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Conservation of the Priory and Heritage Park. The Association is delighted to see David Mahoney appointed as the Concept Architect of the plans for the Priory and Park's future. He presented the latest plans to the Local Residents and Association members in September. This gave us an opportunity to question some of its detail and make our views about the future known.

Queen’s Birthday Celebration. On June 12th the building was open for the Queen's birthday celebrations, attracting many visitors to the site, a number of whom discovered the delights of the Charterhouse for the first time. One of the delights would have to be the Little Vintage Cake Company which popped up thanks to Emma.

Heritage Weekend. Once again this year’s Heritage Weekend Open Days were very successful, with over 500 visitors. Emma’s Vintage Tea Shoppe popped up for the occasion. Some of Blue Coat Academy’s pupil artists exhibited their artwork. The theme of the paintings was the Priory. The paintings were remarkably good and of a very high standard. They remained on display for a number of weeks following the Heritage weekend and were viewed by many visitors to the building over that time.

PAST A joint venture between CADAS and CCA, the Priory of St Anne Survey Team, has been set up to undertake magnetic resonance survey work. The team have met on a couple of occasions and the surveying is underway. The undertaking is considered to be a long term investment into the archaeological investigations of the extended Charterhouse Priory grounds and surrounding area. There is some hope that indications of the original site of occupation by the Carthusian monks, at the original site of St Annes Church, may be discovered.

Research. A team of volunteer researchers has been put together to try and answer some of the many questions that the History of the building and its occupation over the years generates. One of the strands of research is into the life of John Wittingham, the nurseryman who built the orangery at Charterhouse. A number of new and very interesting facts have already been rooted out. As and when it is practical, it is intended to make the results known to members of the Association and other interested parties.

Summer Events. Over the summer months the Priory has seen Archery and Heritage textile classes, together with some knitting and nattering. One of the results of this is that the scaffolding is now a ‘pretty site.’

Next Open Day
Saturday 10th December
12:00pm to 4:00pm
Christmas Part Time

Note Also
Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is set for November 17th at 6:00pm

All Welcome - Come along and have your say

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