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The Leamington Society Newsletter

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Chairman's Notes

Waiting for the Local Plan

No doubt I am in danger of boring you by returning to the topic of planning. Planning is like motoring: we all want to be able to do our own thing, but are often frustrated or upset at the actions of others. Inevitably it's a prickly nettle for officers and councillors to grasp but decisions have to be made.

No sooner was a new National Planning Policy Framework in place last year, than there were new consultations every month to rush through short cuts towards the hoped for boost in development activity. Currently we await Warwick District's draft new Local Plan. But although the draft is "imminent", it will be well over a year before a Plan is finally adopted. Meantime WDC is seriously exposed to speculative applications.

This Newsletter has articles flagging up the problems of HMOs (houses in multiple occupation), the concentration of student lettings in Old Town and the huge Coventry Gateway proposal to develop on the Green Belt. The District is also facing several appeals, notably from AC Lloyd on its Chapel Street site, as well as from Sainsbury's on the Oak Inn site. There are urgent housing needs; struggling retailing; traffic congestion, and handsome townscape as well as countryside to be protected all at once. Quite an agenda.

Nightclub Application

Proprietors who run SEVs (Sex Entertainment Venues) in South Leamington are trying to consolidate their business, while many residents in the area remain strongly opposed. Amara in Court Street was granted an SEV licence early last year by the WDC regulatory committee. However under planning law – a separate procedure from regulatory – Amara only had permission to operate as a bar. In order to take full advantage of their SEV licence, Amara applied last September to the planning committee for a change of use class from

Talks

Joint meeting with Literary Society

*Artists of 1913: the Camden Group
and their successors*

Graham White

Tuesday, February 12th 2013, 7.30

Dormer Place Conference Centre

Filming off the beaten track

Richard Ashworth

Wednesday, March 6th, 7.30

ChristChurch,

Priory Terrace, CV31 1BA

Joint meeting with Warwick Society

What have they put that there for?

Sarah Hosking

Tuesday, April 16th, 7.30

Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick

AGM

followed by

*The Royal Agricultural Society of
England at Stoneleigh*

Jef Tuyn

Thursday, May 9th, 7.30

ChristChurch,

Priory Terrace, CV31 1BA



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Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-eighth **Annual General Meeting** of the Leamington Society will be held on **Thursday, 9th of May 2013**, starting at 7.30, in **ChristChurch, Priory Terrace, Leamington Spa, CV31 1BA**.

Richard Ashworth, Chairman

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 10th of May 2012
3. Matters arising from the Minutes not included elsewhere
4. To receive reports from the Chairman and Sub Committees
5. To receive the independently examined Accounts of the Society for 2012 - 2013
6. Election of Officers:
Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer
7. Election of four Committee Members
8. Election of Independent Examiner
9. Any other Business.

PLEASE NOTE: **Nominations** of candidates for Officers and Committee must be forwarded to the **Chairman not later than Thursday, 16th, April 2013**. Any voting will be by Secret Ballot at the Meeting.

Any motions for consideration at the meeting should also be received by this date. Nominations or motions will **not** be accepted at the Meeting. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Chairman.

If there is to be an election or if any motion is received, notice will be sent to members seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

After the conclusion of formal business of the AGM we will break for refreshments after which Jef Tuyn, will talk on *The Royal Agricultural Society of England at Stoneleigh*.