

Emmaus Bristol



The newsletter of Emmaus Bristol — Summer 2013

ONE GIANT STEP FOR EMMAUS BRISTOL!



Welcome to this delayed newsletter. We apologise for not getting it to you during the Spring but we were waiting to let you know some very important news.

After 10 years we have found a permanent home for our business. Through the legacy of Shirley Greenhalgh who had a vision to help people who were in need we have been able to purchase Backfields House in Stokes Croft in Bristol which is currently the Bristol base of Knightstone Housing. In addition we have been successful in securing just over £400,000 from the European Regional Development Fund through the South West Competitiveness Programme, which aims to stimulate the economy by investing in projects, creating jobs and supporting local businesses. What this will enable us to do is not just refurbish the building and make it fully accessible, but create a business start up centre for our Companions and unemployed people, particularly in the St Pauls area of Bristol. Our aim will be to be in by early February 2014. It is appropriate that in our 10th year we meet the challenges facing both Emmaus Bristol and our society with an initiative that will not only support our work but reach out to those in our community who are struggling to find work.

This is a major development for Emmaus so your continuing support is both needed and valued and any extra support you can give us at this time would be really appreciated.

Finally, I would like to invite you to celebrate with us our 10th Anniversary as a Community. Our party will be held on the 7th of September from 11am to 4pm at Hannah More School, New Kingsley Rd Bristol, Avon BS2 0LT which is in the Dings, near our Community. We are going to be joined by our national President Terry Waite CBE and there will be fun for all the family.

Finally, thank you for your support over so many years, without which Emmaus Bristol wouldn't be where it is today.

I look forward to seeing you at our Anniversary party.

Best wishes

Richard Pendlebury MBE DL

Chief Executive



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Nearly 10 years ago, on 6th October 2003, we opened the doors to our very first Companions. It seems only yesterday, but so much has happened in that time - struggles, challenges, sadness and lots and lots of laughter and happiness. The majority of the original staff and Trustees are still here now and that wealth of experience is happily being passed on to other Communities, both those planning to open and those working through their first few years of existence. To learn and pass on that learning to others is the real spirit of Emmaus; whether a Companion, staff member, volunteer or trustee, we all try to use our knowledge and expertise to help others in need.

These are tough times and we are all feeling the pinch, including Emmaus Communities. People have much less money to spare, so we find it harder to earn our living through our business. But this is really what Emmaus is about: we are not beggars and we don't rely on Government hand-outs, we work hard to earn our living through our own enterprise.

We also help those worse off than ourselves – we call this help, Solidarity.

The number of people coming to us in need of help has increased significantly and we always do what we can for those in need (for example, we give away furniture to those without any income). PLEASE think of us; **donate** your unwanted items, **buy** items at our shops and **tell** everyone you know about us.

The challenge in leading an Emmaus Community is keeping the balance between running a successful business and supporting Companions to deal with their past and help them design a new positive future. Every Companion has their own hurdles to cross before they can be fully able to help others in the way they might wish to, and this needs understanding and support from dedicated staff and everyone else around them. It's a circle of positivity; as Companions take on greater roles supporting each other, they function better and become more able to help themselves. This helps the business develop and become more successful.

I would like to add my thanks to you all for your continuing support, please continue to think of us and support us in any way you can as we look towards our next 10 years.

Dave Perry
Community Leader

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—7TH SEPTEMBER 2013

On September 7th we will be celebrating Emmaus Bristol's 10th Anniversary. There will be an all-day barbecue, stalls, music and activities! Do come and join us and meet **Terry Waite CBE**, our National President.

Time: 11am – 4pm at Hannah More School,
New Kingsley Rd, St Philips, Bristol, BS2 0LT (near Gardiner Haskins)



Enterprise Emmaus

From unwanted computers to cash!

As part of our European Union Funding we are setting up business incubator units for Companions and others who are unemployed as a route to self employment. This is a major challenge for those setting up but also for us so we have been running a pilot project with Companion Simon who is recycling computers. He has made a very good start and has a website and made his first sales. If you have a laptop, computer, mobile phone that you don't want and want to give it to a good home do contact Simon.

