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# The Charlton Society

## *Newsletter July 2023*

### ***Appointment of President and Vice-President of The Charlton Society***

Following the death of Viscount Gough, The Charlton Society Committee is delighted to announce the nominations for a new President and Vice-President, namely Cyril Young and Janet Gillman respectively. Both have accepted the nomination and their election will be formally presented to members at the AGM on Saturday 21st October.

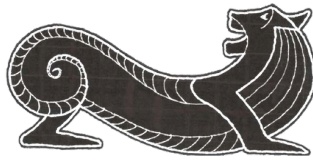
### ***SOVAP (Save Our Village Action Plan)***

The Charlton Society SOVAP Committee has been very active recently due to so much going on in the Village with vacant units, utility provision issues etc. Areas of particular concern include:

- Empty units falling in to disrepair, the Committee is currently establishing a clear directory of ownership of all units.
- The CS is currently working on establishing a Traders' Association to respond to concerns in the Village; the Village Greengrocer and Cottage Cafe are driving forces for this.
- Ongoing concern with next steps for Charlton House; CS is trying to establish a clear outline of the covenant of responsibility between RGHT and RBG. CS had a very productive meeting with acting RGHT CEO Janet Denne earlier this month and are establishing a plan of action.
- Liaising with other Residents' Associations, ie CCRA, in terms of concern of the number of applications currently being presented to RBG to convert retail sites to residential. A meeting is proposed with RBG Planning.
- The Charlton Society has been in touch with the estate of the late Viscount Gough and they are looking at necessary repair work to the properties on the south side of the Village.

### ***Planning***

*The White Swan:* Some good news! The Charlton Society is delighted to confirm the Local Historic Listing has now been signed off by RBG. Also, as previously discussed the planning application made to RBG to convert the first floor into residential dwellings was rejected as work had already begun before the application went to Committee. RBG did not receive a response, the deadline has now passed. RBG is currently looking at enforcement. The ACV still stands, held by The Charlton Society, which is now valid for another 2 years.



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## ***Planning Continued***

The White Swan community group is continuing to monitor the status of the Levelling Up fund application to set up the proposed community ownership of the site. A response is expected in the next few weeks. Following on from the success of the Local Historic Listing, CS is also looking into applying for National Historic Listing as an extra safeguard to protect the site.

*Antigallican*: The conversion and extension for the top floors to be converted to residential units was to include still having a public bar on site. This is clearly not the case. This has been raised with the RBG Enforcement team.

*The Heights*: Notification has been circulated to local residents from Pocket Living that the site on The Heights has temporarily stopped due to the contractors going into administration. They have provided an email address to contact them if anyone has concerns: [theo.gloyens@pocketliving.com](mailto:theo.gloyens@pocketliving.com).

## **Several 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 including a lift. It has been agreed with the Ward Councillors this will be called in.

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

*Charlton Church Lane (no 60)*: To convert to residential from retail. (This is the second application received.)

All applications are currently being discussed by CS. Also the reformed Planning Committee is meeting regularly to ensure all relevant planning applications are addressed. This is all detailed on the CS website.

## ***Imagery for notelets***

Thank you to all who contributed their photographs for potential inclusion for our new range of notelets. The Committee is currently going through the images and look forward to presenting the new range of notelets at the AGM. The Committee has agreed The Charlton Society will not produce a 2024 calendar.

## ***Dates for the Diary***

- Saturday 30th July, Mycenae House, Summer Sizzler, part of ParksFest 2023, from midday. Family friendly. Free.
- Every Friday at 1pm, Charlton House, Trinity Laban alumni, Stephen Maw, presents a free classical concert featuring local musicians. Well worth a visit and also enjoy a sandwich at Frilly's!
- Open invitation to the Fan Museum, Greenwich for a private view of the collection, plus afternoon tea in the Orangery. If of interest, please email [charltonsocietychair@gmail.com](mailto:charltonsocietychair@gmail.com).

## ***Next Meeting***

- Saturday 16th September @ 2.30pm @ Charlton House: Local Black History, presented by Steve Martin.

**Please note, Croquet in the Park scheduled for 19th August 2023 is cancelled.**