

6 O'clock Gin Tasting

“Twas 6 o'clock on the night between Lockdown 2 and Tier 2. A perfect time for a gin tasting hosted by the 6 O'Clock Gin Company itself. Tristan, their brilliantly entertaining Brand Ambassador, took us through the history of gin, their particular Brand, whilst teasing us relentlessly holding us in suspense and anticipation, whilst explaining and encouraging us to really benefit from the taste by taking in the aroma, yes ..smelling, the gin in 3 different glass positions, 3 different measures of tonic all before being allowed to taste it.....and then different accompaniments to match the type of gin infusions.

Of course, Tristan was right all the way along and too much banter and camaraderie between the 20 liverymen and their bubbles, the tasting was improved immeasurably! We were taught the importance of olive counting for a martini, how to peel your citrus in just the right way and how the junipers and sloes are harvested especially for them.

Some liverymen even admitted to having a cheeky 'control gin' (obviously under the table in plain brown paper bags) to be sure the 6 o'clock gin was being tested correctly! Shock! I don't remember putting that in the instructions.

Overall, if I remember correctly, it appears to have been a successful Masters event!