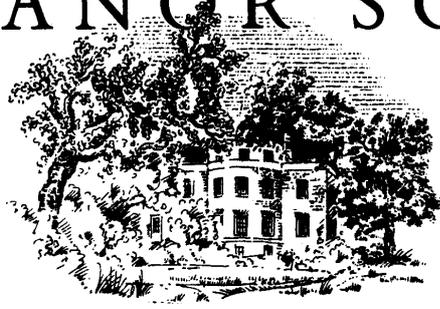


LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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OUR NEXT MEETING

8 pm on Wednesday 10th May 2006
11 Wantage Road

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

Note of our 12 April 2006 meeting at 66 Effingham Road

Present: *Charles Batchelor, Ralph White, Steve Griffiths, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Andrea Breugelmans, Sheila Peck, Faye Carney, Yvette Croucher*

Apologies: *Julian Bousher, Pauline Hatfield May Clarke.*

News on planning applications

- a planning application has been submitted for a small telecoms dish on the existing mast at Lee Station; and a re-application submitted for an extension and extractor flue at the rear of the new café at 115 Manor Lane (on which work appears to have stopped). A chestnut tree at 7 Effingham Road is due to be felled – Charles intends to look at this – and the Holm Oak at the rear of the Manor House Library is to be crown reduced.
- Charles wrote to the Council once again about the application for a large extension to the rear of 17-19 Northbrook Road (see previous notes), following the meeting. The Council had argued the plans were consistent with Housing policy 6 in the local development plan, even though the scheme is not a domestic extension but a project to create several self-contained new flats by extending the former houses rearwards. It was also planned to demolish the original front steps to accommodate car-parking, which would damage the appearance of these large Victorian villas at the front.

For recent planning applications see:

<http://www4.lewisham.gov.uk/acolnet/lewis-xslpagesDC/acolnetcgi.exe>

Boone's Chapel

Charles updated us on the project to restore Boone's Chapel, in Lee High Road. It is one of only two Grade One listed buildings in the whole borough, and dates from 1682. The Blackheath Historic Buildings Trust has been working for years to rescue the building. It has now found a new suitable commercial use for the building which will secure its future, and enable it to be opened to visitors and for community use. Work is due to begin in the autumn, following long negotiations with English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund. However, another £30,000 needs to be found urgently and the Trust is working hard to find this. We

agreed to make a donation of £250. (see <http://www.blackheath.org/bhbt.htm> for more details, and to donate)

National Car Rentals

Andrea has replied to the letter from National's senior vice president about the parking of rental cars in Wantage Road, asking again that they ensure action is taken to avoid a repetition of last year's use of roads like Wantage as part of the business, and she is sending copies to the Society and local councillors.

The Manor House Gardens User Group

We discussed the problems being faced by our fellow group which looks after the interests of the park users and keeps an eye on the way the park is run. We agreed that if the user group could not find new officers, and were unable to continue formally, then the Society would maintain links to Glendales and the Council at least in the short term. Ideally we would like the help of user group members. In this way, the community would continue to have a voice over the management of the park. **Action:** please consider if you would like to help keep the Park user group going by becoming one of their officers.

Our new picnic bench is now open for picnics!

Bridget Prentice MP formally opened the new picnic bench, near the Ice House on 1 April, and there was a good turnout of local residents, and several speeches to mark the event. The bench has been paid for jointly by the Society and Lewisham Rotary Club and donated to the Manor House Gardens. Photos are on our new website. The Park User Group and Glendales also joined us, and the local paper covered the event.

Progress with local graffiti

We are continuing our monthly efforts to tackle local graffiti on painted surfaces. Please report other serious graffiti (eg on brickwork) anywhere around Lee:

- by phone to the Council 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>

Ice house open again

The Ice House has reopened for the 2006 season. 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from 3pm to 5pm

Our AGM- Tuesday 16th May

Our Annual General Meeting is at **Northbrook School**, Taunton Road, starting at 8.00pm. We have a talk by the Quaggy Action Group. Please stay for some refreshments afterwards.

Plant Mart - Saturday 20th May

Our main annual fundraiser event is the Plant Mart, at 2, 4 and 6 Micheldever Road, starting at 2pm. Raffle, games, and stalls selling bric-a-brac, cakes and jams, and cream teas as well as plants. If you can give us any rooted cuttings, plants, shrubs and seedlings, cakes etc or bric-a-brac, please contact Sylvia Ling, 64 Effingham Rd, tel 8318 5161.

Many thanks to Faye and Steve for their hospitality