**Is the most expensive Christmas Fare always the tastiest?**

**Which festive foods pass the taste test?**

Letchworth Arts and Leisure Group’s new Food and Cookery Group recently held a blind tasting to find out.

Each group member provided three samples, expensive, mid-price, cheapest, of:-

Pigs in Blankets Mini Sausage Rolls Mature Cheddar Cheese

Blue Stilton Cheese Cheese Straws/Biscuits Mince pies

Stollen Christmas Pudding Christmas Cake

After Dinner Mints

A festive table was laid and everyone tasted and voted on each sample. Three samples each of ten items= thirty samples = very stuffed people! Someone asked a group member, ‘You can’t have eaten anything before you came here?’ The reply was, ‘Yes, a plateful of vegetables.’ Wine, water and celery sticks helped clear the palates.

Some items were unanimous winners, some less so. One met with all round dislike. ‘Ugh! I vote we don’t vote.’

Most samples were visually appealing, but this bore little relation to the flavour. An exception was one wobbly, shiny Christmas pudding which ‘looked like a burnt panacotta.’

Occasional odd tastes were surprising, like the icing on one Christmas cake whose flavour was well described as ‘like a child’s cough medicine.’

Would you like to find out more and perhaps save money?

The winning items can be found on ??