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# The Charlton Society

## *Newsletter January 2023*

### ***Obituaries***

Sadly since our last meeting we lost a number of long-standing members of The Charlton Society - Joyce Snipp, Betty Radcliffe and Joy Bossomair. We pass on our condolences to their families and thank them for all their support to The Charlton Society over the years.

### ***Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust***

As discussed last month, Charlton House is currently closed to the public as RGHT carries out some much-needed conservation work on the building. It is scheduled to re-open in April 2023. It has been agreed that The Charlton Society meetings for the next few months will take place at St Luke's. A big thank you to Liz and Rick Newman for facilitating this. It has also been announced this week the CEO of RGHT, Tracy Stringfellow, is stepping down in March. We wish her every success in her future endeavours. On her departure, the current Head of Public Programming, Janet Denne, will act as interim CEO. The Charlton Society is also very sorry to say goodbye to Edward Scholfield, who has been Manager at Charlton House for approaching 20 years, every success to Edward too.

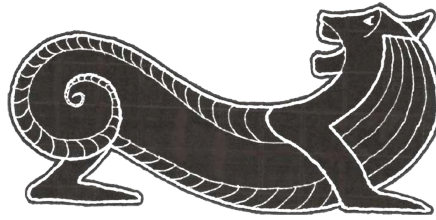
### ***Website***

The website is undergoing a spring clean at the moment, we now have a standalone page detailing all the work that is ongoing for Save Our Village Action Plan (SOVAP). Also as previously discussed, The Charlton Society is now utilising a new automated email service, MailChimp, which will notify all registered members as to updates to the website. Watch this space.

### ***Greenwich Foodbank***

The Charlton Society is pleased to announce its support of Greenwich Foodbank as we are dealing with the cost of living crisis where nobody in the community should have to face going hungry. There are drop-off and welcome points in Charlton, including St Luke's, also the Baptist church on Marlborough Lane. For further information on how to offer support, please go to [greenwich.foodbank.org.uk](http://greenwich.foodbank.org.uk).

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### *Planning Update*

*RGHT:* The Charlton Society supports the proposed plans to utilise part of Charlton House as an archive and museum space. Applications for a grant have been submitted. The Charlton Society is liaising with RGHT to ensure, whilst it supports the plans, Charlton House also remains an active community space.

*Anchorage Point:* RBG has approved plans to sell land on Anchor and Hope Lane for a primary school (Harris Academy). Assurances have been made that the borough archives which are currently housed there will not be affected, The Charlton Society is keeping an eye on this.

*The White Swan:* The ongoing saga. As known, The Charlton Society is very much involved in a steering group to keep a track of any developments. It has recently been brought to our attention that the site has been occupied by squatters who have proven to be rather noisy! A site visit was achieved by RBG in December 2022, but no action has yet been taken. Also a planning application was made to RBG to convert the first floor into residential dwellings. RBG received the requisite number of objections and many more, and the application is being progressed, but speaking to RBG Planning, it is unlikely to be discussed for another couple of months.

Additionally, CS currently holds the ACV which is valid for just under three years and has also submitted an application to get the building listed which is currently being progressed by RBG. As always, we look forward to enjoying a glass of white wine, others tipples also available, at The White Swan again soon!

*No 33 The Village (Bowes):* A planning application has been submitted to RBG to convert, or more worryingly, demolish the site for a new retail unit on the ground floor, plus 4 residential units. The Charlton Society strongly objects to this. We are in touch with RBG Planning regarding the progression of the application.

### *Date for the diary*

- Friday 27th January @ 7.00pm: Burns Night @ Mycenae House. Global Fusion Music & Arts present an evening of live music & dance with supper included in the price. Tickets £20.

### *Next meeting*

- Saturday 18th February @ 2.30pm @ St Luke's: Turner, Sandycombe Lodge presented by David Meaden.