

# Community Newsletter



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## Planning permission received for move on houses

Completion is aimed for the end of the year enabling companions the chance to progress to the final stage of their homeless journey. The house will provide secure, independent accommodation alongside support from the Emmaus team, and training in tenancy and budget management.

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# Proud Hey Girls Community partner

We're delighted to now be receiving regular donations of period products from Hey Girls.

For every one box sold Hey Girls donates one box to a community in need, like ours.

You will find Hey Girl's ethically sourced, organic, cruelty free period products in the toilets at our community where they are available free and in unlimited quantities. Please help yourself and take what you need. Period products are also available to anyone coming to the Thursday evening outreach at the community.

Thank you to Hey Girls, together we can end period poverty in the UK.



**hey girls...**

Official Donation Partner  
for Hey Girls Period Products



## Welcome Hannah

**We welcome Hannah our  
eBay Sales Supervisor**

Hannah is based at our eBay warehouse in Templars Square Shopping Centre, amongst a treasure trove of donations, destined to be sold on eBay.

Donations made to Emmaus Oxford but deemed more profitable if sold on the auction website, are moved to the warehouse where they are sorted, photographed, listed and then packaged ready for a new home.

Hannah is appealing for volunteers to help her value donations, particularly people with an interest or knowledge in areas such as pottery and ceramics, books, cameras, clocks and artwork.

Hannah would like to build up a network of enthusiasts who can pop over to the warehouse occasionally, to give pointers on pricing stock and ensure maximum profit for the charity.

# Companion Nick's chef tips

**"Preparing food for your fellow companions isn't difficult and certainly should not be regarded as a chore. One of my favourite meals to prepare is Polish sausages, and sauerkraut and potatoes"**

Prepare by dicing and blanching peeled potatoes. Drain thoroughly and stand for 30 mins. Fry chopped bacon and onions with a dash of rapeseed oil.

Heat the sauerkraut in a saucepan, with a little water, salt, pepper and crushed chilli flakes (optional)

Slice the Polish sausages (Kielbasa, available in Lidl) long ways, place on shallow trays and cook for 20-25 mins at 180°. Turn the sausages over and cook on a lower heat for a further 15 minutes.

Place the diced potatoes into hot oil and fry. As they turn brown add the bacon and onions and fry until potatoes are golden brown.

Serve the sausages on a bed of sauerkraut or rot krol (red cabbage) with the potatoes on the side. Gemacht and Enjoy !!

# Big Give update

**Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas Big Give back in December. We raised a fantastic £17,096.**

We had a total of 75 donations ranging from £1 to £1,500 with 31% being donors who have supported the Big Give in previous years.

On behalf of everyone at Emmaus Oxford, thank you so much for all your support.

Companions can now begin working with Hayley, our brilliant garden designer, to create their perfect outdoor space. To landscape and plant the new garden with areas for vegetable growing, a quiet tranquil space, flowers, an area of remembrance and a social area with outdoor furniture.

This will be a wonderful space where companions can really benefit from the therapeutic healing of a garden.







## In memory of James

James Palmer, a companion, friend, and valued member of the Emmaus Oxford community sadly passed away in January.

James actively participated in various outings, federation events, and daily life at Emmaus Oxford. He could often be found in our store office, diligently attending to phone calls and customer emails.

James was a beacon of energy, always eager to engage in physical activities. One of the most cherished memories we hold of James is the week we spent sailing around the Essex/East coast. His guitar playing entertained us all and he will be sadly missed by companions, staff and customers.

# Support Emmaus Oxford

## Donate to us

We depend on donations of good quality second-hand items that we can sell on to support our community. We can collect items from your home or business or you can drop them in at one of our branches.

## Shop with us

We sell unique and amazing items at great prices. By shopping with us you're not only likely to pick up a bargain, you'll also be helping to provide a home for people who have experienced homelessness.

## Volunteer with us

Volunteering with Emmaus can be a great way to gain work experience or just get involved in a vibrant and bustling community. Contact us to sign up and see what volunteering roles we have available.

## Get in touch

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