



## LYMM WINE AND BEER CIRCLE NEWSLETTER JULY 2017

### LAST CLUB NIGHT – Posh v Plonk

Rob entertained us with an interesting talk and with quite a lot of audience participation. It was a fun evening and I think the outcome of the voting was that the wine circle know their reds!! Thank you Rob for another great evening.

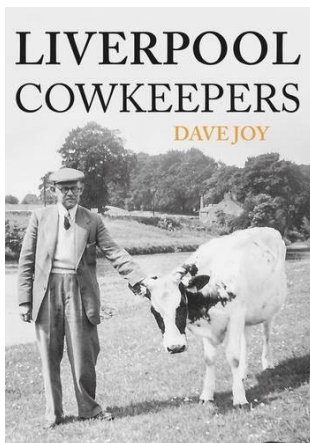
The wines we tasted were :-

#### WHITES

- “Isla Negra”, Sauvignon blanc, Central Valley, 2016  
Chile, 12 % alc (Tesco and other stores) £5.00 ( £3.75 on offer)
- “The Ned”, Sauvignon blanc, Waihopai River, Marlborough, 2016  
New Zealand, 13% alc (Majestic) £7.99
- “Greywacke”, Sauvignon blanc, Wairau & Southern Valley,  
Marlborough, 2016, New Zealand, 13.0% alc (Wine Society) £16.00

#### REDS

- Shiraz, Tesco own brand, South Eastern Australia, 2016  
Australia, 13 % alc (Tesco) £4.15 ( £3.11 on offer)
- “The Wolftrap”, Syrah /Mourvedre, Western Cape, 2015 (Boekenhoutskloof)  
South Africa, 14.5% alc (Wine Society and others) £7.95
- “Bin 2”, Shiraz/Mataro, South Australia, 2013 (Penfolds)  
Australia, 14.5% alc (Majestic) £16.00



## **NEXT CLUB NIGHT – August 16<sup>th</sup>**

Dave Joy will be giving us a talk on the history of the city's cowkeepers.

**THE LOTTERY** – this month's lucky winner is No 42 David Smith

## **JULY WALK**

After the postponement from June, 7 Club members set off from Norton Priory car park to cover approx. 2.7 miles of easy walking up onto Windmill Hill, through woodland, across open ground and along the Bridgewater Canal. We even followed a heron up the canal. There is extended walking on this route also.

The pace was leisurely and the weather very kind. In fact only had a couple of spots of rain and then nothing once we returned to the car park at Norton Priory. Then on to the Red Lion in Moore for some lunch.'

Here is a link to the Woodland Trust leaflet of walks around Windmill Hill

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/mediafile/100111266/runcorn-walks-windmill-hill.pdf?cb=7d7b81462c9a4a6a847eee96df063f88>

## **NEXT WALK – AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> 2PM**

To be led by Natalia Kerkham

This is going to be a walk with a difference.

The walk will be around Anderton Nature Park - meet in the car park there (same car park as for Anderton Boat Lift). It's going to be a herb walk, so we'll be stopping to look at the medicinal plants that grow in the park. The cafe is good for tea and cake afterwards - meet at 2 o'clock and aim to walk for an hour or so.

## THE GARRICK – MESSAGE FROM Jean Smith

Hi Everyone

It's that time of year again – here is this season's offerings:

Monday 11 Sept: Ladies in Lavender (love story)

Monday 25 Sept: It Runs in the family (farce)

Monday 16 October: Nightmare (Whodunit)

Monday 6 November: Wolf Hall (historical drama)

Monday 20 November: Season's Greetings (farce)

Monday 29 January: Go Back for Murder (mystery)

**Sunday 18 February: Let's Hang on – (musical) story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons - ticket price £25**

Monday 26 February: Up and Coming (political farce)

Monday 19 March: Jerusalem (drama)

**Tuesday 27 March: All our Yesterdays (Musical 50s, 60s, 70s) - ticket price £16**

Monday 9 April: Goodnight Mr Tom (drama)

Monday 30 April: Stags and Hens (drama)

**Monday 21 May: Priscilla Queen of the Desert (musical) – ticket price £18**

Ticket costs for above ordinary Monday night performances are £7.50 per seat.

As with previous years please email me how many tickets for which show you want me to purchase. I then block book and pay for all tickets and you pay me back when I give you your tickets.

## THANK YOUs

The wine circlers have been very sociable this month with several extra events.



**Thank you** to Rob and Pepetua for hosting their sapphire anniversary party. It was a lovely warm evening so people were able to sit out on the patio until home time.

**Thank you** to Olwen and Graham for organising another bowls competition. I am sure that this is now turning into an annual event. As you can see it was enjoyed by contestants and spectators.



**Thank you** to Sylvia and Chris for another great BBQ. The weather was kind to us and again we were able to sit outside and enjoy good food and good company.

## SUBS ARE NOW DUE

Our subscriptions are now due and remain at £23 per person. Amazing value. Peter Head, our membership secretary, would prefer you to pay direct into the bank with a BACS transfer. Account number 12906460, sort code 77-51-08. Please make sure you include your name for the bank statement and email Peter after you have done it so he can keep a tally. Anyone who does not wish to do a transfer, please give Peter a cheque made payable to Lymm Wine and Beer Circle.

