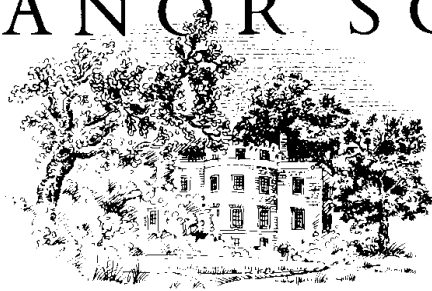


LEE MANOR SOCIETY



Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 30th November 2011
at: 105 Burnt Ash Road, London SE12 8RA
PLEASE NOTE THE LATER THAN USUAL DATE

Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm – minced pies and mulled wine afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 12th October 2011 at 67 Effingham Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Suki Picarda, David Plumer, Paul Connolly, Anita Whitfield, Sylvia Ling, Eve Jagusiewicz, Faye Carney, Frances Mignivolo, Veronica Simmons, Elizabeth Caulfield, Ralph White (Deputy Chairman) and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Pauline Hatfield, Lorraine Burton (Treasurer), Cllr. Jim Mallory, Sue Byford, Michael Goodwin and Andrea Breugelmans.

Extraordinary General Meeting

The small amendments to the revised Constitution were identified and discussed. Ralph proposed adoption of the amendments which was seconded by Sylvia and agreed unanimously by all attendees. The Constitution can be viewed on our website.

General Meeting

Ice House

Overall attendance of 1,091 throughout the opening period this year was lower than usual but this was probably due to problems we had finding 'stewards' as a result of which we were unable to open on 2 weekends. However, we had record attendance over the Open House Weekend with 143 visitors on the Saturday, despite very heavy rain during the second half of the session, and 342 on the Sunday. If you are able to volunteer as a 'steward' next year please do let us know. We open the Ice House on the first and third Sunday of each month from April to September between 3pm and 5pm. If you could manage just one session it would help.

Table at Church of the Good Shepherd Event

Although the event was quite small, we were successful in enrolling 3 additional members to our distribution list and Ralph and Anita met the Reverend Ann Clarke, new curate of St. Peter's on Eltham Road. We feel it was a good opportunity for publicising our work and will certainly be taking part again next year.

New Bank Account

We have decided to move our Bank Account from Nationwide to the Co-op. All the necessary papers have now been signed and also the 'introductory' cheque. Two of the authorised signatories (Charles, Ralph, Lorraine and Sheila) will be required to sign all cheques. The signed papers will now be sent to the Co-op so that the new Account can be opened as soon as possible.

Annual Social Evening

Unfortunately Stark Gallery has still not opened the new café. We have considered possible alternative venues but have decided we would prefer to continue holding the Annual Social at Stark and so will to fix a date in the New Year.

Street Bench

We have decided to get the bench from Riverwood, which is a project of Greenwich Mencap who will both supply and install it on the corner of Taunton Road and Wantage Road. Sylvia and Ralph have been invited to visit Riverwood to meet the people who will make the bench. The wood used in the construction of Riverwood furniture is reclaimed driftwood from the Thames and we will have the Society's name engraved on the bench.

Planning

We applied to the planning department for the existing almshouses and chapel at 372-376 Lee High Road – presently in use by the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church – to be given a local listing. This provides protection to buildings although it is not as formal or strong as a statutory listing by English Heritage. The planning department has agreed with our view that these buildings are important for historical, social and architectural reasons and is recommending to the mayor and cabinet that they be listed. The mayor and cabinet will consider this recommendation in December.

The council's enforcement team appears unable to arrange for the removal of the developer's advertising board at Glenmere Row despite assuring us it could be done. We are continuing to press for action.

Welcome Letter

Although the form of the 'letter' has been agreed we are still trying to sort out a plan for the reverse side. Ralph has agreed to chase up.

AOB

1. We are pleased to see that substantial repairs / improvements are being undertaken to the Northbrook Public House which has been locally listed since 2007.
2. The next Lee Green Assembly Meeting will be on Tuesday 8th November at Trinity Church of England Secondary School (formerly Northbrook) from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.
3. Open Studios Weekends this year are on 12th, 13th and 19th, 20th November.

We would like to thank Jason and Jean for hosting the meeting