



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 40 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 the past 30 years has attracted between 60 and 100 members, of whom some 20 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 £15 per year and includes a number of commercial wine tastings.

Further information or advice please contact Vince Wolny (01935 863838)



Members and former members who have held the office of Chairman, attending a dinner at the Village Hall to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Wine Circle - From left: Daphne Mills (1993-94), Barrie Hartley (2002-2003 and jointly with Anne 2015-16), Anne Hartley (1986-87, 1997-98, 2014-15), Sue Copley (1999-20), Mary Horsley (2008-09), John Hollis (2016-17), founder member, David Pryor (1982-83, 1987-88, 1998-99, 2005-06, 2010-11), Ian Westaway (2011-12), founder member, Joyce Pryor (1990-91, 2004-05), Vince Wolny (2006-07, 2012-13, 2017-18), Hazel Giddings (2013-14), Derek Marpole (2000-01, 2009-10), Leon Harwood (1992-93, 2001-02).

## The programme for the 2018-19

### 2018

- 5th Sep Wayford Vineyard wine tasting
- 3rd Oct History of Pop - The 60s decade
- 7th Nov Godminster Cheese, Pickle and Alcohol tasting
- 5th Dec In-House activity plus bread making and mince pie competitions; bread and cheese supper

### 2019

- 19th Jan World War I Day - theme party with food (Saturday)
- 6th Feb Pancakes with Liberty Field - tasting
- 6th Mar Bonny Sartin - Folk Songs of Dorset
- 3rd Apr Smith & Evans, award winning Sparkling & Still Wines tasting
- 1st May Nat West Bank - Banking scams
- 5th June Summer Drinks tasting with Mark Banham
- 21st Jul BBQ Summer Event (Sunday 12.30pm)
- 7th Aug John Dando - Privies throughout the Ages
- 4th Sep AGM

## Special Events

### 2018

- 12th Oct (Friday) Sweeney Todd - Octagon Theatre - 7.30pm
- 13th Oct (Saturday) Quiz-Nic Quiz Night, Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm
- 26th-28th Oct SW Federation Festival Weekend - Dawlish

### 2019

- 5th Apr (Fri) 42nd Street - Octagon Theatre 7.30pm
- 12th-17th Apr Lochs & Glens trip
- 3rd May to 6th May Wales & West 55th Festival - (Emerald) Carlton Hotel, Torquay
- 23rd June Boat trip on River Exe & Lunch
- 2nd & 3rd August SAAW Festival (Taunton Flower Show)
- 9th Aug (Fri) Friendly Skittles and Buffet
- 17th August East Coker Village Show (wine section)