



# The Cellar Café Newsletter Summer 2017

We hope you are enjoying the warmer weather, and now that Summer is definitely here, do come along to the Busbridge Open Gardens weekend if you live in the area. It is a wonderful opportunity to see those hidden gardens that you didn't know existed! All proceeds from this fundraising event will be divided between **The Cellar** and Cancer Research. We are very grateful to the organisers of this event and to the garden owners for their hospitality.

Please also join us for our **Gift Evening on 6<sup>th</sup> July**, with the opportunity to chat to about the work of **The Cellar**. **Debbie has written about this on the next page.**



## *Busbridge Open Gardens*

*Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June*  
*2pm - 5pm*

Enjoy a stroll around Busbridge and visit a variety of beautiful gardens, including Godalming in Bloom award winners, in aid of **The Cellar Café** and Cancer Research. Relax with a cup of tea or a cold drink, and chat to the garden owners.

Tickets to visit as many venues as you wish over the weekend will be available in advance from **The Cellar**, and, when open, from the gardens, at £5 (children under 16 free). No dogs please, except guide dogs.

Gardens will have a sign and balloons outside and are:

**South Minster Cottage**, Tuesley Lane - plant sales; **North Minster**, Tuesley Lane – refreshments;

**Medlar House**, Quartermile Road; **Woodbury**, 7 Quartermile Road;

**Myrtle Cottage**, 116 Busbridge Lane - just Saturday; **Flora Cottage**, The Drive;

**Dove House**, The Drive – just Saturday; **Oriel House**, Grosvenor Road;

**Four Elms**, Grosvenor Road – refreshments and preserves;

**Amberley**, Oakdene Road – refreshments; **Maplehatch Close Allotments**.

Refreshments, plants, and produce will be on sale.

For details see posters, flyers or Busbridge Open Gardens on Facebook.



*An important message from Debbie Portsmouth, The Cellar Manager:*

The last few months have been a time of uncertainty for The Cellar. We have had worries around the renewal of our lease and financial pressures.

On **Thursday 6th July from 6.30pm until 8.30pm** we will hold a **Gift Evening** and humbly ask that friends may consider giving a financial gift to underpin our finances for the year ahead. We would love for you to join us to chat about our current ministry and share a drink and nibbles with the staff and trustees. Ideally we need a cushion of £5,000 as a contingency sum, so that we can plan our finances and provide necessary cash flow. This will allow us to concentrate on the most important role of **The Cellar**, which is to offer welcome, support and acceptance to all of those struggling in our community. **The Cellar** is a lifeline to so many. I have had the privilege to work among these special people for 25 years - they are my second family.

In this time when other supportive organisations in our town are closing, **The Cellar's** ministry is more vital than ever. Please consider helping us - even a small amount can make all the difference. If you are unable to come along you are very welcome to drop a gift in at any time. We are also permanently grateful to those who provide regular donations, which help us to forecast our budget for the future. *Thank you so much for your support!*

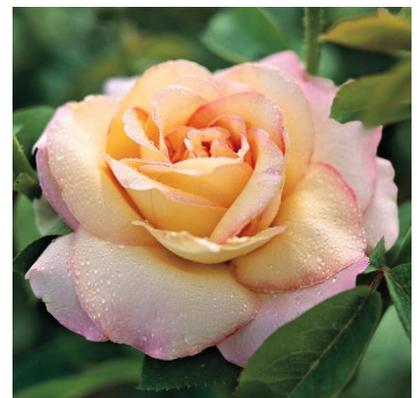


Don't forget that Debbie is always at the Godalming Bandstand Sunday afternoon concerts throughout the Summer selling ice cream and snacks in aid of **The Cellar**. Debbie is also at present organising the annual coach trip to the coast for families and individuals who can't afford a day out, or find it hard to be on their own. They are all very much looking forward to the outing in August, and we wish them a wonderful sunny and happy fun day together.

**Volunteers are always needed at The Cellar – contact Debbie or Emma for a chat if you can offer an hour or so**

We would like to thank Waverley Voluntary Commissioning Partnership and the Masonic Lodge of Equity 3692 for grants recently received. Grants from charities and groups are an important source of income for **The Cellar**.

*Jottings* Everyone likes to see flowers growing, from a tiny plant by a path to an impressive planned garden. We also use flowers to show our feelings – to celebrate joy and to express sorrow. Flowers can help to sometimes say what words cannot, as can be seen in the tributes laid at scenes of recent terrorist atrocities. Amongst the many flowers in the random planting in my garden, my favourite is the beautiful classic rose “Peace”, with glowing flowers shining out against the dark leaves. It was developed by French horticulturist Francis Meilland in the years 1935 to 1939. When Meilland foresaw the German invasion of France, he sent cuttings to friends in Italy, Turkey, Germany, and the United States to protect the new rose.



It was named 'Peace' in 1945 as the second world war came to an end. Later that year, 'Peace' roses were given to each of the delegations at the inaugural meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco, each with a note which read, "We hope the 'Peace' rose will influence men's thoughts for everlasting world peace."

Many people come to The Cellar because life is not peaceful, through stress, anxiety, loneliness, misunderstanding, illness, and loss. They are received in love with open arms, and **The Cellar** becomes a haven of peace for them. "Live in peace, And the God of love and peace will be with you " 2 Corinthians 13.11



Don't forget to use [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) for **The Cellar** if you buy anything online –shopping, groceries, Amazon, ebay, plus insurance, holidays and more. I've nearly raised £100 altogether through a few clicks with the mouse.



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