

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 16th April 2014
at: The Community Centre in Leegate

Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm - refreshments afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 12th March 2014

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White (Deputy Chair), David Plumer, Elisabeth Caulfield, Sylvia Ling, Sue Byford, Suki Picarda and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Rita Croft, Dan Griffin, Jenny Lowen, Veronica Simmons, Chris Peters, Pauline Hatfield, and Jim Mallory.

Plant Mart – Saturday 17th May

The Plant Mart Committee has had its first meeting and has agreed to follow the same format as last year. We are most grateful to the owners of 2, 4 and 6 Micheldever Road who have confirmed their agreement to the use of their front gardens. We don't have Faye and Steve this year so do need as much help as possible for the provision of plants etc. We hope you are all planting and propagating in readiness! We will also welcome donations of jams, marmalade, cakes and bric-à-brac. Sylvia is also offering a bespoke cake-baking service, and if you have a particular favourite, do please let her know. We can all be contacted personally (you know where we are!) or on our email address news@leemanorsociety.org.

AGM Speaker

We discussed various possibilities for a Speaker at our AGM on Wednesday 21st May but didn't reach a conclusion although an update on the Quaggy and flood alleviation in the Lee Green area is a possibility. We are looking for someone who can talk to us about issues local to Lee Manor. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Street Trees

Ralph has reported the problems we have with the Street Trees at the Lee Green crossroads to TfL via the LoveLewisham facility and the entry is posted as 'in progress'.

Parish Boundary Stone

Charles has contacted three Stone Masons with a request for a quote for the cost of the new Stone. Two quotes have been received so far and one firm has also visited the site. We anticipate a quote in the region of £1,000. However, we are still waiting to hear from Lewisham Planning for their authority for us to undertake the replacement of the original stone.

Ice House Panels

Jeremy has located the artwork he prepared for the original explanatory panels in the main chamber and this has now been transferred to a CD and duly forwarded to A. J. Wells & Sons on the Isle of Wight. We have requested a quote for the production of two enameled panels to replace the originals that, after 14 years, are now showing signs of having suffered from the damp atmosphere underground. We are also considering replacing a third panel – the one at the bottom of the entrance steps to the Ice House. Enameling, the process used to make the long panel at ground level next to the ice house entrance, is very long lasting. We are keen to maintain standards in the ice house, which, like the Manor House, is a grade 2* (two-star) listed building.

Ice House Rota

The first version of the Duty Rota for this year has been prepared and circulated to regular helpers. There are a few spaces (1st June, 3rd and 17th August and 7th September) so, if you can help, please contact Dan on news@leemanorsociety.org.

Boone's Almshouses at Emmanuel Pentecostal Church

You may recall that in April last year we reported the Local Listing of the Almshouses but did point out that this did not have any real statutory power. Earlier this year the Church applied for permission to demolish the Almshouses which, sadly, could not be refused. You may have noticed that, much to our disappointment, the Almshouses are now no more! We intend to make our views known on any replacement for the lost buildings. The original application was turned down by the council on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site. The Society wishes to retain the more domestic character of this end of Lee High Road in contrast to its very commercial western end closer to Lewisham town centre.

We thank Elisabeth for hosting the meeting