things really easy this year, then please consider the lovely wine packs Woody Nook at Woodcote can supply to satisfy all your requirements. We can send single bottles of wine, or in twos, threes, sixes or dozens and, of course, in varying price ranges from our very 'top drop' – the triple trophy winning 'Gallagher's Choice' Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 at £25 per bottle, through our very well known 'Nooky Delight' fortified wine at £19.50 to our very very soft and smooth Shiraz 2007 at £17.50 and many white wines around the £10 mark.



The cost of packaging and postage will depend on the quantity and varietal chosen. If you would care to give us a call on 01491680775 Wednesdays-Sundays inclusive, our staff would be happy to take details of what your needs are and then put together suggestions and a quote. If you live locally, please feel free to drop in any time we are open to discuss your shopping list, see our different packaging options and find out what wines we have to 'fit the bill.'

We also stock a wide range of quirky black wine-related rhinestone tee-shirts, aprons and other gifts such as tea-towel sets, baby rompers, flip-flop coasters and wine thermometers - do come and check them out or phone for further details.

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