CCA Acton Newsletter

The newsletter of the Churchfield Community Association (CCA) Issue 55, Winter 2022

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

Reduce and Recycle Hub at Acton Market

Zahra Shah (Social Media Officer – MarketW3, Action West London)

Acton Market runs a Reduce and Recycle Hub the first Saturday of the month at the Saturday Acton MarketW3.

Action West London, won funding earlier this year from the Lottery Climate Action Fund to develop a hub around waste reduction and the circular economy.

The Reduce and Recycle Hub's purpose is to get the Acton community working together to reduce waste while encouraging and increasing the recycling and reusing of items.

There are recycling points for laptops from the Fixing Factory, clothing and other small electrical items from Traid. Plus a selection of local businesses and services who help people to reduce, reuse and recycle, often saving money.

Ealing Repair Café teaches residents how to mend clothes with simple sewing techniques. Renew Sharpening offers a garden and kitchen tool sharpening service, and Dr Bike checks residents' bikes in partnership with Ealing Council between 2pm and 5pm.

As a result of the first hub, held in October, 99kg of unwanted clothes and shoes were saved from landfill by Traid. This helped to reduce carbon emissions (CO_2) by 0.95 tonnes and created water savings of 160m3. A further 43kgs of small electrical items were collected for recycling

The next hub is 3rd December, between 10am and 4pm. The CCA will be having a stall offering book recycling.

You can find out more at: www.marketw3.co.uk, or follow them on Instagram at MarketW3.

Thank you ActonBID

David Wootton

Acton Notice Boards have been updated this autumn 2022 with a map of Central Acton which was commissioned by ActonBID, our Business Improvement District.

Before: LBE notice board outside Acton Old Town Hall

After: 'Welcome to Acton' map, and points of interest

Second screen for the cinema

James Lewis

Having raised over £155,000 in a successful crowd-funding campaign earlier this year (which included a donation from the CCA), ActOne Cinema has been busy building its all-important second screen.

The new wall and sound lobby are complete and painted. The protective screen around the projector will then be taken down, opening up the walkway to the toilets, which has been restricted for the last few weeks.

Meanwhile, the construction of the disabled toilet and new storeroom is complete, and the first fit for the technical set up (including speakers and projector) has started.

Still to come are additional soundproofing, installation of air conditioning, and construction of the rostrums for the screen's seating.

The cinema's café offering has been refreshed, with ice cream from Hackney Gelato, beer from Bristol brewery Wiper & True, tasty snacks from Serious Pig, and Tony's Chocolonely. These join wines supplied by award-winning local wine shop Vindinista, and coffee from Climpson & Sons.

Work in progress for the second screen at ActOne Cinema

The ActOne Café is open from 12pm to 9pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, as well as 11am to 9pm on Tuesday and Saturday.

All is going pretty much to plan. The projector is on its way from Barcelona; the screen will take a bit longer. ActOne is now working towards opening its second screen early in the new year.

Have you tried out the Acton Mural Trail yet?

David Wootton

This is a self-guided walk exploring the many items of street art in and around Acton. The project was launched to coincide with the Ealing Annual Art Trail in September 2022.

If you haven't picked up the flyer, then why not scan the QR code below to download a PDF of the map and the thumbnail images of 23 of the art sites you can visit? Many are on and around Churchfield Road.

This project was created by ARTification, Acton Unframed, and JG Contemporary, and supported by L.B. Ealing.

QR Code for Acton Mural Trail

EVENTS

See: www.churchfield.org

Find us on Facebook

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **CCA Christmas social & quiz at L'Oriental restaurant:**
  94 Churchfield Road W3 6DH
  Wednesday 7 December; 7pm
  Cost for meal and quiz:
  £15 members; £20 non-members
  Buy your own drinks. We have the entire restaurant for the evening, so those with mobility issues don't need to worry about the stairs.
  BOOKING ESSENTIAL
  Email Maureen Colledge:
  bayscolledge@talktalk.net
- **CCA Annual General Meeting:**
  Probably on Zoom
  Wednesday 18 January; 7.30pm
  Speakers confirmed from:
  City Harvest and Business Improvement District (BID)
- **Acton's Reindeer Trail:**
  25 November to 1 January
  Download your map at youracton bid.co.uk or collect it from the café in ActOne Cinema.
  Find reindeers in businesses around the town for a chance to win prizes.

ACTON HISTORY GROUP

www.actonhistory.co.uk/acton/

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

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

- **Lady Mary Pierrepoint:**
  Talk by Kyria Sewell
  & Christmas Party
  Wednesday 14 December
- **Fulham Palace:**
  Talk by Keith Waterhouse
  Wednesday 11 January
- **The shooting dead of PC James Kelly on Gunnersbury Lane, 1920:**
  Talk by Jonathan Oates
  Wednesday 8 February
- **Two lost railways of South Acton:**
  Talk by Linda Davis
  Wednesday 8 March
- **Passmore Edwards Festival:**
  200 years since his birth: Dissenters Chapel, Kensal Green Cemetery
  Saturday 22 April 2023; 11am

New plaque in Goldsmith Avenue

Maureen Colledge (adapted from Ealing Civic Society website)

Ealing Civic Society, with the support of Acton History Group and agreement of the homeowner, have recently placed a plaque to John Barbour-James at 84 Goldsmith Avenue Acton.

