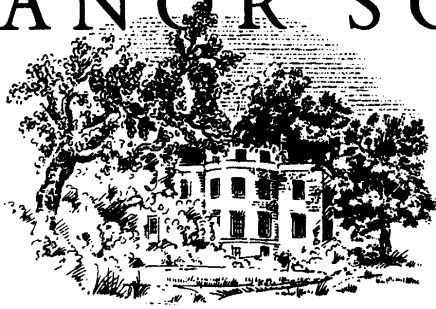


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OUR NEXT MEETING

8 pm on Wednesday 8 November 2006
105 Burnt Ash Road

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

Note of our 11 October 2006 meeting at 12 Micheldever Road

Present: *Charles Batchelor, Ralph White, Steve Griffiths, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Jim Mallory, John Ratcliffe, Cllr Sven Griesenbeck, May Clarke*

Apologies: *Andrea Breugelmanns, Sheila Peck, Faye Carney, Sukie Picarda, Chris Allison, Jeremy Carden*

News on planning applications

Applications have been submitted for a conservatory to the rear of 49 Effingham Road, to crown reduce a lime tree at the front of 49 (the appeal about felling the tree has been rejected); to pollard a lime tree at 78 Burnt Ash; and to crown-reduce a lime at 100 Effingham Road.

Car valeting at the former petrol filling station, Burnt Ash Road

Charles has written to the Council about this site, outlining Society views and concerns such as the visual impact of the temporary fencing, and the sale of cars from the pavement. The Council has said this will be considered, but it was not clear when. The premises appear to be let out on a short lease, pending redevelopment of the Leegate Centre, of which they form part. This arrangement may therefore continue for some time yet, as there is no sign of a Leegate scheme proceeding. We agreed the car-valeting site needing tidying up if it was set to continue in this use.

The Tiger's Head

We understand the closed pub is on the market without its public house licence, which suggests it is likely to be bought for conversion or rebuilding, eg to flats. There have been no planning applications to Greenwich yet. Charles will ask if Andrea can make further enquiries.

Boone's Chapel

Charles updated us on the project to restore Boone's Chapel, in Lee High Road. The Trust may soon announce some unexpected developments which add to the historic interest!

Northbrook School Redevelopment

John Ratcliffe, the headmaster, updated us on the plans for the school. Phase one is to prepare Ennersdale School for secondary use, so that pupils can be moved there next summer. No external changes are now planned. Under phase two, the Taunton Road buildings would be demolished and rebuilt. Lewisham Council are inviting tenders for a major design, build and maintain contract, which will include architects, to cover this and other schools projects. Detailed plans for the new Taunton Road building are expected to emerge early in the New Year. There will be a public meeting so that residents can look at these plans, ask questions and make comments. Council planners are already been expressing views about the importance of the new school's visual relationship with the conservation area. Any delays to the project could force up costs and make it less viable.

The Manor House Library

The 5 October library project board meeting was cancelled and is being rearranged. An informal discussion has taken place to look through the latest more detailed plans. The Council have decided to withdraw the planning application for the previous scheme, currently with the Government Office for London, rather than trying to amend it. They hope a new application will attract fewer objections. Public consultation meetings for local residents are being held on the 19th, 21st October, and 2nd and 4th November at the library, before the new application is formally made. The local area will be leafleted about these meetings. Details of the library project are on the council website (see our website for a quick link.)

Trees

We have asked the Council for seven more street trees, five of which are replacements.

Progress with local graffiti

Our next foray to tackle graffiti is on Sunday 26 November at 2pm, starting outside 64 Effingham Road. We usually tackle painted surfaces like telecoms boxes and fences. Please report serious graffiti (eg on brickwork) anywhere around Lee to the Council:

- by phone on 020 8314 7171 (give a precise location)
- by e-mail: see details at <http://www2.lewisham.gov.uk/lbl/CommunitySafety/form.asp>.
- by mobile phone with camera to <http://www.lovelewisham.org/Public/images.aspx>

Our 30th anniversary event

We agreed this went well, with a good turnout and a lot of networking. Our thanks to all who assisted. The display has now been moved to the library, and our new 30th anniversary leaflet about the conservation area will now be distributed locally.

Ice house results

Some 9000 people have now visited the Ice House since its opening in 2000, averaging 80 per opening.

Teatro Vivo

A production based on Chekov's "Three Sisters" will be performed live in the library from 31 October to Saturday 11 November.

Don't forget our website – www.leemanorsociety.org

This includes links to the Council's library project website, to planning application lists at the Council, to Teatro Vivo, and other local websites of interest. It also has photos from our 30th anniversary event.

Many thanks to Ralph and Julie for their hospitality