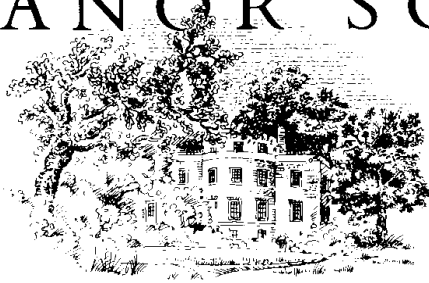


# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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**Next Regular Meeting**  
**7.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015**  
**at: Leigate Community Centre**

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

## **Notes of our Meeting on 18th February 2015**

**Present:** Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White (Deputy Chairman), David Plumer, Veronica Simmons, Diana Stevenson, Patti Byford, Anita Whitfield, Suki Picarda, David Ford, Lorraine Burton (Treasurer), Jan Quirke, Julie Williams and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Sue Byford, Sylvia Ling, Dan Griffin, Jenny Lowen, Simon Hooks, Pat Raven, Chris Peters, Bruce Allison, and Jim Mallory.

### **Leigate**

Lee Manor Society continues to channel its thoughts about Leigate through the Lee Green Assembly Working Party. Representatives of the campaign group 'A Better Lee Green' (Jan Quirke and Julie Williams) visited and gave us a summary of their work so far. The group is made up of at least 260 local residents and traders who have concerns over the current proposals for the redevelopment of the Leigate Centre and the effect it will have on traffic congestion and pollution in the area as well as the loss of public space. The group have already had discussions with local Councillors and Planning Officers and recently arranged their own Pollution Survey when test tubes were used to collect air samples for 1 month. The results of that survey will be available shortly. The group are also considering arranging their own traffic survey to compare with the one recently undertaken by TfL. The group have also prepared a Survey which is available either on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/leigatequestionnaire> or in print from the Community Centre in Leigate, which local residents are asked complete and return to help A Better Lee Green assess how the local community really feel about their town centre and neighbourhood.

**(St Modwen has since submitted a revised planning application:**

<http://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal= LEWIS DCAPR 76951>)

## **The Future organisation of Lee Manor Society**

Following discussions at a recent group meeting Ralph White has volunteered to stand for election as Chairman of the Society when Charles stands down at the AGM in May. This means, of course, that we will then need a new Deputy Chairman. Please let us know if you would be prepared to take on the position. To spread the burden of responsibility, the Sub-groups which have been agreed so far are:-

Planning: Charles, Ralph and Sheila; Ice House: David P and Dan; Transport: Diana and Ralph; Trees: Charles, David F and Elisabeth; Fundraising: Lorraine.

## **Controlled Parking in Burnt Ash Road**

We have been told that, once the new agreed Lee Manor CPZ arrangements have been implemented, there will be single yellow lines on both sides of Burnt Ash Road which will be operational during the two-hour parking restriction applying in other local roads. (10am-12noon). This arrangement should deter commuters but will allow visitors at other times.

## **Parish Boundary Stone and the history of Christ Church**

Christ Church is one of Lee's and Lewisham's "lost churches," remembered mainly by the "CC" incised into the half dozen remaining parish boundary stones that run north-south across the east-west pattern of the streets that make up the core of the conservation area (Effingham Road to Southbrook Road). Opened for worship in 1854 as a daughter church to St Margaret's, Christ Church occupied a large plot between Lee Road and Lee Park. Twice bombed by the Luftwaffe in September and October 1940, the church's remaining walls and steeple were later demolished. An imposing structure, seating 1,000 people and built in Kentish ragstone, the only reminder on site of its existence is a short stretch of low wall with several pillars half-way up Lee Park. The Society's recent re-instatement of the missing boundary stone in front of 9 Handen Road provides a valuable reminder of a largely forgotten piece of the history of Lee.

## **Planning Matters**

Emmanuel Church (The Manse, Lee High Road) Application No. DC/14/89551: An amended planning application was submitted towards on 17<sup>th</sup> October last year and, although the scale of the building is less obtrusive than previously, Charles has lodged an objection on behalf of the Society. The council's independent Design Panel was also unimpressed by the quality of the revised plans.

See: <http://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=details&keyVal= LEWIS DCAPR 76451>

*We thank the Leegate Community Centre for hosting the meeting*