



West Suffolk Fine Wine Society

Newsletter September 2026

Dear Members,

I hope you have all had a good summer and survived the heat.

- **Next meeting. Monday October 12th Great Barton Village Hall 7.30pm**

“Southern Hemisphere-New Dimensions”

We are delighted to let you know that an old friend of the club, Preet Sahota, will be presenting our first tasting of the new season on 12th October. Preet will be well known to many club members as an extremely engaging, lively and interesting presenter who always manages to find fascinating wines for us, most of which cannot be found elsewhere. With over 20 years' experience dealing with wines from South Africa, he, almost accidentally, became engaged with wines from New Zealand a few years ago.

Our tasting will include wines from both countries, but there is a twist. Preet delights in seeking out unusual and distinctive wines often discovering and working with small producers. As he says –“99.2% of New Zealand wines are made from Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir. I want to introduce you to great wines in the other 0.8%.” We will be tasting wine from the first Albarino vineyard in the southern hemisphere, and others using such grapes as Petit Manseng and Carmenere. From South Africa there will be wines made from Petit Verdot, Viura and Grenache Gris.

This promises to be a unique and entertaining event - not to be missed.

- **The code for the tasting will be PS, and the cost is £12.**

Bookings can be made from **now until the deadline of 5 October**. Please book early, and definitely by the deadline, so that our presenters can prepare properly.

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 details to follow**

- 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 discount

We look forward to seeing you all at future events

Kind regards

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Secretary, WSFWS