



Happy birthday Emmaus!

Our friends at Emmaus South Lambeth (ESL) do get around! Elizabeth Harrington and Chris Briggs, two ESL Companions, and James Hayes, ESL Manager, quaffed drinks and ate cake with Terry Waite, President of Emmaus, to celebrate twenty fantastic years of Emmaus' work.



Lord Foulkes of Cumnock hosted the anniversary event at the House of Lords. Much fun was had by all and according to Elizabeth, Terry Waite gave a great speech!

On with the show...

On 16 and 17 July ESL travels to Brockwell Park to visit the Lambeth Country Show. Companions and volunteers will be managing a stall with information about the charity.

During the course of the fun-packed weekend, they will be talking to people about Emmaus' work in providing a home, work and family environment for homeless people and specifically, how people can help the charity by donating their old or unwanted furniture.



Let's hope the sun continues to shine that weekend and lots of visitors check out the stall!

Guns of steel?

In March the resident gym underwent a refurbishment, following funding from the Metropolitan Police. The new gym has more space and a wider range of equipment, including a full set of weights so the Companions can pump iron to their hearts' content.



Regular users of the gym are delighted, including one Companion, Michael, whose gym use helps him to keep fit and release stress. The gym also helps Companions with anger management and in building self-confidence.

Furniture flies out of the door

Great news for ESL as donations of old and unwanted furniture continue to be made, en route to being restored and sold on to new owners by the charity.



Furniture restoration pros Graham and Jamie have been overseeing a roaring trade, with some goods being sold before they are even unloaded from the van! They put the success down to the generosity of donors and the hard work of the crew.

The expert restoration of the furniture ensures customers get an excellent bargain. You can donate by ringing ESL or visiting the website (*details below and overpage*).

Emmaus South Lambeth is on ebay!
Sell your old furniture and buy new items
Seller ID:emmaussouthlambeth

Passion for Plants Pays Off

More often than not, Elizabeth can be found with her hands deep in soil, nurturing beautiful flowers, as well as healthy herbs and veggies which make their way onto the ESL menu!

Busy lizzies, lobelia and petunia are part of her array of plants which add colour and enthuse everyone - and not just the Companions. Many customers have requested to buy Elizabeth's plants and from June they will be able to!



On 11 June the plants will be debuted at a solidarity sale and from then onwards visitors to ESL will be able to purchase the results of Elizabeth's and her assistants' green-fingers.

Computer magic

Six lucky Companions have been attending a course at CityLit to give them a European Computer Driving License.



The month-long course is an opportunity for Companions to learn or refresh basic computing skills, so they can find their way around Microsoft Office applications such as Word and Excel.

Current Companions on the course say they are finding it very useful in teaching them new skills or expanding their current ones.

Victory by a point!

Social events continue apace with a recent quiz night. The competitive Companions dug deep into their knowledge banks to answer questions such as, naming 20 UK Emmaus communities.



Well done to Kaci, Andy and Kris Dove, who snatched victory by 1 point from Lorna's team! A very close contest indeed.

Roll on the next social!

In solidarity

In February ESL's Solidarity event was in aid of Cassandra Learning Centre and Macmillan Cancer.

Cakes were baked, sold and swallowed, books and plants were snapped up, and over £250 was raised.



This brings the current total raised to £2,000 for all solidarity events, an extraordinary effort.

Surprising fact of the month

Each Emmaus Community saves the taxpayer £800,000 a year through reduced costs on service providers including the NHS, social services and the police.

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