West Suffolk Fine Wine Society

Newsletter October 2026

Dear Members,

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

"Southern Hemisphere-New Dimensions"

Preet returns featuring wines from both New Zealand and South Africa including 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.

Despite previous entreaties to book early for events there still seems to be a number of you who tend to be "last minuters." We had set a deadline for the 5th October so Wynn is hoping for a late flurry of bookings in the next few days. Please don't disappoint him!

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.

- **Monday, November 9th Great Barton Village Hall 7.00pm (please note earlier time)**

AGM followed by in-house presenters- "Two wines for Christmas drinking"

Thank you to those of you have volunteered to present on this occasion. However, if there is anyone who would just like to introduce one wine, please let Wynn know in order that we have a good mix of wines.

The code for the tasting will be AG, and the cost is £12.

Papers for the AGM will be sent to you all in the next few weeks.

- **Tuesday, December 8th-Christmas Get Together, The Wine Cellar, Buttermarket, BSE**

We return to the Wine Cellar for an evening of wines presented by Ed from Hallgarten Wines accompanied by small dishes provided by Bradley. These two gentlemen always do us proud and I will be sending out details of the menu/cost shortly. There will be a retiring collection for the Hospice to add to the funds raised at our Annual Dinner last May.

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