



Churchfield Community Association



The newsletter of the Churchfield Community Association (CCA) Issue 45, Autumn 2017

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

All change on Market Place

Susanne Hickmott



Rogério organising the Sunday afternoon barbecue at newly refurbished Mendes (Sheep Walk), at the junction of Churchfield Road and Market Place

Have you noticed the flowered corner in Market Place by Acton Market?

The flowers surround the outside space of Mendes (the old Sheepwalk Tavern). Here is a revamped, light, airy bar – pub – restaurant, right on our doorstep.

Rogério and Graziela Mendes have turned this corner into a busy pub-bar serving quality Mediterranean food.

You can enjoy the fruits of their labours: Portuguese and Brazilian inspired food, as well as beers, wines, coffee and cakes, in a friendly relaxed atmosphere close to where we live.

Rogério came to West London with his parents from Portugal, when he was sixteen. Graziela is from Brazil and has lived locally since arriving here.

There has been a pub on this corner since at least 1841, and Rogério and Graziela are keen to carry on the tradition of providing enjoyment and sustenance at affordable prices in a building that is rooted in its community.

The comfortable premises have been renovated to a high standard. Rogério has substantial experience of running pubs and restaurants, providing excellent food and a congenial atmosphere.

There is a spacious and agreeable dining space offering appetising meals, a buffet and a very generous Sunday barbecue, often accompanied by Brazilian inspired music, which is appreciated by many locals.

Classic Madeiran food is something not to miss, such as Espetada skewers of marinated lamb, beef and chicken, and Brazilian Picanha skewers. These are served with Madeira bread and side dishes such as Milho Frito. Another tasty speciality is Bolo do Caco, a traditional bread made with sweet potatoes and served with garlic butter. Then there are prawns, mussels, Portuguese fish pie, sardines.... The list goes on. All delicious!

Rogério and Graziela also offer full catering for parties, weddings, christenings and other events, with a personalised special menu for every occasion. They are looking forward to Christmas and New Year, when there will be special celebrations, a range of menus and fabulous music.

This is a local venue with a difference for us all to enjoy.

Mendes Restaurant
14 Market Place London W3 6QS
www.mendesrestaurant.co.uk
mendesrest@gmail.com
reservations 0203 5383340
Open: 10 am – 11.30 pm every day

CCA AGM & OPEN MEETING

Wednesday 15 November – 7 for 7.30pm
At St Mary's Church Hall,
The Mount (opposite Morrisons), Acton W3

- ◆ 7pm: doors open
- ◆ 7.15–7.30pm: short formal AGM
- ◆ 7.30–8.00pm: Free buffet from L'Oriental & a free drink
- ◆ 8.00–9.15pm: Open meeting, speakers and discussion:

'Town centres, high rises, back garden development – how can you influence what happens?'

Nominations for the posts of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, and for members of the Executive, to be received 14 days prior to AGM, by 1 November – in writing to the Chair.

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Report fly-tipping

Fly-tipping is on the rise again in Acton. To report fly-tipping to the London Borough of Ealing, you can do so with a free app downloaded from their website: www.ealing.gov.uk.

The Ealing 24/7app allows you to report on street environmental issues quickly and easily from your smartphone.

If you prefer to phone, call Grimebusters, the LBE 24-hour, 7-day-a-week hotline, on 020 8825 8825.

LBE aims to clear all fly-tips within 48 hours of the report, but make sure you give the following information:

- ◆ Exact location
- ◆ Description of the items.

Cuppa with a copper

Acton Central's Ealing Police Safer Neighbourhood Team of police officers and PCSOs (community support officers) aims to make our district a safer place to live and work in. They are based at Provident House, 23 -32 King Street, W3 9LA – above the main Acton post office.

Every month they hold public meetings, where we can tell them about crime and anti-social behaviour in our area. Meetings may include: street briefings, drop-in surgeries, or mobile police station visits and talks on local priorities in policing.

On a more informal basis, there are now Cuppa with a Copper meet-ups, where you can chat to members of the team in a local coffee shop between 9 and 10am, usually on a Monday morning.

Contact information:

- Facebook: for details about Cuppa with a Copper: www.facebook.com/pg/MPSActonCentral events
- 020 8721 2921/07879 694811
- actoncentral.snt@met.police.uk
- www.met.police.uk/teams/ealing

Got time for Acton Central station garden?

If you use Acton Central station, you'll have seen the plant boxes set up by Sumita from the charity, Charushila, working together with Emily Morshuis of the Ground Energy Garden team at Groundwork London.

They are hoping to have some local volunteers to help keep things in shape at Acton Central station. If you have time to help, please email Sumita on: contact.charushila@gmail.com.

