

EMMAUS Oxford

The newsletter of Emmaus Oxford

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Planning Permission Approved



On July 6th Jean Williams, Jacque Reeve, Graham Riley and myself went to the John Bunyan Baptist to support Emmaus Oxford's planning application for 171 Oxford Road.

We went to the meeting expecting the plans to be refused as that was the planners' recommendation with a view to taking the final comments and report away and being able to work on the points raised.

Dick Wolffe, the Minister of the URC Church, gave a fantastic presentation, going through all the planners' points clearly and effectively (so much so that he got a round of applause). He was followed by Graham from Freeland Rees who filled in technical bits and pieces.

The Committee unanimously voted to approve the plans realizing that an Emmaus Community would be an excellent idea for Oxford, offering more choice for the large number of people who find themselves homeless in Oxfordshire.

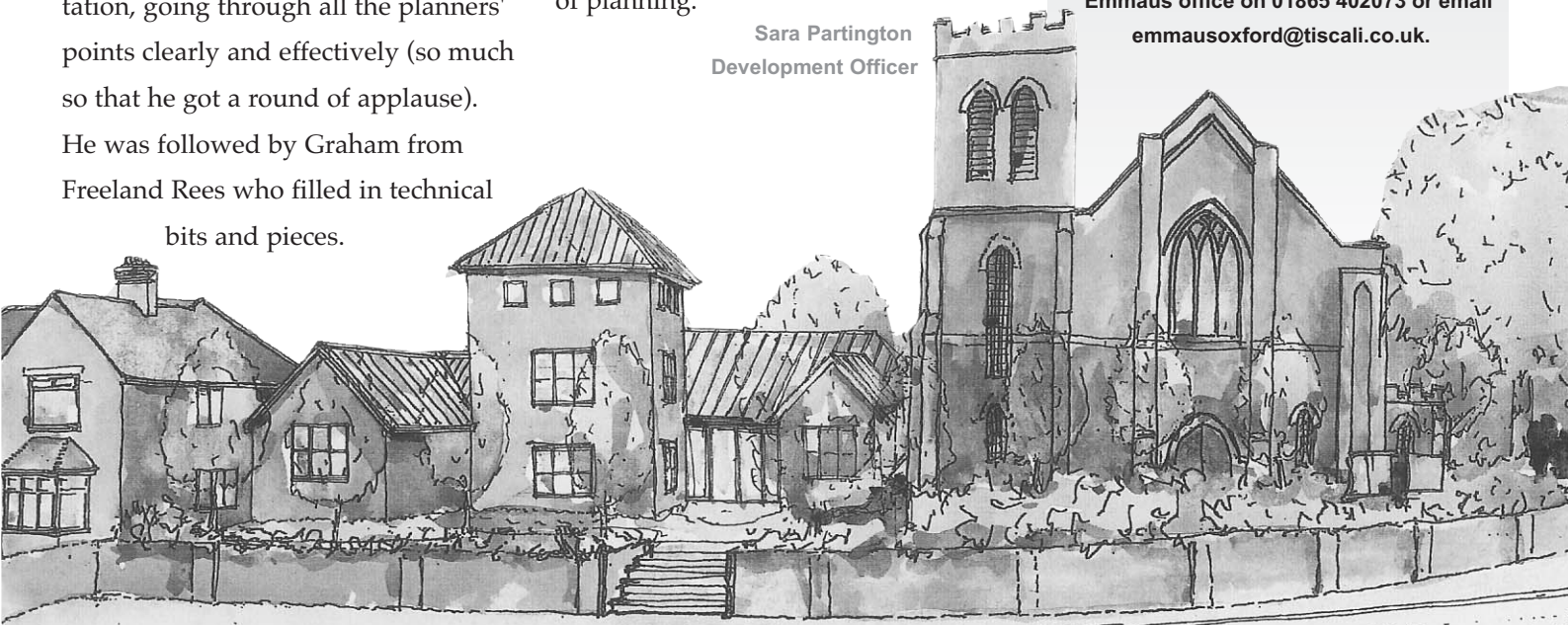
As you can imagine there was quite a scene of celebration outside the meeting room. It was really quite amazing! I would like to thank everyone who wrote letters of support to the Planning Officers and have supported us throughout the difficulties of planning.

Sara Partington
Development Officer

To celebrate our recent successes, we are organizing a Concert to be held in Christ Church Cathedral on Friday October 14th at 8.00pm.

The Cathedral choir will be singing and there will be a selection of readers including author Susan Hill, Aneka Rice, The High Sherriff, Iain Laing, Sir Ian Blair and Alexander Masters. The concert will be followed by wine and nibbles in the Great Hall.

Our Carol Concert last year raised over £50,000 and boosted our profile in the area. The tickets were a sell out and the concert was a great success. Why not help us celebrate and book tickets for this year's concert. For more information, contact the Emmaus office on 01865 402073 or email emmausoxford@tiscali.co.uk.



