

# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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## OUR NEXT MEETING

8 pm Wednesday 14 December 2005

12 Micheldever Road

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

### Note of our 9 November 2005 meeting, at 66 Effingham Road

**Present:** Charles Batchelor, Faye Carney, Steve Griffiths, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Andrea Breugelmanns, Sheila Peck, Jeremy Carden, Julian Bowsher, Megan Jaquier, Katherina Rist, Brian Williams

**Apologies:** Ralph White, Yvette Croucher, Pat and Peter Richardson, May Clarke, Pauline Hatfield, Rev Bainbridge

### News on planning applications

- an application has been submitted to the Council for a conservatory at 9 Southbrook Road
- a new front garden wall with railings is being built at the old vicarage in Handen Road.  
**Action** Charles to check if a planning application is needed
- a new café has been given planning permission at 105 Manor Lane, with a wood and glass shopfront. Approved opening hours are 7.30am - 6pm weekdays, and 4pm closing on Saturdays.
- the amenities panel recommended against the loss of 3 front garden limes at 13 Handen Road
- a list of new/recent planning applications is available at <http://www4.lewisham.gov.uk/acolnet/lewis-xslpagesDC/acolnetcgi.exe>

### Manor House Library

The Council's design panel considered the plans and drawings on 18 October. Charles and Ralph attended for the Society. Charles has written in strong terms to the panel chairman, Councillor Scott, about his handling of the meeting and the Society's efforts to comment. Minutes and conclusions from the meeting are not yet available.

### New Council planning policies

The consultation paper on education; health and community facilities invited responses to some vague questions. **Action:** Charles to comment, noting that the area has a large number of such facilities already, including 4 schools, and the specialised pupil referral unit and mental health premises. (Note: Council consultation papers are at <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/CommunityAndLiving/>)

## Meetings with Councillors

At the Focas meeting with Councillors it emerged that descriptions of the borough's conservation areas drawn up at considerable cost by consultants had not been acted on, and would now be redone in a new format. Nor has any action been taken on the Society's detailed cases for the local listing of certain interesting local buildings, submitted several years ago. Local listing gives "policy" (ie non-statutory) protection to buildings of interest. This shows a woeful lack of energy on the part of the council's conservation department.

## Steve Bullock's meeting with local residents on 24 November

This event will allow residents to raise any matter of concern with the Mayor (venue: the New Testament Church of God, 370 Lee High Road, which is close to the Stark Gallery)

## Amenity issues

- Charles has now written to the Council about the quality of pavements, repairs and alterations.
- Steve contacted the tenant about the gateless yard/garage at the corner of Effingham Road and Manor Lane which is being dumped in. A locked gate has now been restored.
- The National rental cars (from the Lee High Road depot) are still being stored in Wantage Road. **Action:** Society members to monitor problems. We may approach the Council again for comments.
- Some residents of Brightfield Road were upset by wheelie bins being left on the pavements all week by residents. It was suggested they should take this up with their local councillor.

## Graffiti

Charles met the council to discuss the graffiti issue. The council has new powers to act where private property has been graffitied, and also plans to start tackling shop-shutters with an out-of-hours team. **Action:** Society members to deliver details of scheme to shopkeepers.

## Help tackle local graffiti!

The next outing of the Society graffiti-busters is due on Sunday 4 December. Meet outside 11 Wantage Road at the earlier time of 2pm. Anyone is welcome to help (please ring Charles on 020 8852 1644).

## Northbrook School

Charles attended the consultation meeting on 7 November. One possible option for expanding the school roll entails the complete demolition of the existing school and rebuilding within the same overall envelope (height and size, etc) to overcome various problems with the existing design. **Action:** Charles to submit comments, noting that its location in the conservation area called for a fitting and attractive appearance for any new/altered buildings planned on the site.

## The park bench

Delays at the manufacturers mean this will not be delivered and installed until the New Year.

*Many thanks to Faye and Steve for their hospitality\_*