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

- ◆ **CCA AGM & Open Meeting:**
Weds 15 November, from 7pm at St Mary's Church Hall, The Mount, opposite Morrisons
Short formal AGM, plus buffet followed by an open meeting with speakers on Development Issues
- ◆ **CCA Christmas Party:**
Monday 4 December, 7 to 11pm at The Rocket, Churchfield Road
Tickets: £15 per head, to include delicious buffet food and free drink. You must buy tickets in advance – Contact Maureen Colledge: bayscolledge@talktalk.net; 020 8992 0287 or 07963 909814
- ◆ **Pass On A Poem:**
Friday 8 December, 7 to 9.30pm at the home of Sarah Hamilton-Fairley and Richard Crofton
Read a poem or just come and listen
Contact: linda@poetshouse.net
- ◆ **CCA Supper Quiz:**
Next quiz: a Saturday in January – TBA; 7 for 7.30pm at L'Oriental Quiz and buffet. Cost: £10
Must 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

- ◆ **The history of Mortlake Crematorium:** by Brian Parsons
Wednesday 8 November
- ◆ **Christmas on the Home Front:** by Mike Brown
Bring contributions of food and drink.
Wednesday 13 December
- ◆ **The history of North Acton and the Harold Wesley Estate:** by Theresa McGee
Wednesday 10 January

Air pollution at the level crossing – successful action

Maureen Colledge

Good news on better signs at the level crossing telling drivers to turn off their engines while stopped at the barrier.

After a member asked us to take up the issue of cars idling at Acton Central level crossing, we contacted the Council in April. Others have been in touch with them too, including parents of children at Ark Byron School.

Money has now been found from the Ward Forum for new signs. Quotes are being obtained for electronic signs to go in a more prominent position and come on when the barriers go down. These will need the agreement of London Overground and are the preferred option, but whatever proves possible we have been promised improved signs.

You may have noticed new signs have gone up in Horn Lane near Gypsy Corner telling drivers to turn off their engines.

Levels of air pollution are high in London and pollution from traffic is a major cause of this. It's not just pedestrians who suffer; studies show air pollution levels



Idling at the level crossing – it's illegal to leave an engine running while stopped at lights or a level crossing. Traffic is a major cause of high levels of air pollution in London.

are broadly the same inside and outside of vehicles and can be worse for drivers stuck in queues. It is illegal to leave an engine running while stopped at lights or a level crossing and, with modern cars, switching off does not affect their running.

We think many drivers just don't think about switching off, but with more information and encouragement would do so.

We suggested to the Council that we could do some leafletting to coincide with the introduction of the new signs. They are proposing to update a leaflet and welcome our help. With distribution The Safer Neighbourhood team have also said they will try to help.

Arrangements for our leafletting day will be circulated on the CCA group email.

Angry words at CCA hustings

Nancy Duin

On 30 May, the CCA held general election hustings with the three main candidates:

- Rupa Huq (Labour)
- Joy Morrissey (Conservatives)
- Jon Ball (Liberal Democrats)

This time it was at St Mary's Church, a much larger venue than the Town Hall where we went last time. 250–350 people attended.

It wasn't clear whether Joy would actually appear, she having taken offence at something Rupa had said during the campaign.

She did come but continued to bring up her disagreement with Rupa, somewhat damaging the debate. Jon was his usual genial self.

In case you missed them, the results on election day were:

- Rupa Huq: 33,037 (59.7%, an increase of 16.5%)
- Joy Morrissey: 19,230 (34.8%)
- Jon Ball: 3,075 (5.6%)

Many thanks to the Revd Nick Jones for allowing us to use St Mary's and for trying his best to pour oil on troubled waters.

➤➤➤ **CCA Christmas Party, Monday 4th December at The Rocket – 7pm to 11pm. £15 per head for buffet and free first drink. !! SAVE THE DATE & BUY YOUR TICKET !!** ➤➤➤

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To contact the CCA secretary:
Email: hello@churchfield.org
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

Lively stall at Acton Carnival

Chris Hurley

The CCA had a lively stall again at the Acton Carnival in July. Thanks to everyone who donated goods for our tombola, and thanks to everyone who bought things on the day.

We made around £200 which has been donated to A.P.P.L.E, the children's charity in Acton Park.

A special thanks to CCA members who helped staff the stall on the day, and a mega thank you to those who helped set up the stall and take it down

again at the start and end of proceedings.

One extra special item that was donated was a brand-new leather Cambridge Satchel Company satchel in black. These retail for over £100 and we are looking for around £50 for it, which will also be donated to A.P.P.L.E.

Please let Chris Hurley know, on actonhurleys@aol.com, if you are interested in the leather satchel – maybe as a lovely Christmas gift?

Late summer party in a garden oasis

Picot Cassidy

On a pleasant sunny evening in early September, Sarah Hamilton-Fairley and Richard Crofton hosted the CCA Late Summer Garden Party in their beautiful garden in Cumberland Park.

It was the second year that they were kind enough to welcome us for our garden party. Ably organised by Susi Kirkwood and Maureen Colledge, CCA members set up a gazebo and laid out food and drink to share .

Against a backdrop of attractive greenery, around thirty CCA members came to enjoy a cordial evening together.

Later, our host Sarah talked about a charity she is involved with: the UK Sepsis Trust, which promotes awareness of sepsis (blood poisoning) and raises funds.

She asked if anyone might be interested in helping the trust as a volunteer. Sarah is hosting a coffee meeting on 18th October to discuss how ideas could be taken forward. Contact sepsistrust.org for more information.

A collection at the party raised over £100 for the trust.

La Dolce Vita comes to Acton

Maureen Colledge

- ◆ Recent licence applications indicate that an Italian-themed deli is coming to Churchfield Road, taking over the former Post & Packing Shop
- ◆ In the High Street, an Italian restaurant, La Tarantella, which already has a venue in Chiswick, is to open opposite the old Library.

➤ **VACANCY** ➤

Secretary needed for CCA exec

Contact Chris Hurley

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