

Emmaus

South Lambeth



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First Anniversary celebration

Easter Saturday – April 11th – saw a day of fun and festivities at Bobby Vincent House, as ESL held an Easter Fun Day to celebrate the first anniversary of our official opening in 2008. The highlight of the day was a jazz spot by MOBO 2008 winner Yolanda Brown, who played her saxophone to the delight of both guests and ESL residents alike. You can listen to Yolanda on YouTube, and buy her EP or DVD on www.yolandabrown.co.uk

Visitors to the Fun Day browsed through an array of books, CDs and

DVDs before taking a break at the café with home-made cakes and easter eggs aplenty; many then had a go at games including Bat the Rat, Treasure Hunt, Co-can-hut Shy, Hook a Duck, and snooker. The event was the brainchild by Emmaus Companions, who not made the attractions themselves, implementing the Emmaus ethos of recycling the old to make new.

Entertainment was on the menu in Bobby Vincent House throughout the day, with turns from Pete the Street, one of the founders of Emmaus South

Lambeth, local guitarists the Free-wheelers, Julian James (www.myspace.com/JasonJamesinspace), and Ingrid. The Easter Bunny and Teddy Bear put in appearances both at ESL and on Norwood High Street.

Emmaus South Lambeth would like to thank all their sponsors for their support in this event: Howdens Joinery, Spryco Hobbies, Floral Hall, Misses Hair Salon, Home Needs, Buywise Pet Supplies, Superdrug Health and Beauty - West Norwood, B&Q - West Norwood, Gordon's Card Shop, Gordon's Newsagent, K.Mart Home Entertainment, Sarah Cosmetics, Homecare Framing and Lighting, Beamish and McGlue Delicatessen, F Strowger & Co Hardware, ODAK Printing and Computing, The Herne Tavern, W Redpath Chemists, Suzuki Dulwich, Time2Move Estate Agents.



Left: Yolanda helps the celebration go with a swing

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Time to try an auction?

Rosebery's auctioneers will be holding their Quarterly Select Auction on 8th and 9th September 2009. This auction will include a range of items, ranging from Modern Design to 18th century Antiques, varying in value from a few hundred pounds to many thousands, all with their own individual interest. Entries for this auction are invited until 19th August 2009.

Once a month on a Saturday, Rosebery's hold a free valuations day, where anyone can take along their items to be valued or just find out more information about what they have. On one of these previous Saturday valuation days, a Clive Barker model of 'Mr Peanut', appeared and was valued with an auction estimate of £2000-£3000, to be entered for sale in the June auction. Clive Barker became famous for taking everyday popular objects in the 1970's, such as 'Mr Peanut' and moulding them into chrome sculptures and is widely seen as a key figure in the Pop Art Movement. In 2001 he was invited to display his work alongside famous artists such as Tracey Emin and Damian Hirst at the Royal Academy.

The auction will also include Decorative Arts and Modern Design, Ceramics



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Free valuations are available at their West Norwood Salerooms daily 9.30am to 5pm and their West End office by appointment on 020 8761 2522.

Auction success for Emmaus

Rosebery's last Quarterly Select Auction was held in June and included a Large Chinese famille-rose pattern punch bowl, donated to Emmaus South Lambeth by a local resident and which raised £200 for Emmaus funds.



Meet our General Manager



I'm delighted to join Emmaus South Lambeth as General Manager in June. I have recently been working for the Nationwide Building Society as a Senior Branch Manager, where I have helped build a very successful team, developing staff and having a lot of fun in the process. Prior to that I worked in London as a Regional Business Manager for Unipart Automotive for many years.

I have also spent seven years working as a volunteer for Crisis Christmas. I am currently an Assistant Shift Leader on the night shift at the Rough Sleepers Centre.

I've also been working every month with an outreach team, known as 'The Penge Run', for almost four years. I believe that I've learnt many things from both my corporate and voluntary experience that I can put to good use with Emmaus.

I'm confident that with all the many different skills and personalities that we have in our Community, we will continue to feel loads of pride in Emmaus South Lambeth and make it a really great place to be.

James Hayes, General Manager

Earth-shattering events in West Norwood...



Above: Work in progress

Emmaus South Lambeth was the site of some groundbreaking events this spring – foundation work has started for our new Superstore, at 9 Beadman Place, just behind the two shops and Bobby Vincent House. ESL are raising the money to build a new workshop and furniture superstore on this site, to supersede our rented Furniture Superstore at 1 Knight's Hill. The Community will be expanding our recycling activities in the new property. We will be able to test washing machines and dishwashers, and so offer a wider range of properly-tested electrical goods to customers. The extra space will include a workshop for Companions to undertake the renovation of furniture, bringing

vintage and classic pieces back to their former glory.

The exterior will have disabled parking and dedicated customer parking, with room for our vans to bring and take away stock. The superstore itself will consist of two floors, one floor of retail space for our second-hand furniture sales, and a first floor for more retail space and access to the two Knights Hill shops.

The grounds around the new building will be landscaped to enhance the site, with flowering shrubs and evergreens. The site has been vacant for a number of years, frequently used for fly-tipping and a pigeon playground, but ESL intend to make it an exciting new



Above: the Beadman Street Site

retail centre for the area, with the added attraction of sound environmental principles supporting us.

The new addition to our operation is being built by Cosmur Construction from North London, who have under their belt a number of prestigious projects ranging from Twickenham Green cricket pavilion to units at Great Ormond Street Hospital. The project is funded by a number of sponsors, including the City Bridge Trust and the Rayne Foundation, and ESL are very grateful for the support of these and our other donors, but...



Above: Artist's impression of the new building

...now for the hard part

We are having to step up our fundraising activities to raise money to complete the building, and are planning some fun and bargain events – watch this space.

We would be grateful for all donations of goods and money to add to our efforts – every penny counts, and if you would like to help us fundraise, please call our office on 020 8761 4276, or come to talk to one of our Companions or staff in the shops or warehouse.

Masterchef at South Lambeth

Signor Antonio Carluccio's first visit to South Lambeth in September was to make arrangements to hold a Masterclass for six Companions. Four visitors from other Emmaus Communities joined me and another ESL 'host' Companion in the Bobby Vincent House kitchen to cook a three-course meal for 30 – under instruction of the Maestro.

The Celebrity Chef had arranged to bring all the ingredients – except a request for 50 eggs, 35 of which were to be hard boiled and peeled in readiness for his arrival. Vast quantities of goodies were duly unpacked; four tins of Carluccio olive oil and vast chocolate panettones caught my greedy eye immediately!

He was like a conductor guiding, leading, encouraging, demonstrating a flurry of different activities – chopping here, blending there, mixing over there, adding just a little salt in this pan... all so calm, so utterly different (thank goodness) from the excitable chefs we are more used to on TV these days.

As time flew by, the eggs were separated, the yolks mixed with tuna and capers and returned to their shells as stuffed eggs - part of the antipasti that included roasted red peppers and two different types of salami. The main course was meatballs in tomato sauce with penne (a 'grown-up' size penne pasta) and topped with a cheese sauce – and then (both literally

and figuratively!) the crème de la crème – chocolate panettone bread-and-butter pudding.

It was a fantastic experience; not merely did we learn new techniques and ideas, we met a very interesting and generous man – and had a magnificent and memorable meal.

Companion Elizabeth



Above: Elizabeth and Antonio Carluccio in action

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