



Friends News

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Keeping in Touch during the Covid-19 Restrictions

Some of you may remember the Rose Arbour set in the North Lawn until the 1987 storm blew down a cedar tree and caused its collapse. The pieces lay as they fell until some of the Friends CHHT collected the parts for a future project.

The Restoration & Erection of the Rose Arbour

The CHHT Committee considered restoring the Arbour as a memorial to Adam, the 11th Earl of Darnley. It was agreed that this would be a good project to commemorate his long association with Cobham Hall, Cobham Hall School and as Chairman CHHT from 1985 until his death in 2017.

Our thanks go to Terry Curran for this month's article

Aztec Engineering, in Charing, agreed to re-cast the damaged components and provide a new roof structure, retaining the original 12 posts. The Arbour is constructed in the shape of a Regular Dodecagon (12 sides). The Committee managed a contract with Hooper and Sons to deliver and construct the components.



Terry (centre) overseeing the installation of the repaired structure in the Lady Darnley Garden



The School kindly agreed to the Arbour being placed in the Lady Darnley Garden. Re-construction took four days in early April 2021 at a cost of £16,214.

Our thanks go to the many contributors, Friends and an anonymous donor. It is expected that 8 rose plants will soon be adorning some of the posts.



The finished structure in the Lady Darnley Garden