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London Plant Region : Past Events

Associates Christmas Lunch - December 5th, 2007

130 London Plant Associates and their P&G guests enjoyed a great meal at Orsett Lodge despite the fire...to read more, [click here](#)....

Volunteers Christmas Dinner - November 30th, 2007

28 members & partners of the London Volunteer Team enjoy a Christmas Dinner together. To read more, [click here](#)...

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London Plant Region : Phoenix Rises from the Ashes for the London Christmas Lunch

London Plant Associates Christmas Lunch, 2007

When organisers Brian Relf and Barbara Collins learnt that the venue for our 2007 Christmas Lunch (Orsett Hall, that had been used for several years) had burnt down, they began to worry....

.....but despite some anxious moments it was alright on the day. The Banquet Room had just been finished in time for our event - we were one of the first to use it - and it provided a spacious, light and airy setting for 130 Associates and guests.



Orsett Hall

The meeting opened with Tony Lees welcoming our host, Biagio, Mary Lawrence, the Scheme Leader, and guests from the plant. Tony then reviewed the London Associate programme for 2007 and plans for 2008. Tony Lees is standing down from the Coordination role and Biagio paid tribute to what Tony had done in setting up a thriving programme for the London plant region and presented him with a gift from the company. He wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a great New Year.

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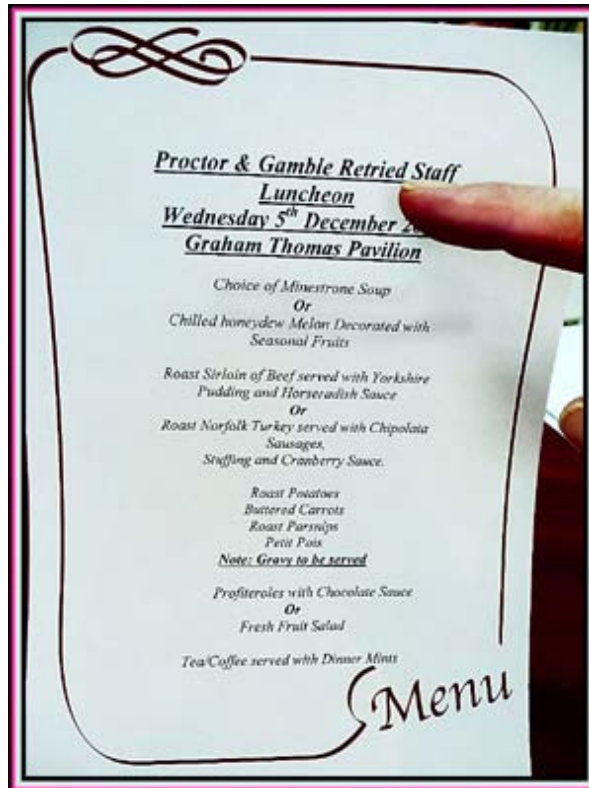
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Biagio pays tribute to Tony's contribution to the London Programme.

The meal and service was excellent, especially considering this was one of the first big events in the venue. The starters were Melon or Soup; the main course was Turkey or Beef, with a wide selection of vegetables and "all the trimmings", and dessert was fruit salad or profiteroles



Freudian slip?



Melon



Fruit Salad

After the lunch there was a prize draw - with many winners.



Barbara supervises the Lucky Dip draw for the prizes.

Derek Germaney took all the photos. With 130 present there were lots of tables to get round.....









Derek also took a lot of individual and small group photos. To see them, [click here](#):

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London Plant Region : London Plant Volunteers' Christmas Dinner.

Volunteers Christmas Dinner - November 30th 2007

Each year the different London Plant Volunteer groups (Coordinators, Visitors, Social Team, Church Team) get together for a Christmas Dinner, organised by George Mann. This year 28 Volunteers and their partners enjoyed the meal together in the meeting room we use for our Volunteer meetings at the Thurrock Masonic Hall, with a local caterer providing the 4 course meal. George also arranged for a table conjurer who astounded each table with his amazing tricks. It was a very sociable evening as the pictures show.

It was also an opportunity to thank Tony Lees for his enormous contribution in establishing a thriving Associates Group here - the London Plant Region. Tony is "retiring" from the coordinator role.



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Maureen Germaney, the co-founder of the group presented Tony with a card; a present from the Region was being delivered to Tony's home. The card was signed by all the Volunteers present, and Maureen had written a poem:

*We will sing a mournful song
when your coordinations gone.
So we tried to devise
a suitable surprise,
Just to show that we are grateful,
we are sending you a plateful
of some sumptious cuts of beef
In which to sink your teeth.*

The "sumptious cuts of beef" was a thank you present from the group, purchased from [Donald Russell](#), and would test Tony's culinary skills.



George detailed the arrangements for the evening, and added his appreciation for Tony's leadership.



Magician Paul Clancy impresses Tony.

Derek Germaney was there with his latest "toy" (camera). Below, some of the photos he took during the evening (Derek's photos are always framed...)



Our photographer, Derek Germaney, in action.



Checking results.



Linda Illing's (right) first dinner with the group, as an Associate; Dave Risk (left) suggested the venue & liaised with the Hall and caterer.



"How long is piece of string?" - Paul Clancy shows Mike & Pam Clements (left) & Eula (right) he can join loose ends by just pulling pieces through his hands...



Members of the Church Committee.



Time for a card trick.





A trio of Tonys



Paul asks Maureen to choose a card - any card...



Ron & Eula Suttling.

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