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## VINTAGE ISSUE

Inspiring Holly

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Must Read -

'Forever England' Pg 46

*Julia Boggio*

Portrait of an Entrepreneur

## Festive Frocks

With Nathalie Baur

## STRESS & SUCCESS

Top Business Tips

## LOCAL HEROES TO THE RESUE:

- \* divorce
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# The Season of Giving

Charity begins at home

## AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES AT THE WIMBLEDON GUILD



**I**t was a whistle stop tour around the world in 80 minutes for the Mayor of Merton and the Wimbledon Guild's 80 Day Centre clients on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September, as staff and a host of volunteers from over 20 countries entertained them with everything from Flamenco guitarists to Russian ballet, performed by the London Children's Ballet. Songs such as "Tulips from Amsterdam" and "Streets of London" delighted the audience and children from Ricards Lodge treated everyone to fabulous Irish dancing.

Bishop Gilpin School raised over £300 to pay for the delicious lunch and Elys supplied an array of colourful flags to help set the mood. The tour ended in a rousing finale with everyone singing New York, New York!! A great time was had by all.  
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## CHRISTIAN AID AUCTION

In January this year, a terrible earthquake struck Haiti – one of the world's poorest countries. Local Wimbledon artist Susan Mensah, organised an Art Aid for Haiti auction at Cannizaro House on behalf of Christian Aid to raise money for long-term rebuilding. There were also students from Ricards Lodge School who produced artwork for the auction. (Ricards Lodge has received a Gold Artsmark Award). Guests were treated to music from ethereal jazz singer Emelia Martenson on arrival. Seen left are the art students from Ricards Lodge School in Wimbledon.

Below are artists and sponsors Elliotwood, with Mayor Oonagh Molton supporting in full force. Susan Mensah third from left.



## TVF WINS COVETED AWARD

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September, over 10,000 people from the British Volunteering Public selected True Volunteer Foundation at the Forum 3 Exhibition, for the coveted 'People's Choice Award'. Over fifty UK registered charities, with collective revenues in the multi-billions took part. "An incredible achievement and

one that has not been seen during the last ten years of this event." said Debbie Hockham, Director of Forum 3. This Wimbledon based charity, with projects in 28 countries, has a near zero cost base as all volunteers commit to volunteering between 5 and 35 hours per week and meet their own expenses. [www.truevolunteer.org](http://www.truevolunteer.org)

