



Circle adapts to maintain strong membership

East Coker Wine Circle, founded in 1977, is really a story of small beginnings to national recognition.

From a handful of villagers interested in the art of wine-making to numerous successes at shows from local up to National festivals, the Circle quickly became popular as a social group too.

Due to a number of factors, not least the effects of the Covid pandemic, few currently make wine in the Circle. However, the Circle is proud of its past.

Such was its success that it was asked to take over the running of the two-class wine section at the local flower show. With the Circle's sponsorship and experience the wine section soon became a wine festival in its own right and at its peak attracted close on 200 bottles in 20 classes, judged by qualified national judges. Sadly, there is no longer a local wine festival.

Nevertheless, while many similar groups have closed down, this Circle has adapted well and maintains a healthy membership. It is still noted for its social and friendly atmosphere with a great value-for-money programme.

The Circle looks forward to the next three years when it will be celebrating its half century.

Meetings are held In the village hall from 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise stated in the programme.

New members – and guests – are always welcome. Membership is currently £20 per year and includes a number of commercial tastings of food and wine.

Anyone interested in joining please contact 01935 863838.

The programme for 2024-25

Following a very successful six months of our programme we look forward to offering members another course of enjoyment for the remainder of our year.

Over the years the wine circle has achieved a high reputation for its social events and the one arranged for Saturday, 1st February (no meeting in January) should be a “real cracker”.

We will be celebrating the Chinese New Year - the Year of the Snake.

A Yeovil business will be providing a Chinese meal and the committee is working hard to provide members with what is likely to be hilarious entertainment. It will be an evening to rejuvenate the spirit of Christmas.

Members and guests have the choice to dress the part or come as normal. We just want everyone to enjoy themselves.

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1st Feb Theme Evening - Chinese New Year - The Year of the Snake

5th Mar Bees and Honey - tasting

2nd Apr Commercial wine tasting

7th May Bonnie Sartin of The Yetties fame entertains

4th June AGM and Call My Bluff wine tasting