



# The Cellar Café Newsletter Spring 2018

We seem to be emerging at last from a cold Winter and early Spring into the warmer weather at last. Despite snow, treacherous pavements and roads, freezing temperatures and staff and volunteer illness, **The Cellar** remained open as much as possible for those needing a warm place to meet and chat, hot food and drink, and a friendly welcome.

Now here is something to look forward to in a few months' time, following the overwhelming success of last year's Busbridge Open Gardens. Not only is it a chance to see and share gardens, and raise money for **The Cellar**, but it's also a great community event. If you know if anyone in Busbridge who would like to take part and open their garden for one or two days, please contact Gill Morris on 01483 424657 or [gillmorris2@gmail.com](mailto:gillmorris2@gmail.com) as soon as possible.



*Save the date!*

*Busbridge Open Gardens*

*Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June*

*Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June*

*2pm - 5pm*

Enjoy a stroll around Busbridge with the unique opportunity to visit a variety of beautiful gardens, including Godalming in Bloom award winners. Chat to the garden owners and be inspired! Refreshments, plants and produce will be on sale.

Tickets and maps to visit as many venues as you wish over the weekend will be available from the gardens during the event, or in advance in June from The Cellar Café.

For more details see in the next **Cellar** newsletter at the beginning of June.

Look out for flyers, adverts and posters or visit Busbridge Open Gardens on Facebook.



Debbie, **The Cellar** manager, would like to thank everyone who donated food, gifts and money for the Christmas parcels. Over 80 parcels and filled shoe boxes were distributed to **The Cellar** customers, to teenagers through **Waverley Youth Support Services**, and to families through **Loseley Children's Centre**. These were in addition to emergency food parcels and free meals which are given when needed to **The Cellar** customers throughout the year. We are also very grateful for the donations received through the **Waitrose** food bank collection point, and to **Godalming United Church Ladies Fellowship** for generously filling and decorating the show boxes.

Many thanks to all who came to the Christmas wreath-making sessions, and to those who bought the wreaths. The sale of wreaths raised £525 for **The Cellar**. Also in three one-hour sessions of carol singing at **Sainsburys** an amazing £650 was collected. It was great fun – many thanks to Di Clift, the **Synchronicity Singers** and others who joined in the singing. We are also very grateful for recent grants from **The Pargiter Trust Fund** through **Community Foundation for Surrey**, **Waitrose Community Matters** green token scheme, **The Erica Leonard Trust** and **Golo**.

*Thank you so much for your support!*

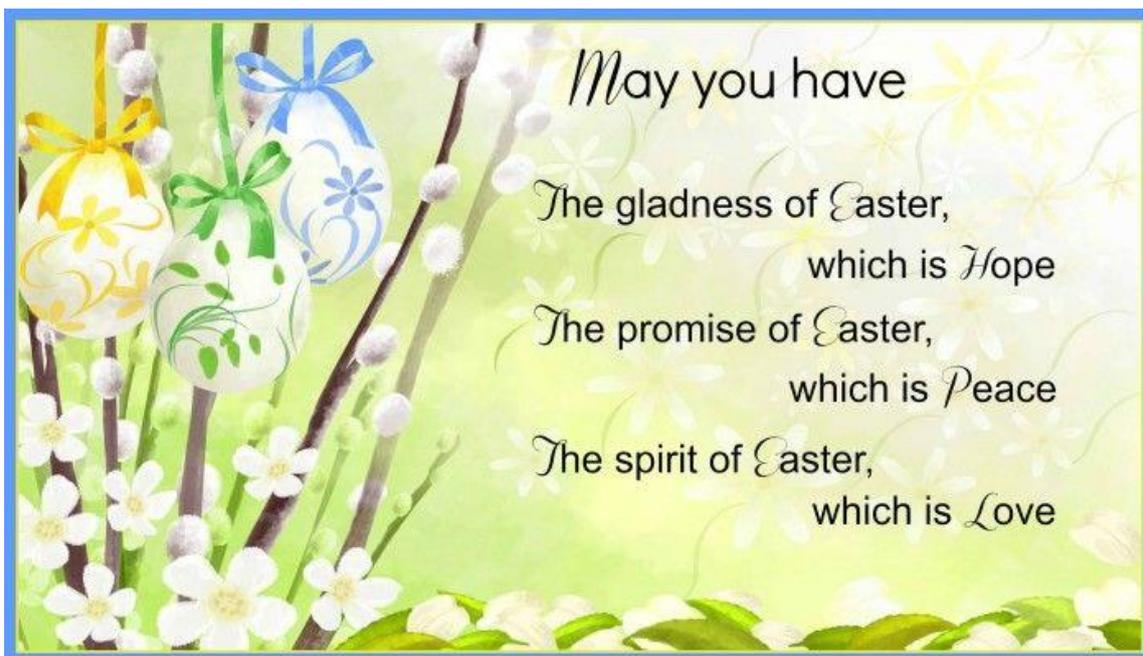
**Volunteers are always needed** at The Cellar on a regular basis, or to fill in gaps in the rota and to be available to cover for absences. If you feel you can support Debbie and Emma in any way, please phone The Cellar or come in and have a chat. Donations of cakes and food are also always much appreciated.

**The Upper Room at The Cellar** can be used free of charge daytime or evenings by qualified or trainee counsellors who can provide affordable or free counselling or for meetings of a charity or support group.

Don't forget to use the easyfundraising website to raise money for **The Cellar** everytime you shop online.

You may have heard that the **General Data Protection Regulation** will be implemented on 25 May. Trustees at **The Cellar** have recently attended training and are making a plan of action and policy to update how personal information such as emails and addresses of Friends are stored and used. We will ensure that we comply with the law and will keep you informed. Your Summer email will be sent from a new email address - cellarnews@yahoo.com. If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please let us know.

*Everyone at **The Cellar** would like to send warmest Easter greetings to all our friends and supporters.*



This newsletter has been put together in the hope that it will help you keep in touch with The Cellar family.

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