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The Charlton Society

Newsletter May 2023

Charlton House Summerhouse

As discussed at the last meeting, work is being undertaken to re-panel the Summerhouse, replicating the panelling in the Grand Salon. The work is being managed by Research Design who have received notification from Historic England they have funding to continue the work, although there is no deadline for completion. Another issue that has been raised is one of the plane trees planted close to the Summerhouse is undermining the foundations of the Summerhouse. Research Design are proposing putting together an application to have the tree felled. Thank you to all members who responded to the discussion at March's meeting. It is now confirmed Research Design will present at the next Charlton Society meeting in June and will host a brief Q&A before the talk. Please feel free to tender questions in advance.

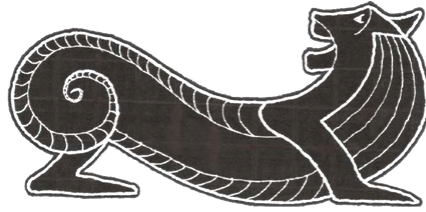
Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust

Charlton House is now officially open with a healthy calendar of events planned, please show your support. Frilly's tea rooms has also re-opened. Details are on The Charlton Society website under Events. A grant has been secured to replace the lift, which it is hoped will be completed by October, plus a grant has been secured for the heating.

Planning

The White Swan: The planning application made to RBG to convert the first floor into residential dwellings has been rejected as work had already begun before the application went to Committee, leaving the developer either the choice to undo the work or re-apply, no news on this has yet been received. The ACV still stands, held by The Charlton Society, which is now valid for a little more than 2 years. The Charlton Society also submitted an application to get the building locally listed which is currently being progressed, news on this is expected in the next few weeks. The White Swan community group is meeting next week to follow up the status of the Levelling Up fund application to set up the proposed community ownership of the site. We will report back at the next meeting.

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Planning Continued

Two new applications have been brought to our attention:

Lansdowne Lane: land adjacent to 85 Lansdowne Lane. The application proposes 6 residential houses with associated landscaping, private and communal amenity space.

Gollogly Terrace: garages opposite 6-8 to be converted to 2 2-bedroom house with private gardens.

Both of these applications are currently being discussed by The Charlton Society Committee. Also a reformed Planning Committee met last week to ensure all relevant planning applications are addressed. This will all be detailed on the website.

Imagery Competition

Thanks to all who have submitted images so far, but a reminder The Charlton Society is putting together a new collection of cards and notelets and invite all members to contribute. We are also looking to produce a calendar for 2024, plus update the images for the website. Deadline is *Friday 30th June*. Please send submissions to: charltonsocietychair@gmail.com.

Dates for the Diary

- *Sunday 21st May @ Charlton House @ 11.00am - 3.00pm, Plant Sale and Community Day, organised by CABAHS.* The Charlton Society will be hosting a stall, please come along and say hello.

- *Monday 26th June, 3.00pm:* Invitation to the Fan Museum, Greenwich for a private view of the collection, plus afternoon tea in the Orangery. Tickets, £12. Please email charltonsocietychair@gmail.com.

In Memoria

Artist Stephen Lobb, co-founder of Greenwich Mural Workshop with Carol Kenna, died overnight of the weekend 13th May 2023. Steve was a joint initiator of the Charlton Parks Reminiscent Project - undertaking interviews, the exhibition in 2012 and editor of the booklet. He was also lead designer with the help of the tapestry team to produce the Millennium Tapestry now hanging in St Luke's Church.

He will be sadly missed for his art, poetry, good humour and gentle mentoring of all who worked with him on the many projects throughout Charlton - Rathmore Mosaic benches, Floyd Road mural, Nightingale Vale mosaic underpass and many others now lost to redevelopment.

We are also very sorry to hear of the death of life member of The Charlton Society, Doreen Gunning, a very active member of the Charlton community, especially her work for the Meridian Sports Club.

Next Meeting

- *Saturday 17th June @ 2.30pm @ Charlton House: A Walk along the Thames*, presented by Carol Kenna. This meeting will begin with a Q&A session with the architect managing the Summerhouse, Charlie MacKeith.