



East Coker Wine Circle was founded in 1977 by a small group of villagers keen to learn more about the art of wine making.

The Circle has come a long way over since it was founded 38 years ago when during the early years it met in the local sports pavilion. However, the Circle's reputation for the enjoyment soon spread and it was necessary to move into larger premises.

The Circle now meets in the village hall and for nearly 30 years has attracted between 70 and 100 members, of whom some 40 per cent make wine and all enjoy drinking it.

The aims of the Circle are still to encourage wine making and tasting, but other activities have found their way into the programme.

The Circle meets at the village hall at 8pm on the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise stated in the programme.

New members – and guests – are always welcome to enjoy the exceptional value for money programmes. Membership is currently £12 per year and includes a number of commercial wine tastings.

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Trophy winners and supporters at a major wine festival.

## The programme for the 2015-16

### 2015

- 15th Aug East Coker Wine Festival
- 2nd Sep Wine Scandals - Terry Baillie
- 7th Oct Wines Around the World - from a local cellar
- 4th Nov Cookery Demonstration - Fish & Festivities by David, former chef at the Foresters Arms
- 2nd Dec Fortified wine (Palmers of Bridport), plus bread making competition, bread and cheese supper

### 2016

- 23rd Jan A Tudor Evening - Themed Refreshments
- 3rd Feb Wills & Probate - Somerset Heritage Centre
- 2nd Mar What do you eat with beer?
- 6th Apr How to run a Triathlon - Dr Matt Phelan
- 4th May Pandora's Box
- 1st June AGM: Commercial tasting - cake and wine competitions
- 17th July Summer BBQ event (12.30pm)
- 3rd Aug My Garden Path - Jess Evans National Trust Tintinhull)

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## Special Circle Events

### 2015

- 22nd Aug (Fri) Friendly skittles, Foresters Arms 7.30pm
- 3rd Oct (Sat) Quiz-Nic Quiz Night 8pm
- 9th Oct (Fri) Iolanthe - Octagon Theatre

### 2016

- 15th May (Sat) Coffee Morning 6 Mill Close, East Coker 10.30am
- 19th Aug (Fri) Friendly skittles, Foresters Arms 7.30pm
- 11th Mar (Fri) Evita - Octagon Theatre