

# Gastro gossip

A round-up of the latest food and drink news from around the area



## CALL FOR FREEDOM

Freedom Brewery, whose wonderful lager can be supped at our very own Duke of Cambridge, has recently launched a new campaign called Lager of the British Isles (LOBI), which aims to promote awareness of lager that is produced within the British Isles by independent breweries. Buying lager brewed in the British Isles helps to support British

brands and businesses, at the same time reducing the nation's food miles. Show your support at [www.lobi.org.uk](http://www.lobi.org.uk), plus see more about Freedom at [www.freedomlager.com](http://www.freedomlager.com)

## CLASS OF ITS OWN

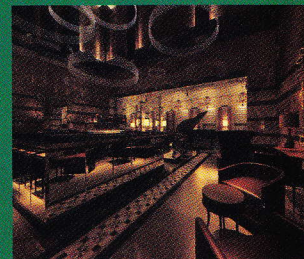
We have long been fans of Emporium Tearooms on Fortis Green and things are getting even better after we heard about a series of classes they also hold there every month - it's not just about a lovely cuppa. From learning to knit to a spot of French chat, and sewing to after school clubs, Emporium holds a host of classes to suit everyone. Make sure you pop down for a look.

Details of the classes can be found at [www.emporiumtearooms.co.uk](http://www.emporiumtearooms.co.uk), and the Teamrooms are located at 4-5 Cheapside, Fortis Green, N2 9HP



## GRAND OPENING

Our launch of the month is Boyd's Brasserie & Bar, which has opened within a magnificent marble setting just off Trafalgar Square. Built in 1887 as part of a 500-room 'grand hotel', the elegant and classical space, once named The Marble Hall, will again opens its doors. The all-day brasserie offers modern British cuisine, and make sure you have a drink in the adjoining double-height bar space.



**Boyd's Brasserie & Bar, 8 Northumberland Avenue, WC2N 5BY  
020 7808 3344. [www.boydsbrasserie.co.uk](http://www.boydsbrasserie.co.uk)**

## THE GOOD LIFE

Just when it feels as if the cold and gloomy British weather is never going to come to an end, along comes *La Dolce Vita* to brighten up our lives with a pre-summer hit of Italian sunshine. From March 11-14, 'The Italian Festival in London' will be taking over the Business Design Centre for four days of the best Italian food, drink, property, travel and design. Find out more at [www.ladolcevitaevent.co.uk](http://www.ladolcevitaevent.co.uk), and make sure you head online to our site for a chance to win free tickets to the festival

