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The Charlton Society

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Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust

As discussed last month, Charlton House is currently closed to the public as RGHT carries out some much-needed conservation and plumbing work on the building. It is scheduled to re-open in April. On discussion with RGHT, this situation remains the same. It has been agreed that The Charlton Society meeting for next month, March, will take place at St Luke's, with a view to returning to Charlton House in April, although this may be subject to change. A big thank you to Liz and Rick Newman for facilitating this. It was announced last month, the CEO of RGHT, Tracy Stringfellow, is stepping down in next month. 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.

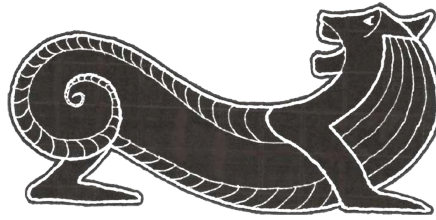
Website

The website is currently undergoing a spring clean, 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. We are also introducing a video-friendly facility, showcasing issues The Charlton Society is concerned with visually. Again, another watch this space, which will be outlined at next month's meeting.

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, from volunteering to food or cash donations, please go to greenwich.foodbank.org.uk.

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Planning & Licensing Update

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, This has been in the pipeline for a number of months now, the Committee is keeping an eye on it.

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. We have a meeting next week. As previously discussed, it been brought to our attention that the site has been occupied by squatters who do not appear to be looking after the site. Also a planning application was made to RBG to convert the first floor into residential dwellings. RBG received the requisite number of objections, including from The Charlton Society, and many more, and the application is being progressed, but speaking to RBG Planning, it is still unlikely to be discussed for another few months. Additionally, CS currently holds the ACV which is valid for less than three years now and has also submitted an application to get the building listed which is currently being progressed by RBG. There is still a chance we will be enjoying a drink at The White Swan again soon!

No 33 The Village (Bowes): The planning application submitted to RBG to convert or demolish the site for a new retail unit on the ground floor has been rejected by RBG. The Charlton Society strongly supports RBG's decision.

Herrington Road: An application for a Premises Licence was placed for the sale of alcohol and entertainment until 4.00am at the site. This was strongly opposed by The Charlton Society, and many others, and the application has now been withdrawn.

Dates for the diary

- Friday 3rd March @ Mycenae House @ 7.30pm. Cajun night, music and dance featuring the Joli Blon Cajun Band. Tickets £12.

-Friday 17th March @ Mycenae House @ 7.30pm. St Patrick's Day, live Irish music, dance and poetry, with full Irish supper included. Tickets £20.

Next meeting

- Saturday 18th March @ 2.30pm @ St Luke's: Rev Abraham Colfe, presented by Julian Watson.