CCA Acton Newsletter

The newsletter of the Churchfield Community Association (CCA) Issue 57, Autumn 2023

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

A passion for litter picking

Cathy Swift (Chair LAGER Can) https://lagercan.co.uk

The Litter Action Group for Ealing Residents (LAGER Can) was introduced to a litter-hating public by means of a Facebook group in the summer of 2017.

That group, which won a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2021, now has over 2,000 members from all corners of the London Borough of Ealing.

We donate around 1,500 volunteer hours and remove around 2,500 bags of rubbish from Ealing's open spaces every month.

East Acton Litter Busters Jackie Davies and Richard O'Conor by the A40

The Acton Litter collective is piloting the separation of rubbish from recyclables during their litter picks

Acton is particularly well served by the following local groups:

♦**East Acton Litter Busters**, led by GRA's own Jackie Davies, are local residents who dislike litter enough to meet up every Saturday morning to bag it up.

♦**Acton Litter Collective,** focussing on the Mill Hill area, meets on Saturday mornings.

♦**Acton Gardens Group** is the newest of the three, a fast-growing group of enthusiasts meeting on weekend mornings.

♦A group meets monthly to clean **North Acton Playing Fields.**

Not everyone likes social media, and an online presence is by no means a prerequisite for membership of LAGER Can.

We are happy to provide litter pickers, branded blue rubbish sacks, blue hi-vis vests, advice and encouragement to anyone who wishes to join the war on waste – and make friends with likeminded people while doing so.

Please email lagercan2020@gmail.com to be put in touch with any of the above groups, or for any other support.

Acton Gardens Group member Mark Warner with Cathy Swift, Bollo Lane

AGM and Christmas Social & Quiz

Save the dates

Our **AGM** will be back as a meeting this year

Wednesday 29th November at 7pm

St Mary's Church Hall (opposite Morrisons)

Starting with a delicious Lebanese buffet and wine, followed by a short AGM and a panel discussion on Acton's future

Back again as well to **The Rocket**

for our **Xmas Social & Quiz**

Sunday 17th December, 6pm to 9pm

We'll begin with a buffet and drinks, then a short table quiz by our excellent quizmaster, Paul Talbot

Full details will be sent by email shortly

Let's breathe clean air

Juliet McDonald

A quiet protestor at the Acton Central Station anti-idling demo

The CCA is collaborating with Ealing Friends of the Earth and Friends of Friars Gardens to tackle the distressing issue of engine idling at Acton Central Station level crossing.

The demonstration, which was trialled in the summer, will be repeated on Tuesday October 31st, to be followed by future events in the spring and summer 2024.

Vehicle fumes at the level crossing have long been a problem. In the past, the CCA campaigned hard for flashing signs that have largely been ignored.

Particulate matter on the day of the inaugural anti-idling demo was at a shockingly high level of between 25 and 30 PMs (readings should not exceed 5).

Traffic is often backed up on either side of the track for over three minutes, so pollution has become very worrying to parents who cross here with children on their way to Acton Park or school.

It's not often that rallying protestors urge quiet, but the participants of this demo did just that. Representatives from the three community groups pointed to existing signs, handed out leaflets and rewarded those who complied with sweets.

They were joined by local MP Rupa Huq and Councillor Kate Crawford, who pledged to highlight the issue of idling. The offence is on LB Ealing's agenda to solve, with stronger enforcement promised.

At Acton Central almost all drivers were happy to co-operate once they understood the purpose.

For more information: https://ealingfoe.org.uk/switching-off-air-pollution/

And, if you'd like to participate, email Juliet:

friarsgardensW3@gmail.com

Anti-idling demonstration at Acton Central Station level crossing

Banking Hub

Acton Banking Hub now open in the Oaks Shopping Centre.

Call in to pay in or take out cash and cheques.

Find out about their full services.

Use it or lose it!

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 AGM:**
  Wednesday 29 November, 7pm
  St Mary's Church Hall (opposite Morrisons).
  A delicious Lebanese buffet and wine, followed by a short AGM and a panel discussion on Acton's future.

- **CCA Xmas Social & Quiz:**
  Sunday 17 December; 6 to 9pm
  The Rocket, Churchfield Rd.
  We'll begin with a buffet and drinks, then a short quiz by quizmaster Paul Talbot.
  Full details to be sent by email.

ACTON HISTORY GROUP

www.actonhistory.co.uk/acton/
Details: David Bays
020 8992 0287; 07952 839653
Free to members; non-members: £2
(Membership £10 a year)
All meetings: 7.30pm,
2nd Wednesdays,
St Mary's Church Hall,
opposite Morrisons

- **Talk by Anthony Smith:**
  Wednesday 8 November, 7.30pm
  Church Hall
  'The Uxbridge Road—walked and revisited'

- **Reminiscence Roadshow, 'A Night at the Cinema':**
  Wednesday 13 December; 7.30pm
  Church Hall
  Going to the 'pictures' in the past and some special memories from those who worked inside Ealing Studios.

- **Talk by John Grigg:**
  The political situation in 1921 and the occupation of the Acton Baths Hall
  Wednesday 10 January; 7.30pm
  Church Hall

Pickleball - the new kid in town!

Susan Hauser

Max has turned derelict tennis courts into Pickleball courts

Since Max Hastings took over some derelict tennis courts from 'Club des Sports', just behind the David Lloyd Club in 2017, he has been transforming the courts and the old bowling green clubhouse.

