

Directory of Federations

The Association of Wine and Beer-makers Federations is compiling a directory of the Federations in the United Kingdom. Secretaries of all Federations, whether members of the Association or not, are asked to write to the Amateur Winemaker with the name of their Federation and the name and address of the secretary, so that we can collate the information and pass it on to the Association.

Once the directory is compiled it will be freely available to all interested parties, always provided that complete confidentiality will be observed should any person or group indicate that information concerning them is to be restricted in any way.

Thereafter, the aim will be to keep the directory up to date and perhaps even increase the scope to include as many Circles, clubs etc., as are willing to co-operate. Send details to Amateur Winemaker Publications Ltd., South Street, Andover, Hants.

THE LETTERS YOU WRITE:

"WE SHALL STAY SEPARATE"

Dear Sir,

After reading the grossly inaccurate report contributed to the October issue re the intended integration between the N.A.W.B. and the Association of Wine and Beer-makers Federations I would like to briefly give my report.

At our A.G.M. in February it was decided unanimously to approach N.A.W.B. with the idea of our two Associations being integrated. This was done in March. It would be beneficial for us, but we also felt it would benefit N.A.W.B. and winemakers as a whole by bringing the two Associations together under one umbrella. Our part of the new set-up would be purely as a working party, quite separate from the main executive, and dealing directly with Federations, Circles and members, liaising, compiling dates, venues, addresses of officers, finance, helping to form new Federations and Circles, and generally compiling information which would be available to all. To show our good intentions we offered to finance the project on a trial period of two years. But it was crystal clear to me from the very beginning that N.A.W.B. was going to have no part of any integration. It was never our intention to interfere with the executive policy, or to have more members on the executive committee.

Since the reports and comments have been published in the A.W. Federations have written to me, and the majority opinion is that we should stay separate, so we shall continue to do all we can for Federations, and wine and beer-makers with renewed vigour. My personal thanks to everyone who has supported me in this rather wearying 1978.

Sincerely,

**Maurice Matthews, chairman,
Association of Wine and Beer-
makers Federations.**