



The Cellar Café Newsletter Spring 2015

Everyone at The Cellar would like to wish you a very Happy Easter. We are all looking forward to the warmer weather and to enjoying the sunshine in the courtyard outside. Come and join us for a coffee, cake or a meal.

Over the Winter period several enjoyable events have taken place. In December a large group of Cellar friends, trustees, volunteers and customers met at the Baptist Church to share fellowship, food, carol singing and prayer. A pre-Christmas lunch was also enjoyed by a group at Prezzo restaurant as part of the festive season. Over 40 Christmas parcels of donated presents and seasonal food were distributed to local people at Christmas. In February a group were invited to the pantomime at Godalming United Church, and joined in cheering, booing, laughing and singing with the enthusiastic audience for the performance of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

The Cellar website has been updated thanks to the help of Jennie Routley of Creative Badger web designs. We are very grateful for Jennie's help, and hope to soon input items ourselves. Have a look at www.thecellarcafe.co.uk

We are very grateful for grants recently received from Henry Smith Trust, Loseley Christian Trust, Waverley Voluntary Partnership and Waitrose Community Matters, which will help to ensure that The Cellar continues to provide support for vulnerable and isolated people in the local community.



A Date for your Diary

The Cellar Café & Godalming in Bloom invite you to be part of
Open Gardens 2015 Saturday 20 June 2pm – 6pm

Gardens needed for visitors to enjoy! Inspire and be inspired by other local gardens!

From the small and simple to the grand and glorious!!

Can you offer your garden for opening?

Please contact jackybeale@hotmail.com 01483 423768 or beth@otway.com

And do come along on the day! More information about openings in Summer newsletter

An Autumn event - Auction of promises

Some years ago, we held a very successful 'Auction of Promises' as a fundraiser – this year (probably in October) we plan to do the same again and enjoy a social evening with some food and drink at a nice venue. We aim to 'auction' items which generous sponsors have donated - last time these included a garden makeover, Llama trekking in the Surrey Hills, a hot air balloon trip, a photograph shoot, private dinner party arranged at your home, a visit to the House of Commons, and the use of a holiday home.

If you have any good ideas or special connections with individuals or companies, or can offer an auctioneer, please let us know –Contact Simon Crowther on s.crowther@virgin.net or 01483 208329

The Cellar Art Group Work produced during workshops at Watts Gallery was recently shown there in the Big Issues exhibition, and also at Gallery Different in London. The range of paintings was impressive, and the members had obviously found the project inspirational and fulfilling. Below are some of the pictures, together with personal comments from two artists which were displayed alongside the works in the exhibition.



Watts Gallery is a really magical place where everyone is welcomed. I am sure George and Mary Watts would be thrilled to see what is happening and what is being created, as we are thrilled to be invited as participants.

I'm often lost in turmoil in my mind. At the moment it really hurts as there are people who have been unkind to me. I need more confidence. I can't stop talking about it. It's got out of proportion. Doing this has really helped, I've really enjoyed it. Purple is my favourite colour. It soothes me.

The Art Group also enjoyed an outing to Petworth House to see the exhibition linked to the film Mr Turner. They were able to admire his major artworks, together with his studio, painting materials and personal items.

The Cellar Art group meets fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons. If you know anyone who would like to join them please contact Emma when she is at The Cellar on Wednesdays and Thursdays. All are welcome and no special talent is required – it is a friendly and sociable session which has helped many to gain self-confidence.



Jottings “ It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...”

Charles Dickens’ opening line in a “A Tale of Two Cities” described the French Revolution; a nation savaged by the madness of zealots, betrayal and slaughter, but also bravery, heroism and self-sacrifice. Today we hear of torture and executions; evil atrocities fuelled by fanaticism around the world.

In the midst of this, a teenage girl from Pakistan speaks out for humanity, survives an assassination attempt and wins a Nobel Peace prize. An English Anglican priest daily risks his life to serve God and care for endangered Christians in the Middle East. Like St Francis, where there is despair they bring hope, where there is hatred, love.

During Lent, we explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, to daily take up our cross and follow where He leads us, entering into His passion and suffering. It was the worst of times, or so it seemed. The Saviour of the World insulted, beaten, tortured and brutally killed on a cross. Or was it? On that first Easter morning, Jesus was alive! He did it for us! The greatest happy ending ever!

Jo R.



Volunteers are always needed at The Cellar to fill in gaps in the rota and to be available to cover for absences.

The Upper Room can be used free of charge by qualified or trainee counsellors to provide affordable low cost or free counselling. Contact Debbie or Emma at The Cellar to volunteer or use the Upper Room.

This newsletter has been put together by Jacky Beale in the hope that it will help you keep in touch with The Cellar family. Grateful thanks to Jim Brunt for his continued advice and support in sending it by email. Thank you to even more people who asked to receive the newsletter by email – this really helps to cut down printing and postage costs.