West Leicestershire u3a

Wine Appreciation Group Meeting Thursday 21st December

Our Christmas meeting was less of a WAG meeting and more a social gathering of friends at Sue and Paul's house. Thus fellowship, shared conversation, jokes, food and banter rather overshadowed wine based considerations. Some of the cracker sourced jokes were a bit iffy although Margaret did her usual sterling work with some more tasteful examples of the genre. Notwithstanding, a bottle or two were sampled – no idea what they were though – it was that sort of event!

The food offering was to its usual high standard, mostly of the 'nibbles' style. Quiche, pork pie (one of your 5 a day), drumsticks, mince pies, crisps amongst many others had to be sampled. The mandatory comedy cheese was actually very serious – not so much cheese with chilli more chilli with cheese, wow it was strong! Paul was seen disappearing with the trifle, we did not expect to be taking an empty bowl home.

We did conduct a bit of business (at the beginning of the evening). There has been some talk that our normal meetings feature a preponderance of red wine. Your reporter thinks this is 'a good thing' but others would prefer a more balanced approach. As I don't yet rule the world it was accepted we would institute a more formal selection process. Perhaps everyone who's name starts with A, B or C should bring white wine and everyone else red?

Thanks to Sue and Paul for hosting a wonderful evening.

Our next meeting on Wednesday 24 Jan will be back at Alans Way with the topic 'Corporation Wines' we do like a challenge. Our members will be fully briefed nearer the time.

Wishing all our readers a Peaceful New Year.

John Dexter 26-12-23

