

Minutes of the Fitzwilliam Wine Club Committee Meeting, 14th October 2025

Held at Whiston Parish Hall, Well Lane ,Whiston

Present

Clive Davis(Chair),Deborah Davis(Secretary),David Clay(Speaker/Finder),Emilio Dauden Linares, John Coates, Mathew Hopps, David Greenslade, Joe Graham

1.Apologies

Robert Hunt

Dawn Towler

Sylvia Harris

2. Opening Statement

CD Opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their support and time which was greatly appreciated.

It was believed that the Parish Hall would have been a better venue, without stairs and cramped seating.

3.Minutes of meeting held on 29th April 2025.

4.Matters Arising from these

CD advised that Preet Sahota had indicated he would like to present in March 2026.

Wine tour was agreed to be too costly

Badges agreed and would be purchased by the FWC

Dietary requirements to be picked up at time of booking events.

Member Volunteers to do a wine pairing evening to be announced at AGM

Feedback from the Italian evening was positive, and recognition of committee members efforts.

Port or sherry to be offered at Call My Bluff evening along with Stilton cheese, and music.

5. AGM Feb 2026

DD and JG to source cold sandwiches from Costco, based on £5.00pp.

DC to select five wines.

6. Matters arising for AGM - February 2026

40th Anniversary, Sitwell Golf Club booked 24th November 2026. Including past members to be contacted, and any memorabilia.

Summer Special planned for August

Honorary membership

Members pairing evening

Dietary requirements

Membership fee remains same.

Badges

Calendar for 2026

Finance.

7. Correspondence

WPC requested if FWC wanted to have a stall at the light switch on. Agreed not doing this as membership is good at present.

Tables have been replaced with lighter ones and confirmed in writing with WPC.

8. Treasurers Report

DT had provided a comprehensive spreadsheet. All committee members had an electronic copy. Total income £3963.37, Expenditure £3841.76, Reserve £884.73.

It was agreed that £100.00 could be spent on Christmas CMB.

And keep to the £10.00 monthly fee. CD thanked DT for providing this

9. Future Plans

Committee members made the following suggestions. Pairing wine with food, one bottle of wine per person with one food option. Garden Party, Grape Kitchen, quiz nights, professional Sommelier.

Remainder of 2025

October 2025 - Minted and Skinted

November 2025 - Barry Starmore

December 2025 - Call My Bluff

With pass the parcel ,and music.

Christmas Tree Festival at the church, to be done by MH.

10. Wine Tasting Calendar 2026

JAN 2026 Aldi v Lidl - Matthew

FEB 17th AGM

MARCH 17th Preet Sahota

APRIL 21st Members evening

MAY 19th Grape Kitchen tbc

JUNE 16th Barry Starmore

JULY 21st Matt Thompson

AUGUST 18th Summer Special

SEPTEMBER 15th Members Wine and food pairing

OCTOBER 20th Gothic Wines - Matthew Hopps

NOVEMBER 24th Annual Dinner

DECEMBER 15th CMB

11.AOB

CD thanked everyone for giving up their evening. And thanked members for the wine they had brought. Special thanks to Doris Clay and Joe Graham who had provided us home baked treats, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

A separate list of actions will be sent out