



Churchfield Community Association

The newsletter of the Churchfield Community Association (CCA) Issue 42, Summer 2016

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

Reaching out and empowering change

Amanda Cadogan



The Hope Centre Team and friends gratefully receiving sleeping bags donated after appearing on the second episode of *Homeless, Rich and Famous* on BBC1

The Hope Centre at Acton Baptist Church opened its doors on 14 February 2013. We offer a safe environment with a cafe every Tuesday and Thursday from 12 noon to 2pm. The centre provides refreshments at every session, plus a meal on Thursday.

Our clients are rough sleepers, addicts, mental health sufferers, and the elderly who are often isolated and lonely. We offer showers, with towels, toiletries, toothbrushes, razors, and a hair shaver provided. On Thursdays we provide clothing from collected or received donations.

We make referrals to Street Link, No Second Night Out, and St Mungo's for our rough

sleepers. Occasionally we've had rough sleepers sectioned when we felt they posed a threat to the local community.

We appeared in the second episode of *Homeless, Rich and Famous*. Our client, Jack, who appeared in the programme, has now been housed and is in full employment.

Our aim is to reach out and empower change in those whom we befriend. To this end we network with local agencies and police to ensure the safety of the community we live in. When support is needed by our clients, we attend GP and looked-after children appointments with them, and meetings with the Council.

We work alongside RISE, the drugs and alcohol rehabilitation service. We've also made referrals to West London Mental Health Trust. We are members of Ealing Homeless Forum and receive validated training from the Lido Centre, an administrative base for Ealing charities.

There have been times when we've cleaned the homes of vulnerable people unable to cope. About a year ago, we were closely involved in the aftermath of a murder of one of our clients by another client in Acton.

You can support us via donations, and online through 'easy fundraising' (<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>), where you can register your bank details safely and elect to choose 'The Hope Centre'. Donations are received from the company at no extra cost to yourself, when you shop, or when you book holidays or buy insurance. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

We also host a market stall every Wednesday at Acton Market to fund the centre.

If you'd like more information about the easyfundraising app or if you have any questions about the Centre, please contact me (acadogan71@gmail.com).

➤➤➤ CCA stall at Acton Carnival, 9 July.

Donations & volunteers, contact Nancy Duin 020 8993 4294

Gardens for community spaces

Sumita Sinha



Sumita Sinha (executive director) and Agamemnon Otero (CEO of Repowering London)

Charushila, www.charushila.org is a charity based in Acton. It has worked in London, India, Venezuela, and Palestine. It helps with the creation of gardens and community spaces using waste materials, and working with local communities to design them.

This year, *Charushila* started working on an 'Energy Garden' at Acton Central overground station. The Energy Garden project is a partnership between Repowering London (a community benefit society), Groundwork Trust (an environmental improvement organisation) and Transport for London.

During the next two years the Energy Garden team will be

supporting communities to transform up to fifty London Overground platforms and stations, with gardens growing food and using solar energy. These projects are funded by the People's Postcode Lottery.

Acton Central Station will be the 'flagship' station. *Charushila* has been working with Churchfield Community Association, as well as other local organisations and people, to design a planting scheme suitable for the station.

Several ideas have been proposed and, if you'd like to contribute or say something about the idea, please contact us as soon as possible:

contact@charushila.org
www.charushila.org

We need your help . . .

CCA newsletters are delivered by CCA volunteers, but we need more people to help with this to make less work for each person delivering.

If you can spare the time to deliver some newsletters, even in a couple of streets locally, we'd like to hear from you. It would really make a difference.

Contact us on: hello@churchfield.org

EVENTS

See: www.churchfield.org

Find us on Facebook

REGULAR CCA EVENTS

'First Wednesday' Socials:

Due to sporadic attendance, we have decided not to continue with them. We're considering alternative ways of bringing people together and welcome your ideas and views.

Please contact our chair, Chris Hurley:
actonhurleys@aol.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ♦ **CCA stall at Acton Carnival:**
Saturday 9 July, noon to 7pm
 Donations and volunteers, contact Nancy Duin — 020 8993 4294
- ♦ **Pass On A Poem:**
Saturday 13 August, 7.00–9.30pm, at the home of Sarah & Rich
 Read a poem or just come and listen
 Contact: linda@poetshouse.net
- ♦ **Poets Corner Community Garden Annual Street Party:**
Sunday 4 September, 2 to 5pm
 Enjoy music, children's activities, food, fun and the Dog Show!
- ♦ **CCA Supper Quiz:**
Next quiz in September/October, 7 for 7.30pm at L'Oriental
 Quiz and buffet. Cost: £10 — must book and pay in full prior to 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)

Most meetings: 7.30pm, 2nd Weds

St Mary's Church Hall, opp Morrison's

- ♦ **'Aviation in Acton':**
 Talk by Paul Lang
 7.30pm, 14 September
- ♦ **'Susan Smee — Pioneer Actonian and Councillor':** Talk by Borough Archivist, Jonathan Oates
 7.30pm, 12 October
- ♦ **'We Love Acton book':**
 Talk by Jeff Bridle and the group who put the book together
 7.30pm, 9 November
- ♦ **'David Garrick, Actor':**
 Talk by Frances Hughes
 7.30pm, 14 December

➤➤➤ Keep an eye on the CCA website ➤➤➤

Fine foods at Acton Central Food Market

Maureen Colledge

Acton Central Food Market started this April in the playground of Derwentwater School. Run by locals, Dan Marshall, and Guilia Tagliaferri, the aim is to bring unusual fine food to Acton.

The weekly market is from 10am to 3pm and has a mix of fresh produce plus street food and drink.

