

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on Wednesday, 12 June 2013
at: The Community Centre in Leegate
(Please note there has been a change of plan and there will be no meeting in May)
Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm - refreshments afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 10 April 2013 at 105 Burnt Ash Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), David Plumer, Sylvia Ling, Faye Carney, Steve Griffith, Elisabeth Caulfield, Anita Whitfield, Rita Craft, Lorraine Burton, Judith Pye, Helen Cheesebrough, Jenny Lowen, Patti Byford, Veronica Simmons, Dan Griffin and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Ralph White, Jim Mallory and Suki Picarda.

Meeting Venue

We had hoped that our meeting this month would be in the Old Tiger's Head but, sadly, the new management is now charging for the use of the room by groups of less than 40 people and the charge is beyond our means.

Tree Planting

Planting has taken place. Charles and Elisabeth accompanied the Lewisham Council gardeners to observe the planting of 2 trees in Effingham Road, 3 in Manor Lane and 5 (4 oaks and 1 walnut) in the avenue of trees along Burnt Ash Road making a total of 10. The walnut was planted a day or so after the oaks but is now in. We are now making arrangements to pay our contribution to the council's tree section. Rita Craft mentioned that there are a couple of broken tree guards at the Leegate bus stop which need to be removed (this has now been done) and Charles agreed to make enquiries about them and also to remind the Council about the trees which need trimming.

New Lee Manor Society Conservation Area Leaflet

The Sub-Committee has had its first meeting and has agreed that they need new photographs for the leaflet. We would like an up-to-date photograph of the Manor House on the front of the leaflet but, in view of the late Spring it was decided that this would be delayed for a few weeks until some leaf growth appears! It is anticipated that the leaflet will again be A4 size folded into three sections and the text will include more information about the Society itself. The Area Map on the existing leaflet has 9 points of interest and this number may be increased. We all agreed that we would not seek sponsorship for this new leaflet and that it will also be available online on our website.

AGM and Plant Mart

Manor House Library has been booked for the Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on the 15th May with a specific request for the use of the kitchen to facilitate preparation of refreshments. Do come along to hear an update on Society activities, put any questions you may have to the Society committee and listen to Bridget Prentice talking about her experiences as an MP and Minister, and life after Parliament. The Plant Mart team has had their first meeting to agree their basic arrangements and would like to remind everyone that we will be most grateful for the donation of plants and other items needed for sale, or to be given as prizes. If anyone has a specific request for a type of cake they would like to purchase please let Sylvia know on leemanorsociety@gmail.com



Ice House

David and Sylvia opened the Ice House for the first time this year on the 7th April and were very pleased to receive 119 visitors despite the cold weather. The problem with the lighting was resolved in advance when it was realised that the switch in the Park Rangers' Office had been tripped. We will remember this if there is a problem in the future.

Leegate

There is no further progress to report on the Leegate negotiations with St. Modwen except to say that we have been told the 'major management restructuring' within ASDA has been completed. This, hopefully, means that we will have news in the near future of a meeting with them to discuss the plans for their investment in the redevelopment of Leegate.

We would like to thank Charles for hosting the meeting