## CRAFTY WINOS

The next meeting will be on at Kath Ward's on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August starting at 7.30pm. Bring along any craft you would like to do or learn something new.

## DINNER LIST

Any changes to the dinner list email Frank Smith. Let him know if you want to come off or want to come on. If you want to stay the same do nothing!!

## **And just to tempt you if you are not on the dinner list**

### **A STORY FROM JEAN SMITH**

An unusual but very enjoyable dinner had at Jean and Frank's with Derek and Liz and Natalia and Frank. It was due to be hosted by Kerkham's but poor Natalia came back from hols unwell and so Jean and Frank had idea of having Waterworth's round with their starter and to get a takeaway for mains and Frank was to do his favourite pudding - cold lemon meringue pie and hot custard.

Derek and Liz had only been in kitchen five mins when Frank decided go to the sink and put his hands in insinkerator full of what looked like just water but was in fact water and bleach (Jean had told him it was bleach about 15 mins earlier) well as you can imagine Frank started loudly complaining about wives who are stupid while getting his hand and wrist up to his jumper cuff under running water while Jean defended herself robustly and Liz and Derek were well entertained.

For next ten mins we four debated how communication between husband and wife regarding "there is bleach in the insinkerator coz it's stained and smelly" could be taken to mean it's got bleach down in the guts of the contraption where the blades are by husband when it was clearly obvious to wife if plug is in and it's full of what looks like water that would be where bleach is. Several witty remarks made by Derek and Liz helped to get us all over the incident. Such good guests.

Anyway Frank and Natalia were to come if Natalia felt up to coming out and she did so they arrived with wine and home made (yummy) cheese straws for nibbles while we all sat round to choose main course. We had choice of Indian, Thai, Chinese, Italian, Dominoes pizza and good old fish and chips. It was two for Indian and three for fish and chips and mushy peas and one for chicken and chips.

After eating delicious ham, melon and strawberry jus starter Jean went for takeaways and we all then mucked in to get food on plates and story of bleach told to Frank and Natalia and Frank had to admit he was fine with no pain nor withered hand or peeling skin as he had anticipated!

To keep spare food hot while eating Jean put it all in oven. Consternation by Frank when he went to oven for more food when he found melted polystyrene container holding chips - as you can imagine Jean in deep trouble second time in evening! All praised Frank as it would prob have burst into flames in another minute or two! Guests found it entertaining!

Got to preparing pudding course and Frank Smith waxed lyrical for ten mins on delights of very cold lemon meringue with hot custard while Jean was trying to find custard powder - then had to inform hubby there was no custard powder - but we did have sachet of instant just add water (kept for emergencies) - so third reason for Frank to accuse wife of incompetence as of course Jean should have known there was no custard powder in the cupboard even though she has not been at home for over two

weeks - Jean counter attacked with observation that if husband has been at home alone he should have known there was no custard powder because last time Jean looked there was. Frank not impressed by that argument as denied had used last of custard powder so it must have been Jean's fault. Wonderful guests assured us it was ok and anyway Liz and Natalia don't eat custard which was helpful coz sachet only makes half a pint.

While Jean was busy whisking custard Natalia kindly volunteered to help and she and Liz sorted out chopping berries for Liz's fruit salad - all seemed to be going so well but as Frank leaned over to hand Derek custard jug he knocked wine glass with red wine all over Derek's jumper and smart pale coloured trousers. Derek had reacted very quickly to get out of the way as the glass went down and Natalia next to him was quick to get paper towels onto the wine and there was pandemonium for a minute with white wine and water and everyone giving their advice oh and salt too into the mix and Frank apologising and Derek took his jumper off and rinsed it in sink. Jean said "we have to get Derek's trousers off him" to which everyone agreed and after laughing about that Derek and Frank went upstairs to sort that out. Meanwhile rest of us deliberated subject of how men measure their waists when they don't have one i.e. Over or under method as Frank was sure his trousers would fit Derek as they are both 34" waist. Derek reappeared wearing pair of Frank's trousers which fitted fine so they must both use same measuring method.

Derek left his trousers soaking in bathroom and we continued the dinner with by then the cold custard on cold pie - which must have been ok as it all got eaten!

Cheese and biscuits and tea and coffee went without a hitch!

## **CARAVANNERS HOLIDAY INFORMATION**

**August 2017 – Masham** organised by Fred and Hilda Aylin

**CARAVAN MEETING THURS 24<sup>TH</sup> AUG - TUES 29<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

**OLD STATION YARD MASHAM HG4 4DF**

### **DIRECTIONS**

- \* Take the M62 via M60
- \* At junction 29 use the left hand lane to take the M1 North exit to M621/Leeds  
0.9m
- \* Merge onto A1(M)  
0.7m
- \* Keep left at the fork to stay on the M1, follow signs for Leeds (East)  
10.5m
- \* Merge onto A1(M)  
25.9m
- \* At junction 50, take the A61 exit to Ripon/Thirsk  
0.3m
- \* At the roundabout, take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit onto A6055  
3.3m
- \* At the roundabout take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto Lime Lane/B6267

6.8m

\* Turn right onto A6108

**Destination will be on the left**    **Approx 103 miles from Lymm**

We found this to be the best route so avoiding numerous traffic lights busy sections etc.

Details of your individual pitches will be sent via separate e-mail.

Fred

