

# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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## Next Meeting

**8pm on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008 (note: a week later than usual) at  
66 Effingham Road SE12 8NU**

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

## Note of our Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June at 98A Effingham Road

**Present:** Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Jeremy Carden, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Sue Byford, Linda Cohen, Steve Griffith, Faye Carney, Andrea Breugelmanns, Sukie Picarda, Anita Whitfield, Ann Fisher and Sheila Peck

**Apologies:** Ralph White.

## Planning

- 54 Micheldever Road Dentist: The new owner, Dr. Sharma, has been in touch with the Society and has invited us to pop in to discuss her plans for the Practice and the extension of the services it provides on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June between 10am and 12 noon. Advertisements in local papers indicate that the new practice will include 5 dentists, a cardiologist and an orthodontist. We have been assured that there will be no changes made to the building itself although Planning Permission for the extended commercial use will be required.
- Brindishe School: We investigated the apparent felling of a tree from the grounds without consent and have been advised that this has not happened. The tree trunk pieces which were left on the roadway outside the school were donated by a parent for use by the school.
- Local Authority tenanted premises: We have a number of concerns about the management and maintenance of council/housing association properties and are seeking a meeting with the relevant officials to discuss this problem. We were recently able to assist in saving a tree in a privately owned back garden in Handen Road – next to a council property - which had been threatened with removal by a local housing officer.
- 86 Manor Lane: This is a property which has recently been included within the Conservation Area. The Amenity Panel meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May considered an application for the construction of an extension to the rear roof slope and the installation of roof lights to the front and side roof slopes. The Panel did not like the proposal and advised against approval because it was considered unduly dominant and the roof lights would detract from the appearance of the property and the terrace.
- 108 Effingham Road: The Panel advised against allowing the felling of a back garden lime tree and suggested pruning.

## Northbrook School

The recent Public Meeting was very well attended and, after a presentation by the architect, local residents voiced strong objections to various aspects of the proposals. There is great concern over the apparent lack of consideration which has been given to the imposing presence the building

will have on the residents and properties in Taunton Road and Hedgley Street, the lack of parking facilities and 'breathing space' for the pupils during breaks, and the style of building which is proposed particularly since it is now surrounded by the Conservation Area. Brightfield Road residents have received a letter of assurance that the school entrance in Brightfield will only be used for the school minibus and as an emergency exit in case of fire etc. Taunton Road residents are meeting with a view to forming a working group to challenge the current proposals and to get them changed to something which is more appropriate for the site and the locality. The Society has managed to obtain publicity for the objections in both the Mercury and News Shopper and Charles has also written to Bridget Prentice asking for her support for our efforts.

### **Lee Green Assembly**

Another Public Meeting which was very well attended. The Assembly replaces the previous Forum where residents can meet and talk to their local Councillors. This was the first of what will be a series of meetings. Councillor Paul Bentley chaired the proceedings where groups of attendees were invited to put forward their views as to the good and bad points of living in Lee Green and how important these issues are. Considerable concern was voiced over the future of Leegate, as well as problems with traffic along side roads and, of course, Northbrook School. Initial members of an 'interim co-ordinating group' which will consider the various suggestions and proposals/solutions, was selected (although we do not know quite how) with a view to reporting further at the next Assembly Meeting which it is anticipated will be held in September.

### **White Lining in Manor Lane**

Charles wrote to the Council to make them aware that we feel the white lines indicating that cars should park partly on the pavement are unnecessary, unattractive and damaging to the area. At the northern, narrow, end of Manor Lane the lines which were painted have virtually disappeared and, as a result, cars are now parking on the road which appears to be having the effect of controlling the speed of traffic in that section, something which is welcomed by residents. Parking partly on the pavement restricts pedestrian use and the possibility of tree planting. We propose to ask for a meeting to enable us to discuss the response Charles received a reply to his letter to the Council which does not deal with the points he raised

### **Leegate**

There is to be another meeting of St. Modwen (the owners), the Society and Council Officers this month to discuss the possible demolition of the existing buildings and redevelopment of site.

### **St. Winifred's, Lee**

Are you an 'old boy' or 'old girl' or someone who was connected with St. Winifred's, Lee? We have received a request for help from Paul Taylor who is in the middle of a one-year project to collect memories of the school. If you have any memories, stories or photos of your time there or know anyone else who has, please contact Paul either at Flat 2, Syon Lodge, 132 Burnt Ash Hill, SE12 0HY or e-mail him on [jfn23@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jfn23@tiscali.co.uk). Contributions are requested by 1<sup>st</sup> September. Please remember to include the dates when you were at, or connected with, the school.

### **DIARY DATES**

**1. Graffiti Busting**- On the fourth Sunday in the month. As usual, we welcome volunteers particularly as the area is now extended!

**2. Party in the Park** - All day Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June in Manor House Gardens - fun for all the family.

**3. MHGUG Dog Show** - Plus Appeal for DEBRA. Early morning on 6<sup>th</sup> September in Manor House Gardens.

*Many thanks to Suki for hosting the meeting*