



CCA Newsletter No. 23
The Start of new Era

Open Days Our last Open Day on 4th August was as successful as ever. There was a steady flow of visitors, and a good pool of volunteers to help to ensure its smooth running. A great big and well deserved thanks to all involved, and that includes those that helped to swell the numbers by publicising and promoting the event.

Events and Activities Other events have included a bat discovery evening which was so successful that those that came along to it were planning the next one before it was even finished. So it is being repeated in September (see notice of events). We have also seen archers from a local club, run by one of the Association members, Caroline Hobday, practising on the back lawn. Taster sessions for those new to archery were also run. We look forward to a repeat at the next opportunity.



Success Many of our readers will know that Historic Coventry Trust have received grants, including a major one from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and will thus be starting work on the building with refurbishments and extensions. Recorders have already been installed to monitor the environmental conditions throughout the building. This will inform the project management about the detail of the imminent work within the building. We have come a long way from knowing that the building and fields had been bequeathed to the people of Coventry, to get to this point. There have been times when this moment appeared to be an impossible dream. It has only been made possible by an enormous amount of hard work by members of the Trust, and the active support of the local residents and the Association.

Mark Perry of Perry & Lithgow, Wall Painting Conservators, can be quoted as saying:

"I am delighted that interest in the Charterhouse and it's treasures continues to grow. It is one of the most amazing sites with at least one of the most important wall paintings in the country and certainly deserves to be recognised as such."

The Sherbourne Progress has also been made in working towards the development of the river Sherbourne through the Charterhouse fields, to improve the area and the habitat and make it more of a family friendly area and a more eco-friendly wildlife habitat. The project group involved in this work have recently put in a bid for a major grant. We wish them luck and success in their effort.

Richard II Loop As part of the extended vision for the area, the loop line has been successfully purchased by the Trust. This is a real step towards creating the walk and cycle path to be known as the Richard II loop, which is planned to run from Gosford gate along the Sherbourne to Charterhouse fields and thence to the loop line. This will take it to Gosford green with a short walk thence down far gosford street back to the starting point. All that is required now is the money to see the project through! Some volunteer action and fundraising will help.

News just in A project to record memories of anyone with stories to tell, relating to the Charterhouse and its environment, is being set up. This will involve a lot of volunteer hours and may need a grant to complete all that is necessary for a permanent record. If any of you, the readers, have any expertise or think you may be able to help in this project, PLEASE get in touch.

The Honey Pots of the Priory The bees in the Charterhouse hives have been busy. In spite of the losses early in the year, they have toiled to produce enough honey for it to be bottled.



It is now on sale as Charterhouse Honey. Such a sweet outcome. Our thanks to Mary for all her hard work, and perseverance in the face of such problems.

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Next Open Days

Saturday 8th September 2018
12:00pm to 4:00pm
Sunday 9th September 2018
10:00am to 4:00pm

Bat Discovery

Thursday September 6th 7:00pm

Your help on Open Days and other events is appreciated, come along if you can make it. And make sure that your friends and acquaintances know and come along too