

little Covent Garden theatre is not in any immediate danger but we like to get as many theatres as possible listed as they are, then they are more difficult to destroy!

SLTC celebrates its 30th anniversary this year as did the CGCA last year. Let us hope we both enjoy many more years of mutual support.

Sheila Collings, Campaign Secretary

“Well done CGCA for all the hard work (seen and unseen) carried out on our behalf”

Ms A, Gt Russell Street

Age Concern Covent Garden Centre

Who are we? We are a Day Centre that caters for the elder person in Covent Garden. We have 150 members with ages ranging from 60 to 100. Yes! One of our members achieved her ton in April this year. Can you imagine the party we had? We provide lunches every day. There are activities of all sorts every day, ranging from Bingo to Keep Fit. You name it and we will try to provide it.

During the year we were involved in: the 30 year celebration of the CGCA with a stall in Neal Street, the celebrations at St Paul’s for the Punch and Judy, and to cap it all we had a stall in the Jubilee Market in October of last year. All the stall space was provided to us free of charge, for which we must say a grateful “thank you”. We had two full sittings for Christmas lunch and all those who came had their lunch free and took home a small present.

Alison Cattermoule arranged for the Fire Brigade to come along and talk to the members about fire hazards and also offered smoke alarms for those who did not have them.

Our local police are ever present and drop in to see us when they can. WPC Mandy King arranged for a visit by the dog section, which I think the dogs enjoyed as much as did the members. Guess who came to serve lunch at Christmas? Yes! It was our local police.

Kim, of IACG, arranged a Pancake Tossing day, the proceeds from this and a matched funding cheque from Camelot went a long way to topping up the club funds. This, in turn, gives the members subsidised trips away to the seaside etc.

Space is short so I can’t go on, except to say that anyone living in Covent Garden wanting to join us, please do come along.

Charles Port, Centre Manager

Preamble to St Mungo’s report:

Early this year, the situation concerning abusive behaviour, largely drug-related, on Endell Street and around the St Mungo’s hostel, got to such a bad state that the CGCA called on the management team of St Mungo’s to meet with us. The vast majority of residents in St Mungo’s hostel have a drugs habit and an area of the hostel has been converted to a drug treatment unit. This fact has attracted more addicts and pushers to the immediate area. The incidents reported are beyond just being unpleasant; they are often frightening or worse.

St Mungo’s have stated they will patrol the immediate streets around their hostel and will endeavour to stop the anti-social behaviour of their residents. If you experience a problem, St Mungo’s have a 24-hour line to contact (given in their report below) and say they will take steps to deal with any problem immediately.

Following our meeting, St Mungo’s distributed an information pack to local residents and businesses. The chief executive of St Mungo’s and hostel manager have agreed to meet again with us in the middle of July to monitor progress.

St Mungo Hostel Endell Street

The hostel on Endell Street is just one of over 60 St Mungo projects. Overall, we provide accommodation for over 1200 people who are homeless or vulnerable.

St Mungo’s provides support to all their clients offering help with