



West Suffolk Fine Wine Society

Newsletter July 2026

Dear Members,

THREE MERCHANTS CHALLENGE Monday July 13th Great Barton 7.30pm - the last meeting of the season, which promises to be an enjoyable and interesting way to end our programme before the summer break.

It has been great to see the enthusiasm of the three wine merchants for taking part in this event, and they have now all selected the wines which will represent them - all potentially exciting discoveries for the summer weeks ahead.

We can still take bookings - but please book and pay as soon as possible. The code for this event is MC and the cost is £12 per member

The postponement of this tasting last month has caused a few administrative complications so please could **ALL WHO INTEND TO COME** do the following:

Please email Wynn (wynn.rees@btinternet.com) or phone him (07580 132568) with one of the following options - **AND** information about any special dietary requirements (for the small nibbles accompanying the wines):

- OPTION 1 - I/We are coming to the tasting and have booked and paid
- OPTION 2 - I/We intend to come to the tasting but have not yet paid
- OPTION 3 - I/We have paid for the tasting but now cannot come and have not received a refund or asked for the money to be retained for a future tasting
- OPTION 4 - I/We are not sure about previous booking/payment and would appreciate a quick chat by phone to sort out any confusion!

You will note that the 3 merchants Adnams, Nethergate and Corney and Barrow have already selected their wines, 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 record our preference. At the end of the tasting, we will declare the winners in each category. The winning merchant overall will receive a small trophy.

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.

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

The next newsletter will be in September and we look forward to seeing you all at future events

Kind regards

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Secretary, WSFWS