



Quaffing



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October 2008

No sooner than lamenting the lack of summer than another newsletter is due with details of our autumn and Christmas programme!

In November, we have an Italian tasting from Colasanti followed by our popular trip to South Downs College for the Annual Dinner. December brings the Committee Tasting where members share favourite or interesting wines they have encountered. Comfortably after the New Year celebrations have subsided, we have a food and wine tasting - just a little more than cheese to accompany each wine.

I hope members will support these events - attendances have been below par recently and the Committee would welcome any feedback.

Bob Hawthorne

Forthcoming Events

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

Tuesday 4 th November 2008	Colasanti - amore per l'italia
Tuesday 18 th November 2008	PWS Annual Dinner - South Downs College
Tuesday 2nd December 2008	PWS Committee Tasting
Tuesday 6th January 2009	Food & Wine Tasting

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PWS Annual Dinner

We look forward again to our popular annual dinner event at South Downs College restaurant on Tuesday 18th November. For the benefit of our newer members, we arrive at College reception at 6.15 for a 6.45 start. This may seem early but we are governed entirely by the legalities of the working conditions applicable to the student staff of the restaurant. We have always enjoyed great food cooked and served to the highest standard by the budding young chefs.

As usual we will have four courses each accompanied by wine plus coffee and petits fours. A booking form is included with this newsletter.4

This year's menu priced at £32 per head is as follows:

Galantine of Chicken with a Spiced Cranberry Dressing.
(vegetarian option available)

Warm Fillet of Smoked Salmon, Salmon Mousse and a Chive and Butter Sauce.

Roasted Rack of Lamb served with a hot pot of Mutton and Braised Root Vegetables.
(Fish option available)

Dark Chocolate Parfait with a Pistachio Sauce.
Coffee and Petits Fours

Colasanti - amore per l'italia

Sarajane Bartlett has had a special interest in Italian wine ever since she lived for 18 months in a small town called Ivrea, in the Piemonte region of Italy. She experienced the wines of this region, and others in Italy during this brief period in the country and has kept her love of Italian wines ever since. Being surrounded by vineyards, and being able to visit the locals involved in the wine industry, enhanced the learning experience, and ensured that Italian wines were her first love.

Having worked for mainly IT companies in marketing for over 20 years, Sarajane decided that maybe it was time to branch out and try something new, and working with Italian wines seemed the logical step. Setting up a company with two partners has been a huge learning experience and developing the business and their wine portfolio has been truly exciting, along with a bit nerve wracking. Having studied both the WSET Intermediate and Advanced wine courses, she is considering the next step of the Diploma in Wine or the Foundation Diploma in Wine Business.

Colasanti was formed in May 2006, and has steadily been building its customer base and wine list ever since. In 2008/09 they are attending a number of events to promote the company and to enable as many people as possible to try their wines. They successfully entered the Decanter 2008 World Wine Awards, with one of their Barolo's gaining a gold medal (only two awarded this year), and two of their Malvasia's winning Silver and Commended medals.

December Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 2nd December 2008 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

PWS Committee Tasting

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

Please reserve member's places at **£9.50** per head

Total enclosed £.....

Please reserve Guest places at **£11.00** per head

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

Send cheques payable to "Portsmouth Wine Society" to:

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By Monday 24th November 2008

Please note the return by dates for bookings. We, or our presenters, often require 7-10 days to find, order and take delivery of wines for tasting. The quantity of wine purchased depends on the numbers booked at the closing date. we regret therefore, that late bookings may be rejected. To check late availability, please contact a Committee member.

November Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 4th November 2008 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

Colasanti - amore per l'italia

I/We would like to attend the Colasanti tasting. Guests Welcome.

Please reserve member's places at **£10.00** per head

Total enclosed £.....

Please reserve Guest places at **£12.00** per head

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

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