



West Suffolk Fine Wine Society

Newsletter May 2026

Dear Members,

At last! It is wonderful to have the sun after such a gloomy start to the year.

Forthcoming events

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

Those of you who will be coming to our Annual Dinner next Tuesday should, by now, have received a missive from Wynn. If you have not received his email, please contact Wynn, wynn.rees@btinternet.com or phone 07580 132568 ASAP. Thank you

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

And now for something completely different!

We have asked three local wine merchants to enter into a challenge to see who can come up with the best wines for summer drinking. Adnams, Nethergate and Corney and Barrow will each select a white, a rose and a red wine which represent the best balance of value and quality, all of course to the same budget. We will taste the 9 wines blind and cast our votes. At the end of the tasting, we will declare the winners in each category. The winning merchant overall will receive a small trophy.

This promises to be an entertaining and relaxed occasion with the opportunity to discover some excellent wines for the coming summer months. We have told the merchants that all the wines must be available to purchase by members in the month or two following the tasting - so no cheating by buying in special wines or pricing with artificial discounts! We will also be providing some suitable nibbles with each category of wine so that you can judge how well they go with food.

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**

Our final tasting before we take a summer break sees the welcome return of Preet Sahota, someone who many members will know for his interesting wines and lively presentation. He is always good value, in every sense, and an enjoyable evening is guaranteed. Details of his selection will be in the next newsletter, but please book as early as possible for this occasion

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

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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