

March 2026 Newsletter

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Apologies

David Gardner and Carol Kenna both give their apologies for this meeting – Saturday 21st March and thank Helen Brown, Felicity Kerridge and Pauline Langley for stepping up and ensuring you all have a good time.

The White Swan

The White Swan Music and Arts Charity has now met 25% of its fundraising target standing at £92,790 – a formidable achievement based on genuine widespread community support.

The group is about to launch a share offer, at £25 a share giving people a vote and ownership of the charity, which was announced at a well attended event of supporters at the Green Goddess on Tuesday 17th March.

Asset of Community Value

The Charlton Society has requested yet again knowledge as to the success of their application to place the pub as an ACV submitted Spring 2025. We have said that failing any information by the end of March we will submit a question under Freedom of Information.

House in Multiple Occupation

February 2nd 2026 Greenwich Council served an Enforcement Notice requiring the unauthorised use to cease within 9 months. A long time to notice any change.

The Village Car parks

The sale of the car park adjacent to The Assembly Rooms has been put on ice and will be reviewed this summer following discussions with local businesses and The Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust.

However we remain concerned about the fate of the smaller car park to the east of Torrance Close, which was sold in December 2025.

Recently a container and porta-cabin has been installed on the car park, despite its location within a conservation area. We will keep a close eye on this as well as working to find a good solution to the Assembly Rooms car park.

Big Wins for Charlton Businesses

Three Charlton Businesses emerged as winners in the 2026 Royal Greenwich Business Awards held on 13th March 2026.

Totty's Pharmacy were crowned winners in the Health& Wellness Champion category.

Greenwich Carers Centre, based in Charlton House Stables won the Inclusive Employer Champion award.

We Candle It, Charlton Riverside won the Best Start-Up of the year.

The Old Cottage Café in Charlton Park was shortlisted for the best food and drink venue but sadly didn't win/.

The strength of businesses in Charlton is something to celebrate and we urge everyone to shop locally whenever possible.

Out and About

More Trains for Charlton

Southeastern Trains confirmed at a recent meeting of the Greenwich Transport Scrutiny Panel that they will restore 8 trains per hour to Charlton Station in the December 2026 timetable.

This will comprise 4 Southeastern trains on the Greenwich line, 2 on the North Kent line (via Blackheath and Lewisham) and 2 Thameslink trains to Luton from Rainham.

This is good news but we remain without a Sunday service on the North Kent line via Blackheath following the refurbishment of the Charlton – Blackheath tunnel. Together with local councillors and Transport 4 Charlton we will continue to push for this.

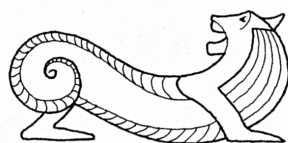
Southeastern are also campaigning for new trains to replace the older Network stock.

Local Elections

Charlton Village and Riverside Hustings

Hustings for Charlton Village and Riverside Ward have been organised jointly between the Charlton Society and Central Charlton Residents Association.

Andrew Donkin will be chairing the meeting, which will take place on Saturday April 25th 2026 in Charlton assembly Rooms. Doors will open at 11am for a 11.15am start and last for 90 minutes, Formal notice will be given closer to the date this is just to give you fore-notice.



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