



West Suffolk Fine Wine Society

Newsletter April 2026

Dear Members,

The eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed we have changed which months we are having meetings. This is simply because both September and January have historically been times of low attendance.

Please book for events as early as you can, and definitely by any deadlines published; knowing the final numbers in good time helps presenters prepare the right numbers of bottles and paperwork and helps us prepare the village hall.

If you would like to bring one or more guests to any of our events, please get in touch with Wynn (wynn.rees@btinternet.com or 07580 132568)

Forthcoming events

- **Monday 13th April Great Barton Village Hall 7.30pm Martin's Choice**

Martin writes—"Unlike my previous tastings at the WSFWS which were on a particular theme, this tasting involves some of my favourite and most interesting wines that I've come across over the last few months. All of the wines are very different but all lovely (in my opinion!). Expect wines that you may not have come across before as well as great value examples of more well known styles. I promise you'll be challenged, informed and delighted by my choices!"

The code for this event is MH and the cost is £12 per member.

Booking by April 9th

- **Tuesday May 5th Annual Dinner at Edmunds Restaurant, West Suffolk College.**

Our great friend and supporter Ed Keith from Hallgarten Wines has agreed to present wines he has specially selected to complement the food. This promises to be an excellent occasion in every respect and we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come.

MENU

- Starter - Asparagus with Cheddar brulee (sorrel pesto)
- Fish course - Sea Trout, samphire, Jersey royals, lemon and caper beurre blanc
- Main - Roast Gressingham duck breast, pea puree, braised baby gem, pickled cherry, duck jus
- Dessert - Lemon verbena set cream, English strawberries, elderflower

Allergies and other dietary requirements can be catered for, but must be notified to Wynn (wynn.rees@btinternet.com) at the time of booking.

The cost for the four-course meal and all wines is just £48 per person. Please secure your places as soon as possible by paying either the full amount (**£48, code AD**) or by paying a deposit (**£24, code DD**) with the balance being requested nearer the time.

BOOKING BY April 28th at the latest, Thank You

- **Monday 8 June Great Barton Village Hall 7.30pm Wines for summer - Merchants' Challenge**

For June's tasting we are asking three local wine merchants to provide us with wines suitable for the coming summer months (a white, a red and one other). These should be wines which they believe offer interest, quality and value within the budget we allow. We will taste all 9 wines blind at our meeting and vote for the wines we prefer - the winning merchant will be crowned champion for 2026 (we may even give them a tiny trophy!) This is aimed to be an interactive and fun occasion for members, and a chance to try some recommended wines available locally.

The code for this event is MC and the cost is £12 per member

- **Monday 13th July Great Barton Village Hall 7.30pm Preet Sahota**

Preet will be joining us again for the final tasting before our summer break. Preet has proved to be a very entertaining and popular visitor in recent years and always finds new and interesting wines to present. More details of his selection to follow.

The code for this event is PS and the cost is £12 per member

REMINDERS

- **Please remember to bring your glasses to all tastings unless stated otherwise**
- **Payments- a gentle reminder from Wynn**

When booking, please include your current membership number(s) and event codes. Membership numbers are 4 digits long, starting with 26 (eg 2698) Event codes are 2 letters (eg AB). So when booking please put your number followed by the event code as in the following examples:

- 2698 AB for one person and one event
- 2698/9 AB for two people and one event
- 2698 (or 2698/9) AB CD for two events (can book for any number of events which have been advertised with a code)

If you are booking for more than one event at the same time, please make only one payment if possible - this saves us money on bank charges.

If you need any help with the system for payments, or can't remember your membership number please contact Wynn (07580 132568 or wynn.rees@btinternet.com).

- **Future Dates for your Diary**
- 12th October
- 9th November AGM
- 14th December

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS' BENEFITS-please ensure you have your membership card with you at the time.

- **Adnams, Bury St Edmunds**-10% off any purchase. Offer agreed by Tom Crittenden (Manager)
- **The Wine Cellar, Bury St Edmunds**-10% off any purchase. Offer agreed by Bradley Dorrington (Owner)
- **Corney and Barrow, 1 Rous Road, Newmarket CB8 8DH-Tel:01638 600000** 10% off almost all wines on production of a valid WSFWS membership card. Authorised by Rob Gow, Regional Sales Executive newmarket@corneyandbarrow.com

The more observant amongst you will note that I have deleted the Angel Hotel. This is purely because Wynn is currently firming up the arrangements as some of our members have experienced difficulties. I will let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

Please support our partner businesses and take advantage of the discounts but report any difficulty you have redeeming the discounts

We look forward to seeing you all at future events

Kind regards

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Secretary

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