



The Cellar Café Newsletter Spring 2014

Welcome to the new style Cellar newsletter. It is hoped that it will be produced four times a year to keep you up to date with Cellar news and events. Do let us know if you have any comments, or if you would like to write a contribution. Many people receive the newsletter by email, or by hand. If your newsletter normally arrives by post, it would really help to cut postage costs if you could agree to have the newsletter sent by email. Please contact info@thecellarcafe.co.uk

The Cellar family are very grateful for the continued support of Friends. However if you don't wish to receive the newsletter any more, please let The Cellar know your name and address by email, by dropping a note into The Cellar, or by phoning 01483 423768.

A copy of the new brochure is included with this issue. If you haven't seen it before, then hopefully it is of interest, and you can share it with others. Further copies are available at The Cellar if you know somewhere to display them, such as a church or community centre.

A message from Chris Jagger, Chairman of the Warehouse Christian Trust

I continue to be amazed at all that the Lord is doing in and through the Cellar ministry here in the heart of Godalming. Every level of our work is very special indeed as it is distinctive, caring and loving. I believe that the local community increasingly recognises what we are trying to achieve and what we stand for. Our profile has been enhanced by the quality of service offered within the café and also through talks and road shows for our local churches and this has been a mutual blessing.

I am particularly excited about the use of the upper room and so encouraged that needy folk are coming along for prayer, and are guided and encouraged to formulate their own prayer request, rather than receiving advice and guidance. This is in harmony with the Christian Listener training, which helps our staff with talking through problems with customers and providing support and mediation. We are also offering the room to private counsellors who can provide free or affordable counselling services for our local community.

During the busking outside the Cellar in Crown Court on Saturday lunchtimes, people are coming to share stories and sometime join in the music-making. Through a number of musicians approaching me independently at these sessions, The Cellar Rock Band was formed, and we have been to play at Send prison by invitation of the chaplain, Revd Lesley Mason. The musical contribution was joyously received by the inmates who were very receptive to the spiritual messages given through personal testimonies.

Please pray for the renewal of the lease at a comparable rent as the renewal process is under way and solicitors are negotiating with our freeholders for a further three year lease. I trust that the Lord will continue to use us here in Godalming as His Special Ecumenical Mission Team! God bless all our readers, be it in hard copy or electronically! Chris J x

Call for volunteers – can you help?

The Cellar Café could not function without the help of volunteers to prepare and serve food and drink, wash up, set up and clear away, provide cakes and soup etc. There are times such as at the beginning and end of the day

when more help is needed – would you consider giving a hand for an hour or so a week? Or could you be on a list of volunteers who can help out when the regular one is unable to come? Speak to Debbie or Emma at The Cellar.

The Cellar Art Club

The Cellar Art Club was started four years ago by Emma and Mandy and usually meets on alternate Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 5pm. It is open to all and the group has worked in a variety of media, learnt new skills and enjoyed each other's company. Activities have included glass painting, decorating T-shirts, clay modelling and drawing and painting in pencil, watercolour and acrylics. One member says "The Art Club is witness to the power of art to heal, to lift the spirits, nurture friendships, and build confidence. We are greatly indebted to Mandy and Emma for their inspiration and hard work in setting up the project and keeping it going – and indeed thriving." Each year members of the Art Club have been privileged to take part in a series of six monthly workshops at Watts Gallery, Compton. Here they have tried monoprinting, and sculpture in Modroc and terracotta, culminating in their work being displayed in the annual Big Issues Exhibition. This year they were inspired by the Arts and Crafts decorations in the Watts Chapel to produce their own drawing and clay work."



Two examples of work from The Cellar Art Club on display at the **Big Issues exhibition at Watts Gallery, Compton.** The exhibition is free and runs **until 30 March, open Tuesday to Sunday, 11am to 5pm**

Do pop in and visit The Big Issues Exhibition at Watts Gallery. There's a lovely tea shop as well!

The standard of work is very high and the subjects varied. Other exhibitors include HMP Send, HMP Bronzefield, HMP/YOI Feltham, Surrey Youth Support Service, Opportunities, Street Level Art6s and Artventure.

The Art Club have also recently enjoyed a trip to London Art galleries using funds from a grant to promote wellbeing from SAdAS. Among other things, they were able to compare two of Van Gogh's sunflower paintings side by side, look at sculpture, enjoy a photography exhibition and see paintings by Matisse. It gave members of the group the opportunity to do something they would not normally do, to be inspired by seeing works of art and to enjoy the companionship of the experience. One member who had previously been wary of being involved in the Art Group has now discovered his creative side, and said he "enjoyed every minute"

Jo's Jottings

Jesus said "Blessed are the poor in spirit those who mourn.....the meek.....the merciful.....the peacemakers....." He went on to say "You are the light of the world." As Christians, we are called to be Christ's body, taking his light into the world in which we live.

For me, the wonderful thing about The Cellar is that you don't always know who is helping whom. Everyone is precious to God and loved by him, and everyone has something to offer. However I have been feeling, I always leave The Cellar feeling better. That is how it should be. The Cellar is there for you. It is there for me. It is a haven of love, peace and safety in Godalming. We need it and it needs us. The Cellar is a very special place for very special people. Let's give it all the support we can.

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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 many years of producing and distributing the newsletter, and for

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