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The Charlton Society

Newsletter December 2022

Committee News

Very sorry to report, Shirley Feast, who organises our refreshments, took a bit of tumble recently and is currently in hospital recovering from a fractured hip. We wish Shirley all the very best for a speedy recovery.

Charlton House - meetings

You may already be aware, Charlton House is due to close to the public from today 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 January, February and March will take place at St Luke's. A big thank you to Liz and Rick Newman for facilitating this. Refreshments will be supplied. The Charlton Society will keep members abreast of developments at Charlton House.

Website

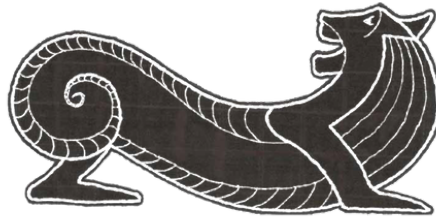
To repeat, as discussed last month, The Charlton Society is proposing utilising a new automated email service through the website, MailChimp. Email addresses supplied as membership details to the Society will be used. This will be tested in the new year. If anyone has any concerns about the use of their email address through this method, please notify Chair: charltonsocietychair@gmail.com

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.

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The White Swan: The still 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! 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 applications is being progressed, but speaking to RBG Planning, it is unlikely to be discussed for a few months. The RBG Planning Officer is also due to visit the property to discuss the merits of the application. 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 hope drinks will served at The White Swan again!

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.

The Charlton Society Calendar 2023

Selling fast! A wonderful selection of images, thank you to all who contributed. Available for purchase now for £8. Will make a lovely Christmas present!

Festive dates/places for the diary

- *Sunday 18th December @ 1.30pm:* Christmas Concert, St George's Garrison, SE18 6BW. Join in festive carolling including mince pies and mulled wine. Free entry.
- *Tuesday 20th December @ 8.00pm:* An evening of festive folk songs performed by award-winning folk duo The Kimberleys @ Mycenae House, SE3 7SE. Tickets £15.
- *Until Friday 30th December:* *Enchanted Eltham*, Eltham Palace, SE9 5NP. An interactive evening of festive illuminations in the beautiful grounds of Eltham Palace. Tickets £19 (adults), £11 (children).

Future meetings

- *Saturday 21st January @ 2.30pm @ St Luke's:* *Eltham Street Names* presented by Margaret Taylor.
- *Saturday 18th February @ 2.30pm:* *St Luke's: Turner, Sandycombe Lodge* presented by David Meaden.