



East Coker Wine Circle



Circle adapting well to change

If you would like an enjoyable, sociable evening then you need no further than East Coker Wine Circle, founded in 1977. It has been a story of small beginnings with steady growth to one of national recognition.

From a handful of villagers interested in the art of wine-making to numerous successes at shows from local up to National festivals, the Circle quickly became popular as a social group too.

Due to a number of factors, not least the effects of the Covid pandemic, few Circle members currently make wine, but the number is growing. The Circle is proud of its past and present.

While many similar groups have closed down, this Circle has adapted well and maintains a healthy membership. It is still noted for its social and friendly atmosphere with a great value-for-money programme.

The Circle looks forward to celebrating its half century in 2027.

Meetings are held in the village hall from 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise stated in the programme.

New members – and guests – are always welcome. Membership is currently £20 per year and includes a number of commercial tastings of alcoholic beverages.

2026-27

- 3rd June** AGM & Spanish wine tasting - Andy & Janet Gordon
- 19th July** *Summer Garden Party - Brynhaven, Burton Lane, E Coker*
- 5th Aug** *S. African wine tasting - John & Sandra Snelling*
- 2nd Sep** *Tasting - White Lake Cheese Co*
- 7th Oct** *Homeland wine tasting - Vince Wolny*
- 4th Nov** *QuizNic - John Hollis*
- 2nd Dec** *Wine tasting - Tipple Talk Ed's Choicce. Bread & Mince Pies competition. Bread & Cheese supper followed by Port*
- 6th Jan** *Life in the Channel Islands during The Nazi Occupation.*
- 23rd Jan** *1940s theme party, Fine Whines Jazz, hot punch and two courses meal. Charity event*
- 3rd Feb** *"Would I Lie to You?" - wine tasting*
- 3rd Mar** *Madhatters competition*
Wines from France - Ian Westaway
- 7th Apr** *Brian Wright - Food for Thought*
- 5th May** *Ivybridge Brewery - talk and tasting*
- 22nd May** *50th Annivervy dinner*

Exceeding Expectations

Talks

Local speakers on a variety of subjects in addition to wine

Outside visits & Major Festivals

These may include local vineyard and brewery visits; also theatre and hostelry outings as well as opportunities to join in great social weekends at major wine festivals

Wine Tastings

Wines from around the world are selected by merchants or members

East Coker Wine Circle (founded 1977)

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