



The Cellar Café Newsletter Winter 2015-16

All The Cellar Team would like to wish you a very **Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year**. Thank you to everyone who has made donations for our **Christmas appeal**. We are also very grateful for the food items that are donated to the food bank at **Waitrose**. This year we expect to distribute an increased number of Christmas parcels of seasonal food and gifts to individuals and families in the Godalming area. These parcels are much appreciated and brighten the lives of those in need at Christmastime.



Everyone is invited to the **Christmas Social** at Baptist Church, Queen Street on **Monday 21st December**. Drop in between **10.30am and 2pm** for carols, readings and a bring and share lunch. All are very welcome.

Come to the Piazza Firenze to join us for **The Cellar Christmas lunch** on **Tuesday 22nd December at 12.00**. Please let Debbie know at The Cellar if you would like to come by **Tuesday 15th December** .



Christmas wreaths
with fresh foliage and natural decorations are being created again this year by Cellar friends.

They are made on a 20cm oasis base and also can be used as table decorations. You can order one to be delivered to your home from The Cellar for only **£15**, or contact jackybeale@hotmail.com
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Stop press- limited supply only, so order your wreath quickly!



The **“Taste of India” Auction of Promises** in October was a great success. About 120 people enjoyed an excellent curry meal and were entertained by a beautiful traditional Indian dancer. Many people wore “a hint of India”, and the Indian decorations at Clock Barn Hall made it a colourful and fun evening. Over £5,000 was raised for The Cellar and Skillway through the Silent Auction and the Main Auction. We are very grateful to all who supported this fund raising event, to everyone who worked so hard to make it all happen, to all the people and companies who gave items to auction and to Isabel and Kevin Mason for allowing us to use their lovely venue.

Volunteers are always needed at The Cellar to fill in gaps in the rota and to be available to cover for absences. If you feel you can support Debbie and Emma in any way, please phone The Cellar or come in and have a chat.



This picture shows Debbie receiving a cheque for £500 from **GOLO**, the Godalming Lottery funding local good causes in Godalming, Farncombe, and Milford. The grant was given for the Christmas parcels and for general funding. We are very grateful for the continued support of GOLO for the work of The Cellar with vulnerable people in the community. We would also like to thank **The Thomas Trust**, through the **Community Foundation for Surrey**, **Ashcombe Publishing** and **Godalming Probus** for grants we have recently received.

Chris Jagger, our chair of trustees, recently received a lovely birthday card from wife Maggie entitled “to the man who has everything”, with the caption “from the one who helps you find everything”! There were various pictures of a man trying to find keys, diary, wallet etc. With Christmas coming and the sinking feeling that he may receive more “stuff to find” he is asking that family and friends simply make a donation to **The Cellar and Skillway** instead. Do consider this imaginative way of not receiving unnecessary presents and more things to lose!

Donations could be made through **The Cellar website** 'My Donate' facility or send a cheque to The Cellar or contact our treasurer to arrange a bank transfer on ray.brown44@btinternet.com



However, if you are shopping online for gifts or groceries, remember you can raise funds for The Cellar by registering with **www.easyfundraising.org**. Choose **The Cellar** in the Support section. You are then linked to hundreds of online shops, including Amazon, to make your purchases in the usual way. The shop donates a small percentage of what you pay to The Cellar. It's very simple to use, and the small donations soon add up!



Jottings “No Room at the Inn”.... a phrase familiar to every child who has taken part in a nativity play. Perhaps now, more than ever, we are aware of the vast number of people for whom there will be “no room” this Christmas. The refugee crisis is well publicised and seems insurmountable. But, much closer to home, there are also many who feel left out in the cold, physically through homelessness, or in more subtle ways as a result of relationship breakdown, bereavement or mental illness. It is when there are happy couples and families all around, enjoying their own celebrations, that it hits hardest. Jesus experienced it himself. Born in an animal shelter, no fit place for a King; it did not stop there.

Let us spare a thought, a prayer, a few pence or a kind gesture to show we care about people for whom Christmas is a painful or lonely time. Let us open our hearts to the Baby of Bethlehem, the King of Kings. Jo R.



This newsletter has been put together by Jacky Beale to help you keep in touch with The Cellar family. It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Jim Brunt passed away in September. He was a wonderful man and a faithful supporter of The Cellar, and is sadly missed the many people whose lives he touched. I have taken over the email distribution of the newsletter and hope to become as efficient as he was. *Jacky Beale*
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