Some traders come from a distance – tomatoes from the Isle of Wight; vegetables from Cambridgeshire; apples and juice from East Sussex – while others are local to West London, such as the bakers and coffee stalls, and the Sicilian food stall.

A Thai food stall is now providing evenings at *Vindinista!*.

The CCA stall was there on the opening day and has been there once a month ever since, recruiting new members.

There is usually music and it's a good place for lunch as well as shopping.

EU referendum hustings

Maire Lowe



From left to right: Paul Embery and Robert Oulds for *Brexit*; Chris Hurley, chair; Mark Holdsworth and Kate Hudson for *Remain*

Mark Holdsworth and Robert Oulds had well researched arguments for and against the EU, and Kate Hudson talked of the need for solidarity across borders to safeguard worker rights.

The audience was in sparkling form with many questions that were even more interesting than the presentations. It's clear that everyone has a view on UK membership of the EU and no surprise to find the turnout on Referendum day was much higher than normal.

Here in Ealing, the result was a comfortable majority of 60% for *Remain*, but that figure smooths over the fact that some wards in the borough had higher numbers in favour of *Brexit*. Several wards were a nail-biting 50/50.

Chris Hurley chaired the debate with the impressive impartiality we have come to expect of retired civil servants. Our thanks to all four speakers for coming to Acton to explain their points of view with such clarity. A very good evening.

Reverend Nick Jones kindly offered the beautiful grade 2 listed St. Mary's church as the venue for a remarkable public meeting on the European Referendum, hosted by the CCA on 14 June.

There were four speakers. Mark Holdsworth (Conservative) and Kate Hudson (CND) spoke for *Remain*. Robert Oulds (Bridge Group) and Paul Embery (London Fire Brigade) spoke for *Brexit*.

Two speakers were left of centre and two right of centre. It was an absorbing evening in which all spoke eloquently.

Now we know the outcome, Paul Embery was eerily prophetic when he talked of the thousands of trade unionists and workers who felt abandoned by successive governments and were likely to use a protest against the EU to send a message.

CCA at Acton Carnival

Nancy Duin

It's carnival time again, or almost – Saturday 9 July, noon to 7pm, the biggest gathering in Acton (about 9000 people last year).

We'll be having a stall selling second-hand jewellery and books, good bric-a-brac (no electrics or clothes, please) and children's

books and toys, PLUS a tombola (need bottles of booze and unwanted presents).

Help on the day would be very, very welcome – even an hour would allow one of the helpers to see the carnival, get something to eat and go to the loo.

If you have things to donate or are willing to volunteer, contact Nancy Duin (020 8993 4294). Items for sale will have to be brought to her house at 37 Eastbourne Avenue by 8 July.

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Website: www.churchfield.org

JOIN THE CCA

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

Annual Membership fee

Single—£8 (£3.50 concessions);
£5 standing order (£2 concessions)
Household—£12; £7.50 standing order

Spring supper quiz at L'Oriental

Susi Kirkwood

Our CCA spring supper quiz at L'Oriental restaurant began, as usual, with guests chatting over delicious Lebanese dishes, served by Tony and Paola.

A series of wide-ranging general knowledge questions meant there were questions to suit every-one. Answers ranged from 'emu' to 'George III' to 'silly mid off'.

In between, we pondered over the names of Italian pasta shapes and clips of familiar logos, from Weetabix to Walls.

As we marked each other's answers, we learnt that 'Sarah' and 'David' are the most popular names of Parkrun runners, the Tower of London is the most visited London landmark, and the

house sparrow is the most seen bird in the Garden Birdwatch.

Clear winners were *A Cast of Five* with 140.5 points. *Acton All Sorts* came second, followed by *Trump's Toupee*, *Maldon Salts*, *Acton Suspiciously* and *Andromeda*.

A huge thank you to our quiz creators, Paul and Philippe!

Acton History Group's 30th anniversary

David Bays



Acton History Group AGM showing the committee, MP Rupa Huq and Mayor of Ealing Patricia Walker round the celebration cake

The Acton History Group celebrated its 30th anniversary at the June AGM. Mayor Patricia Walker cut the anniversary cake. Local MP, Rupa Huq, and founder members from 1986 joined the celebrations.

Emerging out of a Workers' Education Association class run by local teachers, Averil and Tom Harper Smith, the group gradually expanded; it now has nearly two hundred members.

Past achievements include: restoration of Acton's pump, rescued from a dusty corner of Gunnersbury Park Museum to stand outside St Mary's Church; a complete index of the Acton Gazette, invaluable for researchers; *Acton Historian*, the highly-rated, twice-yearly magazine now in its 61st issue; and work with local schools to stimulate interest in Acton's history.

Successful campaigns to erect plaques to local people and places include: commemorations of the first Waitrose shop (now Babylon Pizza) on Acton Hill; Winnie-the-Pooh on the wall of Twyford School, marking the site of Farnell's toy factory; a plaque to Adam Faith who lived in a house in what is now Acton Park, which was hit by a V1 bomb in WW2.

Soon to be erected is a plaque to mark the birthplace of Eric Ravilious, artist and designer, at 96 Churchfield Road.

www.actonhistory.co.uk/acton/
Details: David Bays 020 8992 0287

Poets Corner Community Garden — Sue Clements

Poets Corner Community Garden, on the corner of Myrtle and Chaucer Roads, will be holding its annual street party on September 4th between 2 and 5pm. Come along and enjoy the music, children's activities, food and fun!

You can enter your dog for the Dog Show on the day.
All welcome! Proceeds go to the upkeep of the garden.