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October 2009

It's hard to believe that we are rushing headlong into another Christmas season! Before we actually get there, there are three events for members to enjoy.

Our November tasting is being presented by Nick Kontarines and Geoff Morris of Anglo Hellenic Services. Modern Greek wines have become much more approachable and this will be a great chance to enjoy some of them.

November is also the time for the popular Annual Dinner at the award winning South Downs College restaurant. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

In December, the Committee present some of their favourite wines in a more informal atmosphere with plenty of time to chat with friends.

I would like to take this opportunity welcome several new members to the Society. Please help to make them feel at home.

Bob Hawthorne

Forthcoming Events

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

Tuesday 3 rd November	Greece - Anglo Hellenic Services
Tuesday 17 th November	PWS Annual Dinner - South Downs College
Tuesday 1 st December 2009	Committee Tasting
Tuesday 10th January	Fine Wines - David Dickinson

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PWS Annual Dinner

We are delighted to be returning to the award winning South Downs College restaurant for our Annual Dinner on Tuesday 17th November. The booking form is enclosed with this newsletter. The menu is as follows and the price of £35 includes a drink on arrival plus a carefully selected wine with each course.

A Terrine of Salmon & Baby Spinach served with a Bean Salad bound in a White Truffle Mayonnaise

Wild Mushroom Ravioli with a Vegetable Broth

Honey Roasted Guinea Fowl, Confit of Leg with Savoy Cabbage, Fondant Potatoes, Vanilla scented Beetroot & Coriander Sauce

Warm Pear & Almond Tart with a Lavender Sorbet

Fresh brewed coffee with Petits Fours

This event is always popular and with places limited to approximately 50, early booking is advised. Guests are welcome but preference will be given to members if the event is over subscribed. Please note that bookings should be sent to Sheila Robinson as per the booking form and not to the Treasurer.

Many members enjoy the opportunity to dress formally for this dinner. Whilst this is not compulsory, we do ask that gentlemen at least wear a dark lounge suit.

Anglo Hellenic Services

Anglo Hellenic Services was founded in 2005 by two long-time associates, Nick Kontarines and Geoff Morris.

Nick is the Greek part of the partnership and has lived in England with his family since 1992. Geoff, who hails from Leominster, is a chemist who brings his analytical skills to his assessment of wines.

The aim of the company is to promote modern Greek wines to an unsuspecting, but knowledgeable, public. So far the response has been most positive and they have been very encouraged by it.

Their current selection of wines is from medium-sized wineries in Cephalonia, Central Greece, Nemea and Thrace.

For more information about the wines please visit <www.yamaswines.co.uk>

December Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 1st December 2009 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

PWS Committee Tasting

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

Please reserve member's places at **£10** per head **Total enclosed £.....**

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

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

Send cheques payable to "**Portsmouth Wine Society**" to:

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By Saturday 21st November 2009

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Please reserve Guest places at **£14** per head

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