

# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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**Next Meeting**  
**8pm on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at**  
**11 Wantage Road, SE12 8NA**  
*Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.30pm - nibbles afterwards*

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

**Present:** Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White, Andrea Breugelmanns, David Plumer, Faye Carney, Steve Griffiths, Sylvia Ling, Rev. Richard Bainbridge, Lewis Stewart and John Farley (Safer Neighbourhood Team), Anita Whitfield, Jeremy Carden, and Sheila Peck  
**Apologies** Jim Mallory, Sue Byford and May Clarke.

## **Safer Neighbourhood Team**

Lewis and John reported that the only real problem in this area at the moment is vehicle crime. Some vehicles have been stolen but the main problem is the theft of items from parked cars – either through a broken window or a crowbarred door. Residents should remember to lock cars securely and not to leave tempting items on view. A further suggestion is to leave glove boxes open to show that items such as sat. navs. and detachable radio/CD player fronts are not in the vehicle. At the recent meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team a new panel of residents was appointed to replace the original panel. You may remember, from our February Newsletter, that we were hopeful one of us would be appointed to the Panel and we are very pleased to be able to report that Anita Whitfield has been. If you want to report a problem or an incident you can call the Team on 020 8721 2482 or email: [leegreen.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:leegreen.snt@met.police.uk). When on duty, a member of the team can also be contacted by mobile phone: 07920 233877.

## **Letter of Welcome**

A while ago we decided we would prepare a standard 'Letter of Welcome' which we would send to new residents in the Area. Charles has now prepared the first draft of the letter which has been considered and some amendments suggested. Charles will now do a re-draft for further consideration.

## **Northbrook School**

We are continuing to review our options though seeking a judicial review is a risky and very expensive process. We remain unconvinced by several points in the planning department's paperwork. The local residents forming NAG say they have not yet made any decision about pursuing their objection. We have noted that all the trees except the one at the front of the building have been removed from the site. Demolition machinery has been taken on site via Brightfield Road and it can be seen that demolition is well advanced. We questioned the possibility of a future increase in the number of students attending the school as a result of the

forthcoming raising of the school leaving age and the Rev. Bainbridge advised that he did not feel this would happen as the school does not have a Sixth Form at present.

### **Lee Green Heritage Panel**

Jeremy has produced a further revised version of the proposed layout/content and it was agreed we would include it in our display at the Lee Green Assembly Social Evening. A question has arisen over the precise location of the farm which was in the area of the crossroads many years ago and it was decided that further investigation would be undertaken to confirm this. Charles is still in communication with Heidi Alexander (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Regeneration) to obtain the necessary consent for the installation.

### **Manor Park**

It has been confirmed that Lewisham Council have the necessary funds to install a bridge over the Quaggy River to give access to the Park from Longhurst Road. We are all aware of the constant confusion which exists between Manor Park and Manor House Gardens and wonder if it would be appropriate to suggest that the Park be re-named. There is at least one recent precedent for this in Lewisham and there could be a competition for an appropriate name. This would be up to the recently formed park user group in the final instance.

### **Planning Matters**

117 Burnt Ash Road - An Application has been submitted for the change of use of this property to Class A3, restaurant or café. This will mean yet another eatery in the area but we feel that although this may possibly be excessive it will be preferable to there being an unoccupied property.

54 Micheldever Road - The application for the conversion of the upper part of the premises from residential to additional dental practice use has been lodged and we await the outcome with interest.

Lee Station - Bushes have again been hacked and foliage stripped away to reveal unsightly builders' and other rubbish on the station approach. The rail authorities have previously agreed to maintain the approach in the style of a wildlife meadow and Charles has therefore written them a letter of complaint at the unreasonably harsh treatment which has been meted out.

### **London Forum**

The London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies is a Registered Charity which was founded in 1988 to 'represent the views and interests of amenity and civic societies and their members on issues which are important for the quality of life of Londoners'. More information can be found on their website at [www.londonforum.org.uk](http://www.londonforum.org.uk). We are aware that other local groups such as the Blackheath, Greenwich, Westcombe and Charlton Societies are already members and we all agreed that that the Society would subscribe to one year's membership to investigate the benefits.

### **Graffiti Busting**

We are very pleased to announce that, currently, graffiti is virtually non-existent in the Conservation Area which means that our efforts last month and again this month will be mainly devoted to bulb planting, pruning and rubbish clearance. We will be meeting again at 2pm on **Monday 1st December** at the corner of Effingham Road and Wantage Road.

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