



# PAST EVENTS

Sam Harrison said: "I am utterly thrilled that we have recently won this award - it is a really lovely pat on the back for all the work my team and I do on our wine list.

I say work, but it has always been a great passion of mine. I love sourcing the wines and then putting together a list that I think people will enjoy drinking. I get great pleasure from when I travel abroad, actually meet the winemakers and then are able to list their wines in the restaurants - it makes it so much more personal.

I was so pleased that the judging panel recognised the value our list offers, the range and interest of wines. I have always believed that wine should be sensibly priced so that people will order and enjoy. We really hope you find something new to try or an old favourite. If you have any ideas for the list then please let us know."

For more info on the awards visit Imbibe's website.

## Painting Architecture for Human Rights

A painting by Chamber member Paul Vick was exhibited at the 10 x 10 exhibition at the new Central St. Martin's building: The Crossing, 1 Granary Square in November 2013.

Each year, parts of London are divided into a grid of 10x10 with the resulting squares being allocated to 100 prominent architects, designers and artists. The artwork in the annual exhibition is auctioned for charity Article 25. This year, the East End was divided.

## Christmas 2013



Paul Vick's After the Party shows the aftermath of the street festival in Whitecross. In his own words:

"The Whitecross Festival on Whitecross Street, which hosts diverse street art, had finished the day before I arrived. Workmen dismantling the art, gallery staff, passersby and shopkeepers shared jokes in the happy afterglow of the festival and its artistic endeavour. The remaining artworks, some even dislocated from their intended place, took on a life of their own against a variety of architecture, such is the power of art and architecture to enrich our experience, and this is what I was interested in capturing."

Article 25, the charity managing sustainable architectural projects in areas of extreme poverty or disaster, is based on UN Charter on Human Rights 25.1. everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing...'

£90,000 was raised for Article 25 from the two week's exhibition.



Guests meeting Ashok Vaswani

## Barclays Business celebrates Diwali

The Barclays branch and Business teams in Southall joined members of the local community to celebrate Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights.

The branch on the Broadway opened for the evening on 31st October and the 150 guests met to celebrate the festival. The guests included Ashok Vaswani, Chief Executive of Barclays retail bank, the mayor of Ealing Councillor Kamaljit Dhindsa and MP for Southall Virendra Sharma.

A charity raffle took place in the week running up to the event with a range of prizes generously donated by local businesses.

Business Manager Raj Patel said: "This was an excellent event and a great opportunity to celebrate the Festival of Diwali and to thank our customers for their loyalty at the same time. We are very grateful for the generosity of local businesses in providing prizes for the raffle and also to everyone who bought tickets. As a result a total of £1,105 was raised and Barclays has agreed to match the total so £2,210 will be donated to the Uttarkharand Flood Relief Fund."

Visitors at the event enjoyed a buffet meal which was supplied by local

business K K catering. They were also offered an opportunity to experience the various free technology solutions available to customers to make their lives easier.

Virendra Sharma MP spoke to visitors at the branch he said: "The Diwali Celebrations at Barclays Southall were a great opportunity to celebrate this festival which honours trust, love and justice with the community.

Area Manager Simon Robertson, said: "We were very grateful to everyone who joined us on the day and in particular local MP Virendra Sharma and the Mayor of Ealing who helped make the event very special. We are determined to be at the heart of the community and this is just one of many events that we have held and we plan to hold to serve our many valued and diverse range of customers."



## Our Big Yellow Summer Event

The summer event for Hounslow Chamber was held at Big Yellow Self Storage in Chiswick for those of us not on holiday in August. It was well attended with generous donations of wine from Pernod Ricard, a firkin of London Pride from Fullers and the delicious buffet from Big Yellow. If you would like a tour of this 'green' building please contact Ali. It is fascinating with a living roof and state of the art systems.