

# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8pm on Wednesday 2 May

at Northbrook School, Taunton Road, London SE12 8PD

Open to all residents in the area.

**Guest Speaker: Diana Rimel – From the Tiger’s  
Head to the Clock Tower: Lee in Lewisham.**

## OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

8pm on Wednesday 16 May

at 11 Wantage Road, London SE12 8NA

Open to all residents in the area. Ends 9.30pm-nibbles afterwards

### Note of our Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April at 13a Northbrook Road

**Present:** Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Pauline Hatfield, Ralph White, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Andrea Breugelmans, May Clarke, and Anita Whitfield.

**Apologies:** Faye Carney, Steve Griffiths and Sheila Peck

#### **News on Planning Applications**

- 31 Southbrook Road – the Amenity Panel raised no objections
- 5 Manor Lane Terrace – timber framed conservatory to rear – the Amenity Panel has not yet reviewed this application
- 46 Taunton Road – single storey extension to rear – no objection.

#### **General concerns**

- Conservatories – There appears to be a proliferation in the area and whilst they are unlikely to require full planning permission, they can apparently impact adversely on the quality of life of immediate neighbours. CB to investigate the planning regime and see if there is guidance.
- Satellite dishes – A recurring problem is that these are too often installed on front elevations, which is not permitted. We are pressing for more effective enforcement action which can involve moving the dishes to a less prominent location. CB will investigate.

#### **Design Brief – Lee Green**

CB led a sub-committee of the Society on a survey of the architecture around Lee Green crossroads and has now drafted a Design Brief. The purpose is to present a holistic view of this important junction and use it to inform future planning decisions which affect the area, rather than have new works conducted in a piecemeal and potentially contradictory fashion. The Design Brief will be formally presented to the Councillor with responsibility for

Regeneration (currently Cllr. Heidi Alexander) as well as other local bodies in Lewisham and Greenwich. This project has taken on a new urgency because Cllr. Bentley has reported that regular 3-monthly meetings have been established with the owners of Leegate – St. Modwen, who are working on a 3 – 5 year plan to upgrade the centre, starting with the car park. Meetings will be attended by the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and CB will represent the Society.



### **Plant Mart – 12 May**

This will be held from 2 pm at 2, 4 and 6 Micheldever Road. Please start planting seeds and preparing rooted cuttings now as well as plants and shrubs to bring along in May!

There will also be raffles, games and cream teas, and stalls selling bric-à-brac, cakes and jams, and an epicurean bottle tombola.

Good quality donations for these stalls will be much appreciated – contact Sylvia, Faye or Ralph (on [PlantMart@leemanorsociety.org](mailto:PlantMart@leemanorsociety.org)) for information and offers of help on the day.

### **The Ice House**

The Season opened on 1st April with nearly 100 visitors.

### **The Manor House**

As noted last month, the Planning Application was submitted in February and the consultation period ends in mid-April. The Society favours the proposals and urges you to write to the Council to make your views known (see <http://www.leemanorsociety.org> for details).

### **Car wash – Burnt Ash Road**

A Public Meeting was held in the hall of the United Reform Church, Burnt Ash Road, to consider whether planning permission for the business should be granted. There were calls to spruce up the appearance e.g. with planters and an upgrade to the fencing, reduce water run-off, traffic management at the entrance, and to stop sale of cars from the frontage. But overall, the meeting was supportive of the application and the Planning Department will make the formal decision in due course.

### **Dog Fouling**

This is an ongoing issue. Lee Green SNT has pointed out that there really is nothing they can do unless an incident is witnessed and quickly reported in time for them to react.

### **Tree Preservation Orders**

It now appears that lists of TPOs are held in the Planning Offices in Laurence House on a street-by-street basis and the Society will arrange to go and find out which trees are protected in the Conservation area so we can then identify worthy specimens that are not protected.

### **Walking Festival**

This will be held in May and the Society will host a walk from 2 – 4 pm Sunday 27 May. It will start at the Old Tiger's Head and visit the Conservation area. Further details can be found on the web site.

*Many thanks to Pauline for hosting the meeting*