



Sandy Walkington at St Albans Calling

Compilation album getting the **call**

LOCAL music promoter **St Albans Calling** launched its first compilation album on Sunday with great success.

More than 400 members of the community showed their support for local musicians and charities at the launch party at **Kashu** in Hatfield Road, and joined in the music and food festival created to celebrate the city.

Sandy Walkington, local Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate and St Albans enthusiast, kicked off proceedings by officially opening the event, which consisted of live performances from 11 of the 14 artists involved in the project including Lola Vox, The Mighty Waves, Nick and the Sun Machine, Loucin & Micky, Ian Southward, Rae Kelly, Mayfire, Lady Jayne, Lucy Hodson, Grae J Wall and Los Chicos Muertos and Astral Gurus.

Sandy Walkington said: "Music inspired by St Albans, showcasing local talent, raising money for key local charities. What's not to like? The standing-room only launch at Kashu was so warm

and brimming with laughter and community spirit, I hope St Albans people go out in their thousands to buy the CD."

Representatives of the five charity beneficiaries, including Crohns & Colitis UK, Earthworks, Emmaus, St Albans Bereavement Network and St Albans Special Olympics, were on hand to raise awareness of the work they do and to support the artists performing. St Albans Calling is donating all proceeds of the album sales to the local charities at a price of £5, with a limited run of CDs and the album available for download from CD Baby, Amazon, iTunes, 24-7 and Google Music Store.

St Albans Calling will be hosting a variety of gigs locally to promote the album in the run-up to Christmas to give members of the public who could not attend the launch the opportunity to experience the artists live and to buy the CD. Further information about the project, CD sales and future gigs can be found at www.stalbanscalling.org.uk