

# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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## Next Meeting

**8pm on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at  
105 Burnt Ash Road, London SE12**

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

### Note of our Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March at 66 Effingham Road

**Present:** Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Steve Griffiths (Treasurer), Faye Carney, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, May Clarke, Linda Cohen, Suki Picarda, Eric Moody, Jeremy Carden, Sven Griesenbeck and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Ralph White, Andrea Breugelmanns, Anita Whitfield, Karen McNeill (Safer Neighbourhood Scheme)

### DIARY DATES

**1. AGM** - This year we will be holding our AGM in the Parish Room at The Church of the Good Shepherd on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. Nick Pond, who spoke at the recent meeting to launch community groups to look after Manor Park and the Hither Green Triangle Nature Reserve, has agreed to come along to talk to us about Nature in Lewisham,

**2. Plant Mart** - From 2pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2, 4 and 6 Micheldever Road. We would urge everyone to start preparing garden produce and plants ready for the sale (outdoor plants only please). As usual there will also be raffles, games and cream teas as well as stalls selling bric-a-brac, cakes, jams and pickles and a tombola. Good quality donations for the stalls will be much appreciated - please contact Sylvia, Faye and Ralph on [PlantMart@leemanorsociety.org](mailto:PlantMart@leemanorsociety.org) for information and offers of help on the day.

**3. Annual Social Evening** – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September at Stark Gallery, Lee High Road, as usual - more details later.

**4. The Ice House** - This year's season will open on 6<sup>th</sup> April and continue on the first and third weekends of each month until the Open House Weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September. Opening hours will be, as usual, 3pm to 5pm.

### **Conservation Area Review**

At a Mayor and Cabinet Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March it was formally agreed that Brightfield Road, Hedgley Street, much of Lampmead Road and the west side of Manor Lane as well as the trees on the east side of Burnt Ash Road be included within the Conservation Area. In addition it was also agreed that an Article 4 Direction will control alterations to all properties within the Conservation Area which will improve the appearance of all streets in the future. The Article 4 Direction means that planning permission will be required for replacement windows, front doors, retiling roofs, roof lights, alterations to chimneys, demolition of garden walls, pebble dashing or painting elevations and other minor alterations. The following buildings have also been added to the List

of Buildings of Local Historic, Architectural and Townscape Interest: Seven (7) Parish Boundary Markers in Southbrook, Micheldever, Handen and Effingham Roads, the former Vicarage in Handen Road, St Winifred's Roman Catholic School in Effingham Road, the former Roman Catholic Church of St Winifred in Manor Lane, Units 1-7 Southbrook Road, the Church of the Good Shepherd in Handen Road, The Lord Northbrook Public House in Burnt Ash Road, Lee Railway Station platform shelters and tunnel, 1 and 29-35 Jasmine Court and the former postmen's office in Woodyates Road.

### **273 Bus Route - Permanent Bus Stop Plans**

The general view of residents of Southbrook is still against any fixed stops. The Society has written to Transport for London urging that consideration be given to placing a stop outside the small industrial estate at the East end of the road but not outside any houses.

[http://www.leemanorsociety.org/Route273/Route\\_273.pdf](http://www.leemanorsociety.org/Route273/Route_273.pdf)

Our letter is viewable on our website. The general feeling is still that current 'hail and ride' system should remain in place. In view of the new parking arrangements in the vicinity of Lee and Hither Green Stations Southbrook Road is now one of the most congested roads in the area and fixed bus stops would only serve to increase the congestion. The views set out in our last Minutes remain. We understand that residents of Southbrook Road are preparing a Petition.

### **Parking Restrictions in Burnt Ash Road**

There is a proposal to install double yellow line parking restrictions under the Railway Bridge at Lee Station. Sven advised that the Liberal Democrat Councillors are investigating the proposal. The Councillors have been told the installation has been requested because of the right turning area for the new housing development although they have, so far, been unable to establish by whom. The Society is against the proposal as we consider it will have an adverse effect on deliveries to and trade at the shops and businesses in the area. We have lodged an objection in principle but would suggest that, if the proposal goes ahead, there should be parking/loading facilities provided for the shops and businesses.

### **Post Office Closures**

The Post Office on Burnt Ash Hill is one of those included in the list of proposed closures. Our Liberal Democrat Councillors have launched a campaign to keep the office open, which has received huge public support. The Society strongly agrees with the campaign and both Ralph and Charles were present at the recent demonstration which was featured in an article in News Shopper.

### **Planning**

- Car Wash at Leegate: At the recent Panel Meeting everyone agreed that the Car Wash is providing a useful service although it does need to be 'tidied up'. Conditional Consent was given to the continued use of the site subject to the appearance being improved and there being no sales. We have noted that a new fence is already being installed and there are signs of repainting being undertaken.
- 14A (First Floor premises) Leegate: The continued use as a place of worship has been approved.
- 72 Taunton Road: Construction of a single storey extension to the rear - no objections were raised.
- 62 Taunton Road: Demolition of existing rear addition and construction of single storey rear extension plus internal alterations. The Panel considered the details in the plans to be unattractive and therefore suggested minor amendments to the roof level

*Many thanks to Faye and Steve for hosting the meeting*