

# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**8 pm Wednesday, 18 January 2006**

**13 Manor Way**

**(new venue: on the left side of Manor Way, which lies at the Lee Green end of the Cator Estate just off Lee Road)**

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

## Note of our 14 December 2005 meeting, held at 12 Micheldever Road

**Present:** Charles Batchelor, Ralph White, Steve Griffiths, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Faye Carney, Jeremy Carden, May Clarke, Katherina Rist, David Stopp

**Apologies:** Andrea Breugelmans, Yvette Croucher, Peter and Pat Richardson

### News on planning applications

(the list of new applications is at <http://www4.lewisham.gov.uk/acolnet/lewis-xslpagesDC/acolnetcgi.exe>)

- The Amenity Societies Panel had expressed concern at the size of a proposed extension to the rear at **104 Taunton Road**, and possible visibility from the park. It had no objection to the conservatory at **9 Southbrook Rd**, providing it was timber-built.
- A second application has been refused for a new block of flats at the rear of **17/19 Northbrook Road**.
- There is an application to fell a lime at **49 Effingham Road** (these are often original features of Victorian house frontages).
- An appeal has been made against the refusal of the application for the two-storey extension to enable conversion of the house to flats at **142 Manor Lane**. **Action:** Charles will see if the Council is interested to have Society views.
- The Council's Design Panel had objected to the appearance of a large scheme for 46 flats, to be built at **170-174 Lee High Road** (formerly a Total filling station). It was a poor scheme for such a prominent site.
- Overheight walling and fencing appears to be underway outside the old vicarage in **Handen Road**. Charles has pressed the council to investigate, as no permission seems to have been given (front fencing etc needs specific planning permission if over 1m in height).
- Charles has responded to the public consultation about **Northbrook School's** plans, outlining some design criteria for any re-development which might be pursued on the site, or at the **Ennersdale Road** site

### **Manor House Library**

Charles attended the Council design panel, which has commented on the plans. The panel approved the plans but said care should be taken to achieve a high quality “join” between the new additions and the original building.

### **Mayor’s meeting at Lee Green**

This public meeting ranged over many amenity issues including flytipping, speed limits, anti-social behaviour, and crime (lower than most wards in the borough). A local “cop shop” and team of officers is planned for 2007.

### **Amenity issues**

- We discussed the Quaggy River improvements. It was suggested that the Environment Agency should revise their “flood risk” database when the current flood-prevention works along the Quaggy locally are completed. (Current flood risk for the area can be seen by entering a postcode on the Agency website at <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/flood/?lang=e>; the result is not well explained.) It’s important because a flood risk assessment is likely to be included in the new Home Information Packs planned by the Government for all domestic property transactions from summer 2007, so that an assessment will automatically be seen by all prospective buyers of a property. Accurate up-to-date information is important. **Action:** Steve to write to EA about updating the records.
- The National rental cars are still being stored in Wantage Road. **Action:** Society members to monitor problems.
- FUSS held another successful Christmas event in the Staplehurst Road parade, by Hither Green station.

### **Graffiti**

Our graffiti-busters are taking a well-earned rest in December, and then back in action on Sunday 22nd January. We meet at 2pm (because of the early dusk) at 64 Effingham Road.

### **The Ice House**

Unofficial private parties have been held in the Ice House recently. We are concerned about the risk to the building and possible damage, which could negate the work put in by the Society to restore and open up this unique Grade II building for public viewing. Moreover, it’s not a suitable venue for large groups, in health and safety terms. Glendales who manage the park on behalf of the Council agree, and have said this will not happen again.

### **Lee Manor’s 30th birthday celebrations!**

The Lee Manor Society was founded by local residents in 1975 to campaign for the creation of a conservation area. They succeeded, and the Lee Manor Conservation Area was established in 1976. It was one of the first in the Borough. To celebrate this achievement and mark the occasion, we are planning an event during 2006, and a subgroup has been formed to plan this (Charles, Ralph, Faye, Jeremy).

### **Do you have any old Lee photos? Do you know any former Society members?**

We would like to mount an exhibition as part of our 30th birthday celebrations. Do you have any photographs of local people or places, events and memories, or anything else that you think would be interesting to feature in our exhibition? If so, please contact Charles. If you are in touch with any former members, who may not see our newsletters, please let us know and we will ensure they are invited to our celebrations.

**STOP PRESS: the new picnic bench for the Park has now been delivered from the manufacturers**

**The Society wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

*Many thanks to Ralph and Julia White for their hospitality*