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Society Constitution & Rules

The Society was formed in 1976 by Mr Peter Richards, to study and appreciate professionally made wine by tasting, talks and visits.

- 1 Membership is open to anyone interested in professionally made wine, subject to approval of the Committee and limited to 200 members.
- 2 There will be an annual subscription payable on the 1st May of each year to cover administration costs. The amount of this subscription shall be determined by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting. If the subscription is not paid by 30th June, membership will be deemed to have lapsed. There will be no joining fee.
- 3 The Committee will consist of 8 members from which will be chosen Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer as officers of the Society. A quorum of 4 is required for any committee decision at a duly constituted committee meeting.
- 4 Meetings of the Society shall be held at regular intervals at the discretion of the Committee, the nearest Spring meeting being considered to be the Annual General Meeting.
- 5 At each Annual General Meeting the Committee shall retire and be eligible for re-election. Nominations for the Committee must reach the Secretary not less than 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall be empowered to fill a casual vacancy by co-option. The Society may, at its Annual General Meeting, elect an Honorary President who shall be a nationally acclaimed wine expert. There will be no duties or obligations for the President. The tenure of office will be indefinite, ceasing by resolution at the Annual General Meeting or upon request by the holder of the office.
- 6 A Bank account shall be opened in the name of the Portsmouth Wine Society. Persons authorised to sign cheques shall be any officer as appointed by the Committee for the time being. An Honorary Auditor shall be elected annually.
- 7 Each function organised by the Society shall aim to be self supporting and the price per person or guest calculated to cover costs.
- 8 Guests will be welcome at all the functions unless otherwise stated.
- 9 In the event of the Portsmouth Wine Society being wound up, any funds remaining will be donated to a charity of the Committee's choosing.
- 10 Proposals to change the above rules must be made at the Annual General Meeting and notice of these proposals must reach the Secretary not less than 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

Data Protection Act

The Society holds your name and address and payment details on record cards and computer media. These records are only used for mailing you newsletters and recording subscription payments.



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Portsmouth Wine Society was originally known as the Portsmouth Wine Appreciation Circle and was formed in 1976 by Peter Richards with the objective of studying and appreciating professionally made wine. The objective is achieved mainly by evening tastings arranged by Committee members, wine merchants and wine promotion bodies. Vineyards and cellars are also occasionally visited.

The cost of each function depends upon the cost of the presenter's fee and the wines that are tasted.

The current subscription is **£7** for a single member and **£12** for a couple living at the same address payable upon joining and thereafter, annually on May 1st as determined at the Annual General Meeting.

A copy of the Society's Constitution and Rules is attached.

Membership is conditional upon nomination by an existing member, duly seconded and ratified by the Committee.

If you would like to join, please complete the form below and return to the address above.

I/We would like to join the Portsmouth Wine Society and agree to abide its Constitution and Rules.

I/We enclose a joining fee of £..... made payable to Portsmouth Wine Society.

Name:

Name:

Address:

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Postcode: Telephone:

E-mail:

Occupation:

Proposed by:

Seconded: