

Wow, what a busy time of year with the garden to clear up for the winter and all the socialising to do with the Society gatherings.

November was a very special meeting about the history and work of Capel Manor College. The Manor can be traced back to the 13th century and beyond. It is now London's only specialist working estate where students gain 'hands-on' experience of all aspects of land based studies including Horticulture, Arboriculture (Tree Surgery), Garden Design, Floristry, Animal Care, Saddlery and Environmental Conservation and has up to 3500 students over five centres across London.

Our quiz night was a great success again. Always an enjoyable evening.

December saw our Christmas Social which was very well attended. We had quizzes, puzzles and great food including warm mince pies. It was fun without the pressure of competition. A great time to catch up with everyone.

Our final gathering was the Christmas breakfast at The Depot with more warm mince pies and alcoholic or non alcoholic mulled wine.

We would love you to join us in 2016. We are a friendly bunch. Our meetings are held at the Manor House Sports & Social Centre on the third Thursday of the month and you can, as always, try before you buy at only £2 entrance fee for guests, though for only another few pounds you can enjoy our social events for free and purchase your garden and bird feeding supplies locally for the whole year. Doors open at 7.30pm so you even have time to buy a drink from the bar before the meeting starts. More details on our web site at <http://www.algs.org.uk/> or phone our secretary Jane, on 01923 447281.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

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