



West Suffolk Fine Wine Society

Newsletter September 2024

Dear Members,

I hope you all have had an enjoyable summer.

Forthcoming Events

- **September 16th. Great Barton Village Hall 7.30 (NB 3rd Monday in the month)**

“Autumn at Adnams”

For our first event after the summer break we are delighted to welcome our good friend Tom Crittenden the manager of the Adnams store in Bury St Edmunds. Tom has selected 8 interesting wines, most of which are new additions to their list. These include a great value fizz from the Aude; a wine made in London from just four rows of 20-year old grapes; a Pinot Gris from New Zealand with a Suffolk connection, which he says is miles apart from the often-bland Pinot Grigio; a Chardonnay to challenge preconceptions; a lovely cru Beaujolais; a great Rhône from Vacqueras which will go down well with lovers of Châteauneuf du Pape; a tasty Shiraz from Oz, and a delicious dessert wine.

Club members already have a 10% discount at Adnams, but any wines ordered at the tasting will be subjected to a bigger discount.

This evening promises to be a great start to our new programme. Please book your places as soon as possible.

Cost £11.00 Code AA-Deadline for booking is Monday September 9th

- **October 14th Fine Wine tasting. The Wine Cellar, BSE**

This is our annual opportunity to taste some more upmarket wines, and this year we are very pleased to welcome Rob Gow from Corney and Barrow, as a new presenter.

This event will be held at The Wine Cellar (courtesy of owner Bradley Dorrington who will be opening up on his day off for us).

There are only a few places left for this event, so please contact Wynn to secure your place before making payment. wynn.rees@btinternet.com or telephone 07580 132568

Cost £25.00 (held for several years) Code FW (numbers limited to 25)

- **November 11th AGM Great Barton Village Hall 7pm**

Please note the early start time for our AGM.

We aim to do all the necessary business in the first 30 minutes and will follow this with a tasting of 8 interesting wines with nibbles and a fun quiz based around the theme of wine and food. Teams will be made up at random on the night (couples can stay together if they wish) so this could be a great opportunity to meet and talk with some different people from the usual. Questions will be suitable for all, based on wine and food general knowledge and trivia, so you will not need to be an expert. The members of the winning team will receive a small but suitable prize. So, get your competitive hat on and come and enjoy a light-hearted event.

Please book early, if possible, and definitely by Monday November 4th

Cost £15 code AG.

- **December-11th Christmas Event**

Our now traditional December event at The Wine Cellar will take place on Wednesday 11 December - the usual mix of small plates of delicious food by Bradley, accompanied by 100ml measures of wines chosen and presented by Ed Keith from Hallgarten Wines

The menu and price are not yet confirmed, but will be publicised as soon as possible. This event can accommodate around 35 people and is always very popular, so early booking is advised once the details are known.

Dates for your Diary 2025-Great Barton Village Hall

January 13th

February 10th

March 10th-Antipodean Sommelier

REMINDERS

Please remember to bring your glasses to all events unless otherwise notified.

If you have joined relatively recently and have not received your set of 6 tasting glasses please contact Wynn (we think that this applies to one person from a couple who joined - is it you?)

Please remember that you are welcome to bring a guest or two to events which are not subject to limited capacity. This is especially true if they are potential new members. There will be a small surcharge for guests - please contact Wynn to enquire before booking.

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)
- **Corney and Barrow, 1 Rous Road, Newmarket CB8 8DH-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 at forthcoming events.

Kind regards

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