



Churchfield Community Association

The newsletter of the Churchfield Community Association (CCA) - Issue 25 Spring 2011

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

SAVE 91 SHAKESPEARE ROAD

Mark Deitch



Current view

The building at 91 Shakespeare Road is an important part of our area, historically, and architecturally. It is the site of the first swimming pool in Acton and one of the last laundries,

Our first challenge is to move the decision to full committee. We have support from Angie Bray, local councillors and numerous local residents including the CCA.

We are the ones who will have to live with the consequences. We oppose this development as ugly, unsympathetic and not fit for purpose. We support a development suitable for families, retaining the important building at number 91, and which involves local residents.

There's change on Shakespeare Road. And it's not good change.

Since last summer, a developer has been liaising with Ealing Planning Services to redevelop the plot at 87-91 Shakespeare Road. This currently contains the locally valued Rosebank Motors and a large Victorian house, previously the home of Acton Conservatives.

A developer wants to clear the site and build three mock Victorian 4-bedroom town houses and a block of three 1-bedroom flats. Local residents first heard of this in a letter that arrived on January 5th, giving us 21 days to object.

Immediately a group of neighbours canvassed opinion, did a mail drop and organised a meeting at The Rocket for the following Sunday. Over forty households turned up, appalled by the development and the way the Council had handled the planning application.

and is built on the site of an Artesian Well. We want to keep it.

The next day we contacted Ealing Planning Services, our MP Angie Bray and local councillors, telling them our reasons for objecting. The correspondence between the developer and the Council (available online) makes disturbing reading. Apparently:

- ◆ It's acceptable to simply demolish this important building
- ◆ Homogeneity is favoured over a variety of Victorian buildings
- ◆ A new build, 75% the usual width of a Victorian house, is acceptable
- ◆ Rear balconies and street dormers are acceptable
- ◆ Consultation with local groups is not required
- ◆ It can be decided by a single planner and not full committee

JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN:

- ◆ Write to the Council
- ◆ Make your voice heard

CONTACT US:

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Or on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Save-91-Shakespeare-Road/125956234137428>



After proposed development



Check out YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwRpBVyTqI>

To see the plans: <http://www.pam.ealing.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=129105>

Delicious Fresh Food

Susanne Hickmott

As part of our 'shop local' theme we will be regularly featuring local businesses that provide us with a friendly and convenient service

If you have been to a CCA Quiz Night, you will know: the coffee, the friendly faces, the cakes, the food!

Kalinka Café, the gem at the market end of Churchfield Road, is a busy place. It sells lavish portions of delicious fresh food, prepared every day by the staff who are proud of the meals they serve.

Kalinka has been a feature on Churchfield Road since 2008 and has recently been fully refurbished.

This bright and cheery, family-run bar and restaurant is friendly and welcoming. Passers-by wave through the window at the contented diners who are clearly regulars.

Kalinka serves a combination of Turkish and Portuguese dishes. Speaking to Fildan and Nogueira, who are Acton locals, they told me that the food is a fusion of Ottoman gastronomy and Portuguese passion. The restaurant manager specialises in authentic Anatolian cuisine.

At Kalinka you can enjoy a tasty meal cooked on charcoal, with terrific salads, olives and their superb specially made bread. Or a coffee and



homemade cake in the busy bar.

The café has a new office area which is quiet and peaceful if you need to catch up on work with your coffee and cake. There is also a large room downstairs, available for private parties, where the CCA regularly holds quiz nights and other events.

Photo: Ian Green



Yusuf and Kalinka:
'proud of the meals they serve'

Recent renovations to the restaurant have involved changing the position of the grill and re-vamping the furniture. This has produced a bright and airy restaurant which can seat large groups as well as having smaller tables.

Along with the new look, comes a new menu, with hot meze, vegetarian specialities, breast of

lamb Shawarma, Kofte, chargrilled chicken, sardines, and Portuguese sausage. These dishes are accompanied by side servings of salad, olives, bread and sauces, freshly made every day. The vegetables are from local suppliers.

Fildan and Nogueira, along with their daughter who attends the local school, and their parents, enjoy the busy diversity of Churchfield Road and the market.

They like being part of a safe community where people wave and chat as they pass by. Despite the recession, business at Kalinka is flourishing, with a steady flow of regular diners.

