



Wine & Food Society of Palmerston North  
Inc  
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**Next function**

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by royal appointment

**Formal Dinner**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August

6.30pm



**It is to be held at 'Windsor Castle'**

(Otherwise known as the Newbury Hall)

**with all the pomp and ceremony, décor, fine food and wine  
expected of a Royal Banquet.**

The premier event  
of the Wine & Food Society year.

**drip diamonds, polish tiara, mothballs from suit, air dress, brush up the fur, buy  
shoes, drip diamonds, polish tiara, mothballs from suit, buy more shoes, brush fur.**

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**Dates for Diaries**

23 September      Steam train to Ohakune. \$78pp. Take lunch and fizzies.  
**Early reservations required, please send cheques ASAP**

October              Restaurant Meal, details to be advised later

19 November      'Toast Martinborough', Entrance fee \$50, Bus \$50 + spending  
**Limit of 20 tickets, let us know if you intend to come.**

17 December      **Christmas Celebration**

April 13/14/15      Wine & Food Society of N.Z. Convention and club formal dinner.

**from the eye of the grape**

The very chilly start did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of 30 members who boarded the coach and set out for the mystery tour.

Instead of collecting tickets, our bus conductors produced two brown paper bags containing red and white wine. This was poured as a blind tasting. Here the mystery begun, as few guessed the wine, not to mention the vintage or the region from where it was produced.

Our first stop took us to The Celtic Organic Winery in Levin. On our arrival we were versed on both the thought behind producing these wines and the reason for the name of the vineyard.

We had give different tasting, plum wine, feijoa wine, honey mead, ginger wine and port. Judging from the number of bottles taken to the bus, obviously the wines were well received.

Lunch took us to The Winemakers Daughter and here we were offered a buffet style lunch comprising of some very tasty dishes. The entrée of pumpkin and ginger soup was excellent, as were the homemade pate's. The main meal consisted of dishes of curried fish, pork ah la crème, beef chassateurs, and chicken tarragon. The vegetables were well prepared and salad was an optional extra. An excellent selection of local wines were available. The sweet treats were varied, the apple strudel excellent. Coffee followed. The venue was pleasant and indeed a lovely way to spend a cold Sunday.

Heading home we visited the Historic Church at Otaki. This Church dated back to the days of Te Rapa, however fire destroyed the original Church, and it was later rebuilt in its original style. Queenie our hostess spoke to our group about its history and the hours of work spent re-building this important landmark in our New Zealand history.

We then visited a Maori Art Gallery where we saw numerous examples of Maori art, both historic and modern. There was a demonstration of how a flax skirt is made, and how many hours it takes to make, dry, and finally weave the flax together to create this skirt to be worn at cultural events.

By now, the day was fading, so we boarded our coach for a warm drive home.

Reflecting on the day, most enjoyable, good fun, good food and excellent company.

**Check out the website [www.manawatuwf.net.nz](http://www.manawatuwf.net.nz) for recent photographs.**

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Royal Banquet at Windsor Castle

? I / we accept with pleasure

? Decline with regret

RSVP: 24 July

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cheque:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$100 per person

*This function is open to 60 people only. If you are not able o attend could you please notify Diane as soon as possible, so we are able to fill the space. Thank you*

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**Steam Train to Ohakune @ \$78 per person - 23rd September**

Yes ? I / We are interested

No ? I / We are not interested

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cheque:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

? Yes we are interested in going to "Toast Martinborough"

? No we will not be attending "Toast Martinborough"