



# Wine and Wisdom Evening

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*reported by Ian Murton*



St. Mary's Church Hall was the venue for the Dover Society's 10th Annual Wine and Wisdom evening with quiz master Clive Taylor, as always, ready to challenge and torment! I'd spent the previous couple of weeks honing up my lip reading skills (which I find very useful on these occasions) and so together with the 12 teams of six, our sadly depleted team of four were ready for the off. First round - 20th century history, so far so good!

The rounds were going well and teams were fortified with the ample supply of wine and fruit juice. During the interval food was distributed, no doubt to stimulate our minds to cope with the Dingbats we had to solve. Our team did very well on this apart from not having the acceptable answer of 'Life begins at Forty' - who dared to suggest that XL represents 40 and not extra large!

Clive as always was very much in charge - it didn't matter that in

1930 copper may have turned a flame green, nowadays it is apparently blue - but it was all good natured challenging and Clive was generous with his scoring on a number of questions. By round Six our team was lying in third place, our highest position ever, but then we plummeted badly and scored only three points for 'Quotations'. I suppose eighth place was not too bad and there's always next year.

The winners of the first prize of engraved glasses were APTA with an amazing score of 88. Who are they we wonder, since they would not disclose the secret of the letters! At the end of a very enjoyable evening Chairman Terry Sutton thanked Clive and his team for an excellent quiz, and Joan Liggett for organising both the event and the food (not forgetting all of her helpers).

We're all looking forward to 2004 Clive!

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The date for the next Dover Pageant has been set for the 5th June 2005. The event will only be on the one day which is not on a Bank Holiday weekend. SAGA Group Limited have agreed to continue their sponsorship and work has started on the script. The first crossing of the English Channel by Blanchard and Jeffries, 1785, the epic swim by Captain Webb, 1875 and the Battle of Trafalgar, 1805, will be a few of the episodes included in the script written by Noreen Thomas. The Dover Society has been very supportive over the years and if you are interested contact Mike McFarnell on 01304 201711