With an eye on the future, Fildan and Nogueira are intending to maintain the cheerfulness and welcome that Kalinka Café is known for. And they are planning further improvements to the bar and shop front.

Kalinka is open seven days a week, has a take-away service, and there is plenty of room for special occasions.

Back to the food: just delicious—with generous servings. Give yourself a treat!

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EVENTS

See: www.churchfield.org

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Find us on Facebook

REGULAR EVENTS

♦ 'First Wednesday' Socials from 8pm:

Informal meetings for those who live and/or work in the area—members & potential members—held at:

2 March: George & Dragon,

6 April: The Station House

4 May: The Rocket

1 June: King's Head

(see website for details)

♦ Graffiti paint-out:

The council is now getting rid of graffiti quickly; if you spot any, contact Sara Nathan: 0777 564 4134

SPECIAL EVENTS

♦ Wine Tasting

Thurs 10 Mar The Rocket

Join us to sample some good wines

♦ CCA Quiz

Friday 8 April & 27 May,

7 for 7.30 Venue TBC

Pit your knowledge and wits against the current champions. £2 per person

♦ Summer Garden Party

Sunday 19 June, 4-6 pm

34 Goldsmith Road

Come and have a drink with friends and neighbours in lovely surroundings.

♦ Acton Carnival

Saturday 9 July TBC

Acton Park

The CCA will be running its usual stall

♦ CCA Summer Picnic

Date TBC Acton Park

Bring your own picnic and meet others. All welcome.

A happy sergeant in a dirty vest

Nancy Duin

Sgt Mark Pullen has headed Acton Central ward's Safer Neighbourhoods police team for less than year. We decided to ask him some questions:

What were your first impressions of Acton Central?

That the ward's demographic was very diverse, and policing the ward would be a challenge. On my first day some 20 plus individuals were sitting around St Mary's Church drinking, swearing and acting anti-socially. This was an issue that I wanted to tackle and solve. We've since made great progress.

Have you changed your opinion of Acton Central since then?

Yes. I've found it supportive, refreshing and uplifting to meet local residents, businesses and councillors in the ward who are keen to assist and engage with the police.

What do you like most about the job?

The various issues I've tackled with the team. We've ushered in the controlled drinking zone, implemented anti-social behaviour orders on problem individuals and a dispersal zone within Friary Park



(left to right) : PCSO Keith Mills, PCSO Sarah Kearney, PC Amar Mushtaq, PS Mark Pullen, PC Stephen Kyere, PCSO Maria Cozma

estate, executed search warrants at a number of addresses and shut down crack houses. All this in under a year, with much more planned.

What do you like least?

I'm struggling with this. Getting on the tube is never fun at rush hour!

What for you is the problem of greatest concern in Acton Central?

Crime committed in and around the High Street linked to drugs. We're working hard to send the message out to users and dealers that they're

not welcome on our ward. If you're aware of individuals, addresses or areas linked to crime, please let us know.

What can CCA members do to make it easier?

A large proportion of the crime committed on this ward can be avoided by taking simple steps:

Car crime: Ensure items aren't left in your vehicle or are kept from view. Lock your car: a number of cars were broken into this winter—left unlocked to avoid the locks freezing.

Burglary: Ensure all doors and windows are shut securely.

Consider getting a house alarm, or 'dummy' box, and security lighting. Register high-value items on immobilise.com.

The local team is happy to provide residents with crime prevention advice and guide you through setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

What's your favourite film, and why?

My favourite film would have to be 'Die Hard'. I think I have some deeply hidden aspirations to fight crime in a dirty vest!

Light at the end of the tunnel?

Sara Nathan

The disruption of services through Acton Central station and, indeed, the disruption of the station itself are both nearing their end according to London Overground Rail Operations Ltd (LOROL).

The underpass was originally supposed to be closed for just a few days in autumn 2010, which was subsequently altered to May 2011. But protests from the CCA, plus the risk to life and limb caused by would-be travelers crossing dangerously to avoid missing a scarce train, persuaded the powers-that-be to re-think substantially. The underpass partially reopened after the

Christmas closure. It was supposed to reopen fully, and be damp-free, by the end of February according to Mungo Duncan of LOROL.

The final 'blockade', or total cessation of service through Acton Central, linked to these works, was over half term, 19th to 27th February. The usual rail replacement bus service was laid on as were extra fare refunds and some zone 1 access measures.

