



Wine Tasting 10th October 2009

On Saturday 10th October we held our first BPA Wine Tasting event in the Picture Gallery where over 40 parents and friends met with the common interest of tasting and, more importantly, drinking some fine wines. The wine and 'expertise' were provided by Laithwaites' Binfield shop and they brought along three white and three red wines that they have found to be perennial favourites of their clients or themselves.

The evening started with the sampling of the white wines, three distinctive wines from around the world, all tasted great and there was much discussion between us all where we decided which was our personal favourite.

Following the first half we broke to eat a delicious cold buffet and some people took the opportunity to purchase additional wine and soft drinks.

The second half focussed on the red wines and here we learnt that wines can have great legs and how to tell the age and strength of a wine simply by looking at it. Again all three wines were excellent but quite different in character. The final one, Black Stump, was probably the most memorable for its 15% alcohol content and its "liquorice after taste with a hint of dark chocolate". Laithwaites also provided the opportunity for those people who came along to purchase cases of the wines tasted at a reasonable 15% discount, quite a few took them up on this offer.

All in all a great night was had by all, a modest amount of money was added to the BPA funds, and a future wine tasting event is a distinct possibility.