

# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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**Next Meeting**  
**8pm on Wednesday, 14 May 2008 at**  
**12 Micheldever Road, SE12 8LX**  
*Open to all residents in the area. Ends 9.30pm-nibbles afterwards*

## Note of our Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April at 105 Burnt Ash Road

**Present:** Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Steve Griffith (Treasurer), Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, May Clarke, Jeremy Carden, Andrea Breugelmans, Anita Whitfield and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Ralph White, Karen McNeill (Safer Neighbourhood Scheme), Faye Carney, Pauline Hatfield.

## DIARY DATE REMINDERS

**1. AGM on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** at 8pm in the Meeting Room at The Church of the Good Shepherd. Nick Pond, who spoke at the recent meeting to launch community groups to look after Manor Park and the Hither Green Triangle Nature Reserves, will be talking to us about Nature in Lewisham



**2. Plant Mart on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May** from 2pm at 2, 4 and 6 Micheldever Road. We assume everyone has started preparing garden produce and plants ready for the sale (outdoor plants only please) but, if not, please do so immediately! As usual there will also be raffles, games and cream teas as well as stalls selling bric-a-brac, cakes, jams and pickles and a tombola. Good quality donations for all the stalls will be much appreciated - please contact Sylvia, Faye and Ralph on [PlantMart@leemanorsociety.org](mailto:PlantMart@leemanorsociety.org) for information and offers of help on the day.

Poster: <http://www.leemanorsociety.org/PlantMart/PlantMart08.pdf>

**3. The Ice House** is now open on the first and third weekends of each month until 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September which is the Open House Weekend. Hours of opening are, as usual, 3pm to 5pm.

**4. Graffiti on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April** meeting at 2pm outside 64 Effingham Road

## Northbrook School

We have received formal notification of the Planning Application for the proposed demolition of the existing building and the construction of a single to four storey replacement with associated facilities, landscaping and play area, an electricity sub-station, bin store, 60 cycle spaces and 1 car disabled parking space. The Society has strong concerns about various aspects of the proposal and has therefore written a letter of objection to the Council requesting a Public Meeting at which

local opinions can be expressed. Our main points of concern are the dominating presence of the new building in Taunton Road at the junction with Wantage Road, the proposed use of exterior render in the construction rather brick closer to the London stock generally used in this area, the use of Brightfield Road as a 'pupil entrance', the obvious need there will be for extensive use of Manor House Gardens as an overflow playground and, finally, but importantly, the lack of adequate advance consultation by the applicants with the local community.

As part of our letter of objection, we say:

"This will be the largest construction project in or near the conservation area since it was created over 30 years ago. The plans clearly represent an attempt to squeeze and quart into a pint pot both in terms of the bulk of the building and the recreational needs of the pupils in the park. This is illustrated by the following:

- The plans state "The site area is well below that recommended by DCSF for a school of 600 students and is a compact urban site."
- New construction involves an increase of 2.4 metres in the height of the building to 16.4m.
- New construction involves a 77 per cent increase in building area and a 50 per cent building footprint increase.

"The above represent an astonishing admission about the inadequacy of the site and staggering increases in the size of the building.

"Unless sensitively handled, this project has enormous potential to do damage to the character of the neighbourhood. At present, it most decidedly does not "maintain or enhance" the character of the CA, as any building is required to do. It is for these reasons that we object to these plans."

### **Lee Green History Board**

Jeremy has completed his first draft of the proposed layout which was available for us to view/inspect. The history begins with a copy of an extract from the Domesday Book, which includes a reference to Lee Green, and progresses through its development to the present day with both text and photographs. Amongst other things we are hoping to capture the original spirit of the crossroad which was previously a 'green' where cricket matches were played. The Boone's Chapel Committee are also working on a series of History Boards which they intend will be displayed down Brandram Road and have offered the Society one board which we would propose (subject to obtaining the relevant approvals) be erected near the Ice House in Manor Park Gardens.

### **Conservation Area Review**

In view of the very welcome extension of the Conservation Area we have tentatively agreed a revised Newsletter delivery rota. Charles is currently preparing the annual AGM Newsletter which will include full details of the extension and will be delivered to all houses within the extended area.

### **Lewisham Walking Festival**

We had begun preparing a walk for the Festival this year but have been advised that, unfortunately, it will not take place due to lack of funding from TfL. We are, however, in any event preparing a walk which will be notified in due course.

*Many thanks to Charles for hosting the meeting*