



Churchfield Community Association

The newsletter of the Churchfield Community Association (CCA) Issue 46, Summer 2018

The Churchfield Community Association welcomes people living and working around Churchfield Road who are interested in making a difference to our area

Investing in the future

Susanne Hickmott

A.P.P.L.E., a registered charity, is our local Children and Young People Centre in Acton Park. It has been investing in their futures for over twenty years.

But A.P.P.L.E. needs our help. They are crowdfunding for their Kitchen and Garden Project. The project aims to fund the growing, cooking and eating together sessions that they have established with the young people of Acton to encourage healthy food, cooking skills and family eating.

This includes decorating and re-equipping their kitchen to make it more practical to cook and eat together. In addition, they are aiming to re-landscape and refurbish their outdoor area to make it more suitable for growing their own vegetables and fruit.

A.P.P.L.E. is a free drop-in centre open to all young people in Acton. It provides stimulating and challenging experiences aimed to interest and inspire, and build confident citizens of the future.

Originally set up in 1996 by local parents, the centre has developed into what is known as The Art Block, which offers 4,000 sessions each year for more than 350 individuals.

They provide open access activities in arts, sport, play, gardening, cooking, and community events. Over a hundred children and young people use the centre on a weekly basis.

A.P.P.L.E. runs intensive support, mentoring and training sessions, which help young people to access training and work experience, develop skills and gain knowledge. This support enables them to make positive choices and lead healthy fulfilling lives.

The Kitchen and Garden Project encourages children and young people, by giving them the opportunity to: cook from scratch using fresh vegetables and fruit from the garden produce that they have sown and helped to grow.

They make healthy and economical family meals; share tasks like peeling potatoes, making cakes,



laying the table and washing up; and experience the enjoyment of sharing a meal together.

The Centre is run by Vicki Barker and a team of dedicated staff whose commitment to their work shines through the enjoyment experienced by the young people who attend the centre.

The CCA have named A.P.P.L.E. as their official charity.



Handing over a cheque for £250 from the CCA. Chris Hurley and Matthew Stower on the right. Vicki Barker, co-founder and project coordinator for APPLE on the left, plus children who have benefited.

A.P.P.L.E.'s fundraiser The Kitchen and Garden Project

<https://www.apple-play.com/>

The website gives a full account of the activities of the centre.

[Facebook.com/appleartblock](https://www.facebook.com/appleartblock)

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-kitchen-and-garden-project

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Picot Cassidy

We recently contacted CCA members about the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) coming into force in May 2018, about storing your personal information and contacting you.

We have subsequently learned that we do not need your specific consent as you have previously given permission for us to do so by becoming a member of the CCA.

This means that you do not need to do anything for us to continue to send you information by email or post.

We will never give or sell any information about you to a third party without your consent.

If you wish to unsubscribe from the CCA email group or the online newsletter, you can do so by clicking the Unsubscribe link at the bottom of each type of communication.

The updated privacy policy on the CCA website explains how we will look after your data. Your trust is important to us, and we want to make sure you understand what these changes mean for you.

Acton Carnival - without the CCA

Picot Cassidy

For a long time, the CCA has been represented at Acton Carnival, a major local event in July.

This year, however, there will not be a CCA stand because our main organiser is not able to continue after many years of hard work arranging the event for the CCA.

The Carnival itself will be held on 14 July starting at 12 noon until 7pm.

If any CCA members would be interested in organising a CCA stand for 2019, please get in touch at:

hello@churchfield.org.

➤ VACANCIES ➤

Secretary & Membership Secretary
for CCA exec

Contact Chris Hurley
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EVENTS

See: www.churchfield.org

Find us on Facebook

(see website for details)

If you have any ideas for social activities, please contact our chair, Chris Hurley: actonhurleys@aol.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ◆ **Putt in the Park:**
Wednesday 20 June from 6.30pm
Join us for putting in Acton Park. Pizza after in a nearby restaurant. **LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!**
Contact Maureen Colledge:
bayscolledge@talktalk.net;
020 8992 0287 or 07963 909814
- ◆ **CCA Summer Party:**
Friday 6 July, 6.30 to 9pm
Enjoy meeting friends and neighbours in a lovely garden. Please bring a bottle / dish of food. ***BOOKING ESSENTIAL***
Contact Maureen Colledge:
bayscolledge@talktalk.net;
020 8992 0287 or 07963 909814
- ◆ **Pass On A Poem:**
September — date to be decided, at the home of Anne and Alex.
Read a poem or come and listen.
Contact: linda@poetshouse.net
- ◆ **CCA Quiz and Buffet:**
TBA, a Saturday in September 7 for 7.30pm at L'Oriental.
Cost: £15 (£5 to A.P.P.L.E.).
Book and pay in full before event.
Contact: paultalbot1961@gmail.com

ACTON HISTORY GROUP

www.actonhistory.co.uk/acton/

Details: David Bays 020 8992 0287

Free to members; non-members: £2
(Membership £10 a year)

All meetings: 7.30pm, 2nd Wednesdays, St Mary's Church Hall, near Morrisons

- ◆ **Hanwell and Southall Through Time:** presentation by Paul Lang.
Wednesday 12 September
- ◆ **Gunnersbury Park: Place & People:** James Wisdom & Val Bott present the story of the historic estate
Wednesday 10 October
- ◆ **187 Years of Mental Health Care at St Bernard's Hospital Hanwell:** presentation by Kevin Towers.
Wednesday 14 November

Concern grows about Acton Post Office

Chris Hurley

Concern is growing about the future of the main Post Office in King Street, Acton.