However, there will still be no Sunday services until May when the works are due to be completed. Then, after two years of disruption, passengers should have a seven-day-

a-week service. According to Mungo Duncan, "When the service returns in May, you will have four trains per hour all day every day, between Richmond and Stratford." And the new trains themselves, of course, are longer, with four carriages compared to three in the old trains.

As the ever-helpful Mungo told me, "So, still a bit further to go, but very definitely light at the end of the tunnel. The project is running to time, and I hope that, in saying that, I haven't now jinxed it."

There's a sentiment with which we can all agree!

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Eager Participants

Paul Talbot

The first supper-quiz of the year was held on Friday 14th January at Kalinka Restaurant. The eager participants split into six teams. Tucking into meze, they answered six rounds of fiendish questions; including the all-new 'Guess the TV theme tune' round.

Marathon rounds covered such diverse subjects as: 'Identify the road signs', 'Name the BBC sitcom' and 'Name the

radio stations from their broadcast frequency'.

The Derwentwater Parents team, aka The Posse, pipped the 195 team (from Goldsmith Avenue) to the post by tactical use of their joker in the final rounds—winning with a score of 91 points against 195's creditable 87. All good fun!

The next quiz will be on Friday 8th April. Contact Social Secretary, Philippe, to book a place: pbruyer@toucansurf.com

Wine Tasting at The Rocket

Philippe Bruyer & Roger Foreman

The first CCA wine-tasting evening will be upstairs at the Rocket Pub on Thursday 10th March (7 for 7:30).

We'll be able to taste a variety of wines: 3 red, 3 white, 1 rose and 1 sparkling, none of which are on the present Rocket wine list.

The tasting will be led by Toby Mason, a wine-tasting expert from Heritage Wines.

Tasting sheets will be provided and all wines can be purchased from Heritage in wholesale quantities.

There will be a full hot and cold buffet. Anyone wishing to attend for the very reasonable price of £10 should contact Philippe.

The more the merrier!

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JOINING THE CCA

Being a CCA member:

- ♦ You can vote at meetings
- ♦ You'll receive invitations to members' events
- ♦ You can join the Acton Central email group.

Membership fee:

£8 (£3.50 unwaged and pensioners)

£5—direct debit (£2 unwaged and pensioners)

CCA on the Net

Acton Central Email Group

Actoncentralemailgroup-subscribe@yahoo.co.uk

The email group is open to all CCA members. You can post a message or contribute to a discussion. To join, please send an email.

For information about Churchfield Road and beyond in Acton, see CCA and ActonW3 websites:

www.churchfield.org; www.ActonW3.com



CCA bag:

Free to members.
Email or see website

Culture Column

Books, films & poetry Upstairs at The Rocket

Book Club: All welcome

- ♦ First Sunday in the month
- ♦ Cost: £3 per session
- ♦ Buffet every 3/4 months
- ♦ Facilitator—Clare Smith,
smith.clare@doctors.org.uk

December choice:

The Children's Book by A. S. Byatt

This big, densely written novel by Booker prize-winner A S Byatt, spans the 30 years up to the First World War. It depicts a golden age for a large cast of loosely connected characters who are involved in the arts.

They break away from social norms, and experiment with political ideas and family structures.

Their children have extraordinary freedom, but they are doomed by the coming of war.

At the book group, opinion was sharply divided between those who saw this ambitious, challenging novel as a *tour de force* and those who found it too didactic.

It was a fascinating book to discuss, and threw up many ideas.

Judith Elliott

CineclubW3:

- ♦ Second Sunday in the month
- ♦ Cost: £3 per film
- ♦ Run by: Vivienne Duggan & Terri Smith
- ♦ To join: email cineclubw3@hotmail.com asking to be added to the mailing list.

Pass on a Poem:

Come and read a favourite poem or listen to others

- ♦ Next event: Friday 11th March, 7 for 7.30
- ♦ Free entry; light refreshments
- ♦ To read a poem, contact: Linda Taylor
- ♦ Email: lindataylo@yahoo.co.uk

Facebook group

Ros Fisher

The CCA uses the Internet for emailing members, and it also now has a Facebook group. A link can be found on the website.

This is a friendly way to keep updated with the variety of events organised by the CCA, photos of which are displayed on the Facebook page. It's a great way to find other members, who you may have met at a social occasion and want to get in touch with again.

The group is slowly growing but will become more successful as more members join the group.

Check it out...