Giving people a bed... and a reason to get out of it

169 Oxford Rd *Completed*

After several months of refurbishment work, 169 Oxford Road is completed.

Thanks to the Excellent workmanship of Colm Keady, the house was so good that we immediately got tenants to help cover core office costs. In the future the house will be used to provide a home for the Community Leader.

Emmaus Oxford's office is still located at 169 Oxford Road but is now at the rear of the house. Access is down the side of the building, there is also a doorbell for the office.

Colm Keady General Builder and Carpenter can be contacted on 07958 451010 or 01865 771236.

Picture below:
Matthew
Newman



Film Festival *for Oxford*

The Oxford International Film Festival is coming to the City of Dream Spires.

The Oxford International Festival of Films, Ltd. will be working with film professionals from Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the USA. Others will be welcomed.

The buzz has started for this 10-day event—2-12 May 2006! In addition to films, there will be receptions, banquets and balls. Film enthusiasts and dreamers will be inspired and dazzled!

The Festival is intended to create good will between film professionals and enthusiasts from around the world, screen original films, offer introductory classes in film-related subjects

initiate an E-Registry to protect scripts and develop a film library. Visit www.oxfordfestivalfilms.com for more information.

The film festival hopes to work in close partnership with Emmaus Oxford to offer support and opportunities to Emmaus Companions in the future.

For more information about the festival, contact: patriciaterrell@oxfordfestivalfilms.com

Information on OIFF accounts, solicitors and banking are available upon request.

Patricia Terrell, PhD CEO, Oxford International Festival of Films Limited.

Oxford International Festival of Films, 2-12 May 2006.

Matthew Steps Up to the Challenge

Matthew Newman is about to take up a truly Herculean challenge by entering into the London Triathlon. The triathlon is a race that involves Cycling, running and swimming and Matthew has decided to run in support of Emmaus Oxford.

If you would like to sponsor Matthew please email emmausoxford@tiscali.co.uk or matthew@forgethisname.com



Changing Faces at Emmaus Oxford

We would like to welcome to the board of trustees a new Chairman.

William Alden is Managing Director of Alden Group Limited.

William has an MA in Classics from Oxford University and an MBA from Cranfield School of Management. William started his career as an officer in the 13th/18th Royal Hussars, serving in Northern Ireland and



Cyprus. He joined the Alden Group in 1980 and became Managing Director in 1992, the sixth generation of the Alden family to lead the firm which was started in 1832.

William is a member of the Court of the Stationers' Livery Company, a Governor of Headington School and St Clare's College in Oxford and on the Court, Audit Committee and Industry Advisory Board for Publishing at Oxford Brookes University.

In 2000 William was awarded an MBE for his services to vocational education and training and was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Oxfordshire in 2004.

We also welcome Mark Shirley, of Marshalls Chartered



Surveyors, to our board of trustees. Mark has a wealth of knowledge which will be essential as we move into the building stage of the project.

Pastures new are calling for our current Project Director, Sara Partington, who will be leaving in September.

Fortunately, we have managed to appoint an excellent replacement Ginni Dornie who will begin working with Sara in August to ensure a smooth transfer.



Goodbye & Thank You

We are reluctant to say farewell to Bob Jeffery who has recently stepped down from the post of Chairman of Emmaus Oxford. Bob has decided to relax and enjoy his retirement and although he is no longer an active member of the



Board of Trustees he is still actively supporting our project.

Dean Emeritus of Worcester and former Canon and Sub Dean of Christ Church, Oxford. He developed considerable experience in fund-raising during his time at Worcester Cathedral and built up a strong personal network in Oxford. He has advised several other Churches and organisations on Fundraising. Bob is also on the Emmaus Oxford Appeal Board.

On behalf of all the trustees, past and present, and everyone involved with Emmaus Oxford I would like to thank Bob for all his hard work over the past two years and his support for me throughout.

Volunteers needed for just a few hours a week

Volunteers needed for data entry, filing, gardening, general siteclearance, painting and decorating.

Contact Ginni Dornie on the office number 01865 402073 or email emmausoxford@tiscali.co.uk

Pictures
Top, Sara Partington;
Above left, William Alden,
Above Right, Ginni Dornie
Left: Bob Jeffery

Emmaus Oxford *Online*

Emmaus Oxford now has a new website to keep you updated with the latest news on the project. If you have any information or links you would like us to add that are appropriate please let us know. Or if you spot any mistakes!

Thank you to Colin Rugg Easey, cre design 01865 201365, for providing his design services and website development for free.

Visit us at
www.emmausoxford.org



Key features

of an Emmaus Community

- Everyone has their own room and lives as part of a Community
- Full time work for all Companions (those who join the Community)
- Alcohol, drug and violence free environment
- Family atmosphere
- Independent of State Benefits
- All needs met plus spending money
- Environmentally friendly
- Surplus profits and recycling programme used to help others who are disadvantaged

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