This issue has been picked up by our MP Rupa Huq. She wrote to Post Office Ltd. in April to put forward concerns raised by constituents and local businesses about rumours which had been circulating that the Post Office was to close.

This was the response she received from Ken Penton, External Affairs manager:

“As you are aware, the Post Office Ltd.’s lease with the freeholder of this building has now expired and the landlord has served notice on us in order to redevelop the site. We have negotiated an agreement with the landlord that allows us to remain in situ, but this expires on 8th November. After this the redevelopment building work is planned, which means we are required to move out of the building to allow this to commence.

“I can assure you that we are continuing to review our services across the Acton area as part of our UK-wide strategy to open more branches. The context for this is to ensure that our network is sustainable for the future, providing customers with convenient access to our services for years to come and this will be key in Acton, as elsewhere.

“Our approach to developing the Post Office network takes into account the changing nature of high street shops. As the high street comes under increasing pressure from declining footfall, increased competition and rising property costs, our strategy of opening new branches within shops ensures that customers can use our services more easily where and when they want and need them.

“Post Offices offer a wide range of services (including everyday banking for high street banks, online shopping returns and collections, and foreign exchange) in a competitive marketplace.

“By opening more branches with retailers, bringing the benefits of shared footfall and overheads, we are able to keep our presence in key locations. It also means Post Office services are available when the shop is open, which in many cases will include evenings and Sundays.

“We know the importance of Post Offices to communities and local economies and want to encourage more people to use our branches. Our customers in Acton can be reassured we are committed to ensuring they will have continued access to our services into the future.”

King Street Post Office is in the centre of Acton and is used by residents on a daily basis, particularly pensioners who are unable to travel far.

The closing of this branch would be devastating for the local community. We are therefore keeping a very close eye on the situation and will keep you informed when we know more.

Quizzers boost Alzheimer’s Research

Paul Talbot

Eager quizzers gathered at L’Oriental on Saturday 22nd May for one of our regular buffet quiz evenings.

For this event, we decided to hold a ‘Mighty Quiz’ in aid of ARUK (Alzheimer’s Research UK).

Five teams answered a variety of questions, as well as grappling with marathon puzzle sheets which included filling in the blanks on blue plaques and identifying random people called ‘Bob’.

We also set a challenge to build the highest tower using spaghetti and marshmallows.

Despite strong competition from The Uninvited, Acton Suspiciously, Maldon Salts and The Misfits, Stormy Daniels were victorious.

Very pleasingly, the event raised £222.50 for ARUK.



Eager quizzers compete to build the highest spaghetti and marshmallow tower at L’Oriental.

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Website: www.churchfield.org

JOIN THE CCA

- ◆ Vote at meetings
- ◆ Receive invitations to members' events
- ◆ Join the CCA email group

Annual Membership fee

(Standing orders only)

Single/Business – £5 (£2 concessions)

Household – £7.50

Local election hustings — important for democracy

Chris Hurley

The CCA again joined forces with St Mary's and All Saints Church to organise a hustings event for the local council elections in May. The event, which was well attended, was held at St Mary's Church with the Reverend Nick Jones as the welcoming host.

We feel it is important for local democracy to organise such events, to give local residents the opportunity to question those standing for election. It was the only hustings event held in Central Acton as far as we know.

The candidates represented all the wards being contested in Acton. They were: Mik Sabiers (Labour), Bob Little (Independent), and Marta Iwaniak (Polish Pride) from South Acton; Garry Malcolm (Lib Dem) from Southfield; Vlod Barchuk (Conservative) from Acton Central; Amanda Souter (Green) from East Acton.

We tried a different format this time. Each candidate was given a set time for opening and closing statements as usual. But we asked audience members to write



From left to right:
Bob Little, Gary Malcolm, Sara Nathan, Amanda Souter and Mik Sabiers

down their questions in advance. This meant that topics could be grouped together to save time and repetition. It seemed to work well and we were not short of questions.

A variety of topics were covered: the future of Acton High School,

pollution, housing (including high rise developments), transport, and the clinic in Mattock Lane Ealing.

The event was capably chaired by ex CCA chair Sara Nathan. Many thanks to her and to all the candidates.

➤➤ **Keep an eye on the CCA website – churchfield.org**