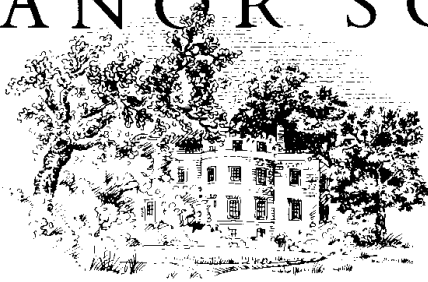


# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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**Next Regular Meeting**  
**7.30 pm on Wednesday 11 December 2019**  
**at**  
**The Music Room, Old Tiger's Head, Lee Green**

*Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm – d.i.y. refreshments afterwards*

## Notes of our Meeting on 13 November 2019

**Present:** David Plumer, Barbara Bird, Charles Batchelor, David Ford, Mary Donovan, Sue Byford, Ralph White (Chairman), Patti Byford, Frances Migniuolo and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

**Apologies:** Sylvia Ling and Rita Craft

### **Quiz Night**

The Quiz Night which we held jointly with Lee Fair Share on 25th October was a sell-out with 60 tickets sold. A wide range of people attended including members from the Consortium Groups. The prizes were all donated by local people and businesses including Sainsbury's and Rhubarb & Custard, who we have formally thanked. Light snacks were available and there was also a raffle and a book sale. After deduction of expenses, over £500 was divided between the two organising groups. We shall certainly repeat the event some time in the New Year.

### **Tree Walks and future plans**

In view of the success of this year's walks, Charles and David have agreed to organise more walks next year, probably in May and October, and will cover the wider Conservation Area in addition to Manor House Gardens.

### **Tree Planting**

We have recently handed over £2,400 to Lewisham Council to support tree planting in the neighbourhood and this is a good example of how we use your generous donations to improve the environment.

We continue to receive kind offers of finance from individuals in the area for tree planting. However, it is not that straight forward, because some species are unsuitable for roadside planting, and, because of underground conduits etc., location is in practice restricted to sites ('tree pits') where there is clear evidence that a tree was originally at that location. If anyone would like to support the planting of street trees, the cost for one tree is now £240 and the

donation can either be made to Lee Manor Society or direct to Lewisham Council.

### **Tree Health**

We have previously noted the age-related decline in the health of the flowering cherry trees in the area but another hazard has appeared: bracket fungus has infected several of the limes in Micheldever Road. Bracket fungus does not infect healthy wood but feeds off dead and decaying wood. This can cause the shedding of large limbs without warning. We urge you to look at the base of any mature street trees near to your home and let us know if you see any signs of infection.

### **Healthy Neighbourhoods**

We continue to support measures to reduce pollution and improve road safety, but we have serious misgivings about the [proposed scheme](#)\* in the Lee Green Area. It is a classic political ploy to demonise a specific group – in this case ‘rat runners’ – but traffic flows through the path of least resistance and those of us who drive do just the same. We do urge you to consider the gross distortion to amenity and connectivity within the area that we will have to live with long after the ‘rat runners’ have disappeared. Please take time to examine the proposals and make your views known.

### **Planning matters**

118 Burnt Ash Road – advertisement consent for installation and display of three illuminated fascia boxes to the front elevation – no objection.

### **Local Assembly**

Lee Green Local Assembly is due to meet at 7.00 pm in the Church of the Good Shepherd on Thursday 13 February 2020 and this will be confirmed in the New Year.

### **Date of Next Meeting of Lee Manor Society**

To be agreed.

*We thank Lee Green Lives Community Centre for hosting the meeting.*

\* <http://www.leemanorsociety.org/HealthyNeighbourhoods/HNPv3.JPG>