The West London Tennis and Pickleball Club now offers tennis coaching as well as the very popular Pickleball.

This new sport is taking Europe by storm and proving very popular. The courts are much smaller than tennis courts (a quarter of the size), the 'paddles' lighter than tennis rackets and the rules and strategies easy to learn.

There are social sessions, where you can meet other new players, on Thursday evenings 7-9pm and Sundays 10.30am-12.00. Go and give it a try - it's a good workout.

See: westlondonpickleball.com

You can just drop in or call Max for a chat first: 07967 592 899.

The old bowling green clubhouse has been changed into a lovely café bar with sofas. It also features an outdoor space with pizza oven. All facilities are available to book for events such as birthday parties.

Passmore Edwards' birthday parties

David Bays

Two parties took place this summer to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of the noted philanthropist, John Passmore Edwards, who paid for Acton's Cottage Hospital and Public Library.

Acton Care Centre, formerly Acton Cottage Hospital

Acton History Group members, other locals and care centre residents enjoyed a special afternoon tea, arranged by the centre. Residents were able to relax in the garden during the sunny afternoon.

Cutting the cake at Acton Care Centre: Cllr Hitesh Tailor, Jasmine Purwaha and Ray Batchelor

Ealing's Mayor, Cllr. Hitesh Tailor, who was there to support the event, cut a commemorative cake.

Two ex-Mayors, John Gallagher (2011) and Phil Portwood (2000), were also there.

Ray Batchelor from the history group gave an inspiring talk about Passmore Edwards. And Jasmine Purwaha, Chief of Operations at Gold Care Homes, the care centre's parent company, spoke about the importance of being part of the diverse community of Acton.

Acton History Group arranged an exhibition about Passmore Edwards' work, including early photos of the cottage hospital.

It was a fitting tribute to a project Passmore Edwards had started back in the 1890s.

ActOne Cinema, formerly Acton Library

Passmore Edwards' celebrations continued at ActOne Cinema on 21st September, when ActOne Cinema supporters and directors joined Acton History Group for tea and cakes from Tea Darling in the cinema lounge.

Members of the CCA (Malcolm Singer, Sara Nathan and Maire Lowe) at the ActOne Cinema party

The Mayor was there to light the candles, and another exhibition showed the national achievements of Passmore Edwards as well as the early days of the library.

Mid-afternoon we adjourned to Screen 2 where Ray Batchelor introduced two short videos, one about the building and the other a very entertaining impersonation of Passmore Edwards talking about his life and work. It was good to see him "back from the dead" after all these years!

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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

Summer Garden Party

Maureen Colledge

Maire Lowe, Cllr Kate Crawford, Sara Nathan, Mayor of Ealing Hitesh Tailor & Chris Hurley

On a lovely sunny day on Sunday July 2nd, twenty-nine people were able to enjoy Sarah and Richard's stunning garden while chatting over food and drinks.

We gave £110 to the Sepsis Trust as the profits from the event.

We were also pleased to welcome the new Mayor, Hitesh Tailor, from East Acton Ward.

Do you need help with anything concerning Council matters?

The Councillor for East Acton, Kate Crawford, is eager to hear from anybody with local concerns; such as parking issues, tree planting and illegal rubbish dumping.

Email her: CrawforK@ealing.gov.uk, or give her a call on 0208 992 9353 or 07930 725 946.

She is also currently holding a monthly surgery in the Community Hall of the Vale Estate, every first Friday of the month at 6pm – if you want to meet her in person.

A.P.P.L.E. Food Programme: our new kitchen

Vicki Barker

A.P.P.L.E (reg charity 1076880) would like to thank Churchfield Community Association for their generous support over the years. The recent sum of £250 has gone towards our new kitchen build.

A.P.P.L.E. provides free, drop-in activities in out-of-school time for children and young people in the Acton area.

One of our main activities is our Food Programme: from growing our own veg, teaching cooking, providing meals every session, to a food bank every Tuesday.

This summer we provided meals, Monday to Friday, for an average of 40 children and young people per day. All in our tiny kitchen! After a busy summer holiday we closed in September to start work on our new kitchen.

Growing our own veg for the A.P.P.L.E. Food Programme

We had spent the first half of the year crowdfunding and raising grant money to re-site our 4sqm kitchen, into the 15sqm storeroom.

Along the way we were chosen to be one of the LB Ealing's Mayor's charities for the year.

This has boosted our fund-raising and means we will be able to complete our project by creating an outside eating area.

We are excited to get into our new kitchen and start cooking, hopefully in two weeks' time.

For more information or to donate, please visit our website: www.apple-play.com

Hello & goodbye, on & near Churchfield Road — David Wootton

Welcome to:

Acton Banking Hub The Oaks
Saj Alqarya Café & Bakery, 76 Ch Rd
Klaudia Palinger Aesthetics, 78 Ch Rd
Grains Baking Supplies
Zen Cafe & Deli (ex *Heart & Soul)*
Hopper Coffee (ex *Cafe Oak Tree*)
E'Sapurit Food from Napoli
Ajami Japanese Food (ex *Hasu Sushi*)
Flower Collection UK 126
Bright Young Things Academic Tuition, The Oaks (vacant premises)

Goodbye to:

Marsh & Parsons—April 2023
Fed &Watered—August 2023
One half of *Basil & Toms*—August 2023 (unknown new business)
Boots—August 2023
Wilko—September 2023

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