



Quaffing



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October 2006

It's hard to believe that we are contemplating Christmas already but this newsletter contains notices for our annual dinner and the next two tastings which take us to the end of 2006!

The November tasting from Steve Barret will show wines in pairs with various accompaniments like pate, olives etc. as a change from the normal cheese & biscuits. Members attending this tasting will therefore need two glasses and some water would be useful to rinse. If anyone requires additional tasting glasses, they can be purchased and supplied on the night at £2 each.

Our annual dinner will be held at South Downs College as usual albeit a little later than usual due to the restaurant's deserved popularity. This is always a high quality wining & dining experience and a very social occasion at a reasonable all-inclusive price.

December sees our Committee Tasting where each of us present a favourite wine or two. It came to my attention recently that, incredibly, some members were unaware of the Society's web site. As I have recently redesigned the site I would like to draw everyone's attention to it. The new site will have more features and will be an important source of news and information about forthcoming events. I'm also going to be asking if those members who can, would opt to receive this newsletter by email rather than by regular post in order to keep our costs (and membership fees) down.

Bob Hawthorne

Forthcoming Events

All tastings are held at the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth at 7pm unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday 7th November 2006	Food & Wine - Steve Barrett
Tuesday 28th November 2006	PWS Annual Dinner - South Downs College
Tuesday 5th December 2006	Committee Tasting - Favourite Wines
Tuesday 2 nd January 2007	Port
Tuesday 6 th February 2007	Bill Baker
Tuesday 6 th March 2007	Annual General Meeting & Tasting Challenge
Tuesday 3 rd April 2007	Greece
Tuesday 1 st May 2007	Ivy Wines - Patagonia
Tuesday 5 th June 2007	English Wine
Tuesday 3 rd July 2007	Summer Garden Party - Rosie's Vineyard

Stephen Barrett - Biography



A one-time award-winning restaurateur, Stephen Barrett is now firmly established in the UK wine, food and travel writer's firmament.

A member of the exclusive Circle of Wine Writers, Stephen is also involved in the Association of Wine Educators. He sits on the panel of judges of the renowned International Wine Challenge.

With his partners Iain Ballantyne and Brian Attree he co-created and acted as consultant on the wine and food game show, Wine Hunt screened on Channel 4 in 1998 and 2001. He is actively involved with 1PlymouthTV making programmes

about Wine and Food. He occasionally contributes to BBC TV, BBC Radio Devon and Carlton Television.

Amongst others Stephen has written regular wine columns for Western Morning News, Plymouth Evening Herald and Wine and Spirit and is currently writing wine columns for Plymouth Diary.

During the last ten years he has acted as wine tutor and educator for the Supermarket giants Asda, Sainsbury's, Aldi, Somerfield and Safeway conducting tutored wine tastings throughout the UK.

Tutoring Scottish and Newcastle's managers on wine education and specialist whisky tastings for Glenmorangie were added in 2003.

In 2004 he founded Bistro One in Plymouth City Centre.

He lectures at Plymouth Adult Education: course entitled Understanding Wine and acted as curator and lecturer at The University of Plymouth with repeated courses on Westcountry Wines and Food in 2005 and 2006.

In 2006 Stephen advised and tutored VIP clients of Brittany Ferries with a series of events aboard their flagship MV Pont Aven.

For the years 2000/01 and 2004/6 Stephen was elected President to the Torbay Wine Guild

Stephen has also joined forces with John Hill of Wessex Continental Travel forming WineHolidays.net, specialists in European Wine-Destination travel

Tutored Wine Tastings are Stephen's speciality, he welcomes enquiries from private, business and charity based clients alike.

Visit Stephen's web sites on www.stephenbarrett.com or www.wineholidays.net or www.bistro-one.co.uk

December Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 5th December 2006 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

PWS Committee - Favourite Wines

I/We would like to attend the PWS Committee tasting. Guests are welcome.

Please reserve places at **£7.50** per head - Total enclosed £.....

Name:.....Telephone:.....

Send cheques payable to “**Portsmouth Wine Society**” to:

Roger Foster, Mylor House, Swanmore Road,

Droxford, Hampshire SO32 3PT

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Annual Dinner - Book Now!

Tuesday 28th November 2006 South Downs College 6.15pm

Please see enclosed booking form

November Tasting - Book Now!

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Stephen Barrett - Wine & Food

I/We would like to attend the Stephen Barrett tasting. Guests are welcome.

Please reserve places at **£12.50** per head - Total enclosed £.....

Name:.....Telephone:.....

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