

Newsletter April 2024

Dear Members,

I hope you have had an enjoyable Easter holiday and, at last, we have seen some sun!

Forthcoming Events

! **April 17th** Annual Dinner at the college (please note this is a Wednesday)

Currently, we have 53 takers for this event. If you would like to come but did not sign up at the last tasting or subsequently, please email Wynn as soon as you receive this newsletter (remembering to state any special requirements, allergies etc).

If you signed up at the Preet Sahota tasting you are on the list and payment is requested as soon as possible.

Final details will be emailed to everybody on the list next week, but for the purpose of booking taxis we would like people to arrive after 6.30 pm ready to start at 7pm, and the event should be over between 9.30 and 10pm. We would suggest booking return taxis around 9.45; don't forget that tea or coffee is included and after-dinner drinks can be purchased, so it will be pleasant to sit and chat together after the meal - the college will not be throwing us out as soon as the meal has concluded!

If you think that you have booked a place but do not receive an email from Wynn next week, please make contact on 07580 132568 or by email: wynn.rees@btinternet.com

The cost is £40 per person including all food and wine, and the payment code is AD.

! **May 13th**. Bradley Dorrington, The Wine Cellar, Bury St Edmunds

Many members will know Bradley already as we have held some extremely popular events at The Wine Cellar in the last two years, and Bradley is not only a good friend of the society but a very personable and knowledgeable wine enthusiast. He writes:

"I am looking forward to showing members of the society wines that I feel passionate about! From around the continent they are wines that are staples on our list and helped me form our wine list into what it is today. My view in wine is that it should be an experience and a journey and to always challenge your thinking on location, varietals and wine making! Opening these bottles with members will not only bring joy, but to share their stories over a glass (or two!) would be my pleasure! Hope to see you on the evening of the 13 May. Cheers!"

This promises to be a first-class tasting, with some very interesting choices, and the event will be further enhanced with Bradley's signature selection of charcuterie and cheese nibbles.

Deadline for booking is Monday 6 May (as the food will need to be ordered) – cost £15, code BD

! Information Update

We are delighted to report that another major local wine merchant has joined us as a preferred business partner and will be offering discounts for members of the West Suffolk Fine Wine Society. Full details will be publicised to members as soon as our current discussions have finalised the arrangements. Watch this space!

Our good friend Ines Pastoriza has now left the Angel Hotel, but we are delighted to confirm that our excellent discount arrangement for members will continue (20% off a bottle of wine when two courses purchased). Our new contact who has authorised this is Tom Slegg (Deputy Manager).

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

The Three Kings Fornham St Martin, Hengrave Rd, Fornham All Saints, Bury St Edmunds IP28 6LA. Tel. 01284 658866

10% discount off the final bill (food and drink) subject to availability and the following terms and conditions: Offer agreed by Chris Lee (Owner)

- *A booking must be made in advance, mentioning your membership number of the WSFWS*
- *At least two courses of food from the restaurant's main or classics menu must be ordered*
- *Not available on special days such as Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, Easter Sunday etc. Please check availability if in doubt.*
- *There may occasionally be other special offers/events available to members (information will be in the monthly newsletter)*
- *The offer will apply to all members in a group as long as one diner is a WSFWS member*

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)

The Angel Hotel, Bury St Edmunds-20% off any bottle of wine when purchased with at least two courses from the à la carte menu. Offer agreed by Tom Clegg (Deputy Manager)
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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 at forthcoming events.

Kind regards

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