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London Plant Region : Past Events

Golf Day - March 5th, 2008

The Golf section had a good day despite the rain. To read more, [click here....](#)

Visit to Dickens World - February 13th, 2008

This was the first visit of the 2008 programme. To read about it, [click here.....](#)

London Plant Associates' Pub Lunches - monthly, 2nd Tuesday.

This get together each month is very popular. To read more, [click here.....](#)

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London Plant Region : Golf Day - March 5th.

Golf Day:

Good day for our golf match. We managed to play without the rain. 29 players attended. This included one new associate and one spouse. this is our largest turn-out so far.

Text: Mike Clements, Golf Organiser.

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London Plant Region : Visit to Dickens World.

The first trip of the London Plant Associates 2008 season was to [Dickens World](#), in Chatham, Kent, a recently opened £62 million theme park. The site focuses on the life, books and times of Charles Dickens. Dickens lived most of his childhood life in Chatham, where his father worked as a clerk in the Naval Dockyard.

The group left Thurrock early in the morning, whilst the fog was still around. We did not really know what to expect, but nevertheless we were all very excited at what lay ahead at the exhibition. It was certainly something very different, and we all had an enjoyable trip. The whole exhibition is under cover, which was a shame because the weather outside was just like a warm and sunny spring day.



The Courtyard - the start point for the Tour.

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Some took a break in the courtyard before starting the tour.



Mr. Brownfield was there to welcome our group and as a guide .



Barbara Collins, left, trip organiser with Mr. Brownfield and others in the group.



More Associates with Barbara.

Things to do.

Highlights of the theme park included a dark boat ride that simulated a ride through the town via the sewers, smells, rats included. It was very dark and quite scary.



Photo: courtesy Dickens World.



The start of the sewer ride.



The crime & punishment exhibit.

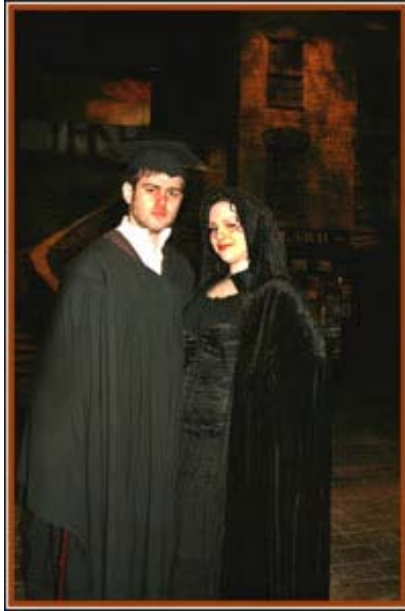


The Christmas Carol - Scrooge, with apparition.

During the day there was a performance by the players of The Christmas Carol, with the apparitions of the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future. The story unfolded and was acted out by members of the staff in appropriate costumes. At the end, when Scrooge was a reformed person, everyone wished each other a Merry Christmas, and there was snow falling from the skies. Very impressive.

There was also a Victorian schoolroom, complete with a very strict teacher with a cane who kept us all in order. Girls of course were not thought to be worth teaching so everything was geared up for the boys.

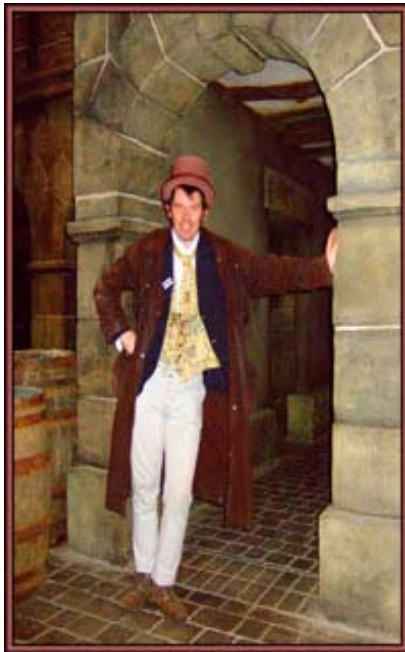
Some of the Actors.



Mr. Whackett (note his cane!) & Rose.



Rose



Mr. Swivell.



A Victorian Candy Shop.

The tour lasted about three hours, and included a Haunted House, Peggoty's boat house with a 4D high definition show, and the Britannia Theatre with an entertaining animatronics show. It was indeed a day out of a lifetime.

Afterwards, there was time for some lunch.....

and as there is an Outlet Centre just opposite, some of us took the opportunity for some retail therapy.



Another good day out, which everyone enjoyed.

Barbara Collins: Trip Organiser

Photos: Derek Germaney.

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London Plant Region : London Plant Associates' Pub Lunches.

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The first Pub Lunch of 2008 organised by London Plant Associates was on January 8th.

London Plant Associates meet each month on the 2nd Tuesday for a Pub Lunch . Organised by Brian Relf between 12 and 30 Associates and partners get together for a chat and a meal.

The venue this past year has been The Kings Arms, Grays and will continue there during 2008. If you live in the area and would like to join give Brian a ring ((01375 392964).



Meanwhile, here are some photos from the last meeting of 2007, when everyone was in the Christmas spirit.



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The Group raise their glasses



A Thankyou Bouquet for Carol, our server, and the Manageress for their excellent service.



Tempting - and we keep coming back...



Mary and friends.



Charlie's Angels



Laurie Reeve



Tony Tooley.

Don't forget - if you would like to join this group give Brian a call.

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Photos: Derek Germaney

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