Barbour-James (1867-1954) was born in British Guiana (now Guyana). He worked for the colonial civil service, became a postmaster and transferred to the Gold Coast (now Ghana).

His family moved to Acton in the early 1900s, and in 1917 Barbour -James retired on the grounds of ill health. The family then moved to 84 Goldsmith Avenue in 1918.

He spent much of the rest of his life working to promote British understanding of black achievements and capacities.

Barbour-James became very well known for his lectures, his vast array of contacts and his work in various organisations such as the African Progress Union, the League of Coloured Peoples, the African Patriotic Intelligence Bureau (which he founded) and the Association of Coloured People (of which he was president).

He returned to the West Indies in 1938 and died in Guyana in 1954. Sadly, there appear to be no descendants from his family of eight children. His daughter, Amy Barbour-James (1906-1988), was also a civil rights activist.

Up, up and away : Friary Park Towers planning battle

Paul Webster

Those of you who have been using the Elizabeth Line from Acton Main Line, or have been looking up from your phone while walking around central Acton, cannot miss the towers going up in what was Friary Park estate (now Verdean).

The developers' application to increase the number of buildings and add floors was approved, following strong objections from residents, local councillors and our MP.

The next step is for the Mayor of London to approve the revised scheme. It might get through that process but, at the time of writing this, it does not appear on the Mayor's official site.

Check: https://planning.london.gov.uk/pr/s/. Search for Friary Park or possibly 2022/0391. The completed stage 1 is there, but it is stage 2 that you should be looking for.

Even closer to Churchfield Road are the towers that make up 'The Steyne': Rufford Tower and Moreton Tower. These are the blocks opposite Morrisons.

They were completed in 1968 and are council housing with around 200 flats. An application has been recently approved to add a third tower, plus some low-rise housing including accommodation reserved for older adults.

The application (ref:223203FUL) was made on behalf of Ealing Council and proposes that over 85% of the 188 mixed tenure homes will be 'affordable', with 71 at 'London affordable rent' and 90 with shared ownership.

You can see the application and supporting documentation at: https://pam.ealing.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/223203FUL

The next large one in the area is expected to be off Horn Lane near the Co-op. This is the site currently occupied by a builder's merchant at 227-239 Horn Lane.

The developer has put up a website where you can see what they want to do: https://horn-lane.co.uk

However, there may well be another proposal for the same site, this time from Network Rail who want to use some of that site to provide an access point to the railway lines during the construction of HS2's Old Oak Common Station.

See: https://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/western/oak-common-lineside-logistics-compound/

Initial public consultation by the developers for both of these schemes has already happened, but the planning applications have not yet been submitted.

So you still have an opportunity to have your say.

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- 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

A.P.P.L.E arts project — thanks to the CCA

David Thaddeus and Vicki Barker

A.P.P.L.E is very grateful for all the money received from the CCA each year.

With each change in the Covid-19 pandemic, A.P.P.L.E has had to adapt. But we have continued to provide activities, food and contact for children and young people, and many of their families, in these challenging times.

This creates very difficult cost pressures for us. So, thank you so much to the CCA, for your continued financial support.

Your money has provided specific help paying for day visits and recreation, along with treats and creative activities for our children and young people.

In this way we can continue to improve their quality of life and broaden their life experiences.

In the meantime, if you want to find out more about A.P.P.L.E, please check out the website www.apple-play.com

Thank You So Much!!

Welcome and goodbye on Churchfield Road (since issue 53, Winter 2021)

David Wootton

Number 32-34: Goodbye 'CSS Electrical'; Welcome 'Grant & Stone' Electrical

Number 51: Goodbye 'Launderette' - awaiting new business opening

Number 65: Goodbye 'Heart & Soul' flowers - awaiting new business opening

Number 76: Goodbye 'Roasted'

Number 92: Welcome 'Bondi Juice', café and smoothies

Number 98: Goodbye 'Afro Caribbean hairdresser'; Welcome 'ReStore' repair & restore hub

Number 102: Goodbye 'Studio 102'

Number 120: Goodbye 'TaylorMade/Burgers Inc'; Welcome 'O'Gosht' restaurant

1 The Mount, Kings Street: Goodbye 'Acton Carpets'; Welcome 'Zeytoon Supermarket'

Coming soon: 'Acton Banking Hub' Planned for The Oaks Centre, opening Spring 2023

Goldsmith and St. Dunstans Avenues footpath: CCA Project 2002 revisited

David Wootton

In 2002 the CCA approached Ealing Council to see if the footpath leading to the bridge over the Overground railway leading to Shaa and Perryn Roads could receive a facelift. The area had become a major fly tipping place with a poor pathway.

Ward Forum funds were found and trees were planted. The footpath improved and two planter raised beds were constructed.

Sadly the planters have become a little neglected since then, again attracting discarded cans, bottles and fly tip rubbish.

After a WhatsApp street crowd-funding by Goldsmith Avenue and Baldwyn Gardens in summer 2022, enough money was raised to tidy up the planters, refresh the soil and plant ready for all to enjoy next spring.

Many thanks to the small team of local volunteers and input from ActonRewilding.

Planters 'before' and 'after'