

Wine and Wisdom - February 19th 2018

Sheila Cope

Occurring just as the Spring Newsletter goes to print, this significant annual event has hardly been mentioned for some years. It is significant in several ways, not least because it is supported by many non-members who turn up every year, confident that they will enjoy an event which is sociable, comfortably demanding and excellent value. The Wine and Wisdom evening is also typical of much of the Society's work - the result of considerable hard graft and forethought behind the scenes which appears effortless on the occasion.

Our question master, Clive Taylor, is crucial to the success of the event and conveys his own enjoyment in finding questions appropriately challenging to his particular audience. He delights in subtlety. Thus few if any teams dared risk their joker on the round entitled "Day and Night" yet once we realised that most of the answers contained one of those words - e.g. Florence Nightingale - the way ahead became clearer. Then there are the fiendish dingbats, infuriatingly simple once revealed. How about KNOW it NO (no two ways about it) or BREN Jr (son of a gun) or even Polmomice (mother in law)?

Beverley, our winter Social Secretary, masterminds the provision of refreshments behind the scenes, assisted by her sister Stephanie and friend Sue. The food is professionally produced and its delicious quality is mirrored by the detailed menus on each table. Who would guess that included in the packed timetable for the kitchen is provision for the group simultaneously using the small hall to come in twice to prepare and clear away their own refreshments?

It is safe to say that participants are philosophical about their chances. An entertaining evening and good company are what matters. Nevertheless the worthy winners this year, in the order announced by Derek were: 3rd Maggie's Mates, 2nd Mike Weston's team The Good Companions and 1st Oak Leaf, appropriately representing the National Trust.

The Society is grateful to Clive to whose charity of choice the proceeds of the evening are donated and to Beverley and to their teams of helpers who include those who help to set up and clear away the hall. Without all their careful preparations such successful events could not take place.

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Jeremy Cope

Spring has sprung into early summer and the cemetery is a verdant green. Is it my memory but it seems to get better every year. Even if you are not able to volunteer why not take a walk around and enjoy not only the cemetery but the views over the town. If you would like to join our merry band ring me on 01304 211348 or email jeremycoppe@willersley.plus.com

We normally work 1st Thursday and 2nd

Saturday in the month 9am to noon - dates can be subject to variation if for example the weather intervenes. Preliminary timetable is as follows:-

Month	Thursday	Saturday
July	5th	14th
August	2nd	11th
September	6th	15th
October	4th	13th
November	1st	10th