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## Welcome to the April 2023 Bulletin

### Forthcoming events:

**3 May 2023 – 3 May 2023 – FOLAR AGM** online 18.00-19.00. If you wish to attend please request (free) ticket by clicking on this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/folar-agm-tickets-596899010007>



**2 May, 9 May and 15 May - Visions of Welfare:** an international 3 day (online and at Garden Museum) conference. Details and tickets for all events:

<https://gardenmuseum.org.uk/events/conference-visions-of-welfare-2023/>



Conference Visions of Welfare 2023 Image: Fortepan CC-BY-SA-3.0 license

including 15 May Greening the Desert - talk with Diana Armstrong Bell and Karen Fitzsimon from 18.00 at Garden Museum



**16 May – 6 June** FOLAR and the Gardens Trust online talks series:

### **Castles in the air? Aspirations and realities of post war housing and their gardens and landscapes**

Five talks on post war housing and development to complement FOLAR Nov 2022 symposium - Landscape for Housing. Details on next page:



Illustration from John Madin's plan for Telford

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## Castles in the air? Aspirations and realities of post war housing and their gardens and landscapes talk dates:

- Tues 16 May**      **Catherine Flinn** - Hopeful Dreams, Stark Realities: Planning Britain's Postwar Reconstruction
- Tues 23 May**      **Luis Diaz** - Coming Home: The spaces and routines of arrival and departure in British Housing
- Tues 30 May**      **John Boughton** – The Evolution of the Council Estate: ideals and Realities
- Wed 31 May**      **Jan Woudstra** - Some remarkable post-war urban renewal schemes in the Netherlands by Aldo van Eyck and Herman Herzberger
- Tues 6 June**      **Otto Saumarez Smith** - Scrambled City: Deindustrialisation and the Merging of Town and Country in late-Twentieth Century Britain

**Time and place:** 18.00-19.15, live on zoom

**Tickets** for individual talks or for all five available [here](#).



Dover House Estate, Putney, by LCC architects.

Photo: John Boughton

Houttuinen in Amsterdam by H. Hertzberger.

Photo: Jan Woudstra





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**18 November 2023 – *Community landscapes* - FOLAR annual symposium at The MERL, Reading 10.30-16.30 - book the date (more info coming).**

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**Recordings of past presentations:** all now freely available on FOLAR website <https://www.folar.uk/events> and <https://www.folar.uk/folar-talks>

- **Landscape of Housing** - New Ash Green, Byker, and Walter Segal Housing Nov 2022
- **Who Cares?** - Whiteknights, Green Park, Reading town centre, Imagining future landscapes and Social value of land, June-Oct 2022
- **Why so Special?** 18 post-war designed landscapes and gardens added to the register in 2020
- And many more



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