

## LPGT Research Group in Action

The Trust's third Annual Presentation of Research  
Thursday 14 July 2011, 6.30-8.30 pm

at The Gallery, Alan Baxter & Associates, 70 Cowcross Street,  
London EC1M 6EJ (nearest tube station: Farringdon)

**The researchers who contribute to the LPGT Inventory of London's green spaces are volunteers but their work is professional. This is the third year in which the group has presented some of the results of their work. This year we have 'modern' gardens but with long and varied histories.**

Alyson Wilson      *Trinity Hospice Garden*

The garden of Trinity Hospice in Clapham has a rich history. The first garden on the site was mentioned by John Evelyn when Samuel Pepys lived at Clapham Place. A subsequent resident George Hibbert MP, a keen botanist who imported plants from around the world, had a collection which was said to rival that at Kew. Later residents included architects James Knowles and Charles Barry. Following a period of neglect in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, in 1984 Lanning Roper agreed to redesign the garden and although he died suddenly, the design followed his principles. Much of this garden was sadly lost when, to comply with current health regulations, a new wing was built in 2009. Alyson will illustrate the history of the site and describe the present gardens, which have some innovative features.

Catherine Davis      *Livery Company Gardens*

Catherine will present a summary of her work on several gardens of the Livery Companies in the City of London (she has most recently completed an Inventory entry for the garden of the Worshipful Company of Girdlers). In their heyday in the late sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries the Companies were rich and powerful and created ornate gardens with knots, vines, banqueting houses, terraces and bowling alleys. Almost everything was destroyed in the Civil War and the Great Fire of London. Many of the Companies rebuilt their Halls and gardens, sometimes more than once: a few still survive in their modern incarnation and have been recorded for the LPGT Inventory.

Sally Miller and Verena McCaig  
(co-ordinators)      *Summary of the Group's work over the past year*

Refreshments.

Free to members of the Trust and anyone interested in London gardens.  
No ticket required, but please inform Katy Myers (0208 340 7623,  
katherine.myers73@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.