

Vineyards

PRESS RELEASE

Charity Wine Fair sets target this year at raising at least £3,000 for Help for Heroes!

A firm fixture in the diary of events in Sherborne, the **Vineyards Annual Charity Wine Fair** will be taking place on **Wednesday 21st July 2010 from 5pm until 9pm**. Over the last five years the event has raised more than £12,000 for local and national charities.

This year, for the first time, all the proceeds from the event will be donated to Help for Heroes – a charity which supports the rehabilitation of men and women from the armed forces. It is hoped that at least £3,000 will be raised and many Sherborne businesses have already pledged support by offering prizes for the huge charity raffle. A £200 barbeque from Castle Gardens, an essential summer hamper from Home Sweet Home Dorset and a pamper package from Margaret Balfour are up for grabs and a rare opportunity to win Tea for Two at The House of Commons with Oliver Letwin is also on the list of raffle prizes!

Now in its 6th year, the Vineyards Wine Fair will take place in the landscaped grounds of Sherborne Castle. As well as over 250 different wines, champagnes and spirits to sample and order, there will be music, local food and plenty of space to throw down the picnic rug and watch the world go by!

The main marquee will be transformed into an 'above the ground' wine cellar! New international wines including German Pinot Noir, Austrian Gruner Veltliner and Brazilian Seival Estate Pinot Grigio Reisling will be mixing with local producers The

Isle of Purbeck Brewery, Sherborne Castle Wines and The Somerset Cider Brandy Company.

“Each year we have been astonished by the number of people who come along and support our Charity Wine Fair – it’s such a happy and relaxed event and many people have supported us every year. We have raised many thousands of pounds for charity over the last five years and we are really hoping to top this with a healthy amount for Help for Heroes which is such a brilliant charity that has worked incredibly hard since it was established,” said Hannah of Vineyards the independent wine shop in Sherborne.

The Cabernet Six Jazz Band will be playing throughout the evening and there will be the best examples of local food to buy from The Eastbury Hotel, The Pear Tree Deli, Oxfords Bakery, Sabins, Town Mill Bakery and Easybean.

“We could not run this charity wine fair without the support of our major sponsors who this year are - HSBC, Battens, Alpha Signs and The Gardens Group and without the help and support of so many small businesses and people in Sherborne,” finished Hannah.

Tickets are available from Vineyards wine shop in Digby Road, Sherborne, and cost £12.50 each (including a £5 voucher towards wine ordered on the night). Entry is restricted to over 18s (but with no upper age limit!).

For more details contact Hannah or Shelley at Vineyards on 01935 815544.

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