

# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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## **Next Meeting**

**8pm on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at  
12 Micheldever Road SE12**

*Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.30pm - nibbles afterwards*

## **Notes of our Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11 Wantage Road**

**Present:** Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Anita Whitfield, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Steve Griffiths, Jeremy Carden, Sue Byford, Faye Carney, Andrea Breugelmans, Bernard Hill and Sheila Peck  
**Apologies:** Ralph White, Pauline Hatfield, Jim Mallory, Bridget Prentice and Suki Picarda.

### **The Manor House**

The Official Opening of the renovated Library building was on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May and several of us were able to attend. All were very impressed with the results of the refurbishment and the beautiful cake which bore a picture of the library in icing! The library area itself has a much more light and airy appearance and feel and there is a good selection of, mainly new, books. Non-fiction books (with study facilities) and a children's meeting area are in the basement and there are meeting rooms and facilities upstairs. The somewhat controversial new lift and staircase in the main entrance hall are in fact very attractive and the main lift is supported by additional disabled lift facilities in other parts of the building.

### **AGM and Plant Mart**

Planning for both is well advanced. We are introducing a new feature at the Plant Mart - 'Guess the weight of the baby' - which we are sure will attract huge interest! As usual preparations will commence at 11am.

### **Lee Green Heritage Panel**

A decision has been made to place the order for production with A. J. Wells who gave the cheaper quote and we have paid one third of the amount due. We anticipate it will take between 3 and 4 weeks to produce. Both Glendale and TFL have been asked to quote for the installation cost and Charles had a meeting with Glendale last week to discuss the height of the support posts and the possibility of moving a rubbish bin which may interfere with installation on the favoured spot. We discussed matters involved in the 'unveiling' including which day of the week would be preferable and who we should invite to perform the all-important act of unveiling.

### **Planning Matters**

**Design Panel:** Further to last month's Notes, Charles was pleased to report that, after consideration of the FOCAS request, Lewisham Council have agreed that future important planning applications in

Conservation Areas should be referred to the Amenity Societies Panel in parallel with the Design Panel before any final decision is taken. This will give us a much earlier input into applications such as that for Northbrook C of E School.

#### Amenity Societies Panel Meetings:

9 Manor Lane: construction of extension at first floor level above garage/studio plus alterations to front elevation - The Panel object as it may affect the appearance of the elevation.

54 Micheldever Road: change of use of first floor and roof space to dental practice in connection with exiting use of ground floor - No objection.

36 Handen Road: construction of single storey extension to rear plus extension at first floor level to provide a conservatory/greenhouse and window in side elevation - the Panel felt that there may be an 'overlooking' issue but no real justification for an objection.

40 Micheldever Road: the lime tree for which felling consent was previously sought now has the benefit of a Tree Preservation Order. The Panel did not object to the application for the felling of the two conifers.

20 Hedgley Street: installation of secondary front door in PVCu to front porch -The Panel objected and the Planning Officer has confirmed that consent was refused.

#### Hither Green Station light boxes

It appears there are two 'light boxes' at the ticket office end of the foot tunnel at Hither Green Station which have lain dormant for approximately 20 years. This situation was drawn to our attention by Titus Johnson who has already been in touch with the Station Manager about the possibility of obtaining use of the boxes to display panels drawing the attention of arriving passengers to local facilities and activities. Charles has been in touch with Titus and is waiting to hear further from him about how he wants to carry this forward.

#### Lee Fair Share

Andrea is a member of Lee Fair Share who have asked us to publicise the fact that Lee Manor School in Leahurst Road has rooms which are available for use by local groups free of charge.

#### Safer Neighbourhood Panel

Anita is now on this Panel and gave us a brief report on the recent meeting. She was quite surprised at the high level of reported crime which, over the last three months, included 1 mugging, 5 burglaries and 15 damaged motor vehicles. The good news, however, is that the motor vehicle damage appears to have been the result of a lone operator who has been now apprehended. No further damage has been reported since his arrest.

#### Historical links

We were contacted by a Mrs Knight from Sugar Land, Texas. Her husband's great-grandfather, Charles E Knight, had run a butcher's shop at 135 Burnt Ash Road in the early 1900s. Mrs Knight enquired if we had any pictures of the shop, which stood on the corner of Upwood Road in a parade of shops that were demolished in the 1970s. We did have a picture in our archives and emailed a copy to her. Mrs Knight had discovered the Society's existence from a copy of our Lee Green crossroads draft design brief that she came across on the internet.

*Many thanks to Bernard and Andrea for hosting the meeting*