Simon said: "I have set up my own eBay store and have already got a steady flow of visitors to the site. I look forward to seeing Emmaus Bristol give other people like me a hand getting started in business."



Donate your computer or mobile to Simon on 0117 9540886.

eBay Shop initiative at Barton Manor

In August 2012 we set up an on-line shop through eBay, aimed at selling more unusual items (collectibles, antiques and weird stuff) that may be overlooked or not achieve full potential within the limitations of the retail shops.

So far we have had a few surprises, the biggest of which was achieving £90 for a few balls of wool from the 1970s. Nothing can be overlooked; in our first couple of days online, I saw five tiles in the shop marked at a pound each. They looked brand new and, though decorative, of no great value. However, I recognised them as 1930s Delft tiles – sought after and widely copied - and collectively we achieved over £350 for them online (see picture opposite).

Of course these are the highlights but many things will achieve a higher price with exposure to a wider audience. In the future I hope this enterprise will be expanded further, perhaps releasing it from the confines of eBay. Showcasing in our shops, attendance at collectors' fairs, building up a data base of clients to offer items prior to auction and other initiatives will all help Emmaus Bristol and the wider Emmaus community.

Using eBay to sell and spread the Emmaus message is a fantastic avenue for us, and one we'll be developing more in the future. Please support us by visiting the shop on eBay , adding it to favourites and subscribing to the newsletter. Tell your friends too - once interest builds we'll be issuing regular bulletins of what's new and what's coming up.

Simon (Emmaus, Bristol).

A note from the editor:

Simon has a degree in Fine Art Valuation and has dealt in post-war commercial art, film memorabilia and pulp fiction for many years on a professional basis. We are delighted he is using his skills at Emmaus Bristol.

(you can get to the ebay shop by going to www.emmausbris托.org.uk and go to our "buy from us" page there is a direct link from there....)



The Wider World—Germany

Since our last newsletter we have hosted two German Groups from our Partners Praxis GmbH . The groups are made up of people who are unemployed who come to improve their English and take part in our activities, learning new skills.

Cora, one of the visitors explains what the experience was like for her.....

As we landed at Heathrow Airport in London, I had no idea of what I was going to experience after a 6- weeks' intensive English course in Marburg, Germany. My colleagues, Oliver, Timo, Ute Carolyn were quite excited to see the double-decker buses. The bus drivers are very polite especially to disabled people.



I have been helping in the kitchen and cooked some German traditional dishes to cure " homesickness" like Bratkartoffeln,(fried potatoes), and Frikadellen (minced meat balls) with some fried onions. Pat was very supportive with the heavy pots and pans. I'm still trying to balance myself, walking with my crutch after an accident in 2011. It is interesting to see the picture of Abbé Pierre , the priest who founded this charity, which helps homeless people to have employment and a home.

I myself was adopted by my parents so I know how it is to be supported and not be left alone. We visited many places in Bristol, Bath and London. I shall be taking with me pleasant memories of Malcolm, the Business Manager, who ensured we enjoyed the visit.

Being involved with other projects gives us a new perspective at Emmaus. In working and learning with others who sometimes have different needs we are ourselves enriched. Abbé Pierre our founder encouraged us to serve others before ourselves and partnering with other projects enables us to do this.

The Wider world.....continued



South Africa.....Since our last newsletter we have been visited by Beron, a Community Leader from South Africa who came to both learn and share his experiences with us. It was a valuable time for us all as he spent time in Emmaus Bristol and two other UK Communities.

Beron was diligent in his note taking and we have since heard from him as he prepares to share his report with his Board of Trustees. The challenges in South Africa are obviously different but we share our common goals of walking alongside others, making a difference to those most in need. During his time with us he was able to meet the Lord Mayor of Bristol Councillor Faruk Choudhury.

Inset—Beron with the Lord Mayor and Richard Pendlebury

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