



The Cellar Café Newsletter Summer 2015

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We are looking forward to some fine Summer weather – if you are in town, why not have a coffee or a meal at The Cellar? It is one of the few cafes in Godalming where you can sit in the lovely courtyard and hopefully enjoy the sunshine. Outside The Cellar around lunchtime on Saturdays you may spot the 10 foot high red and white “Cellar Prayer Station” banner blade, which is like a lovely colourful sail. **Chris Jagger** says, “The first occasion on Saturday 30th May drew 16 people for prayer, which was a great joy and encouragement for our street ministry.”



Debbie Portsmouth, the Cellar manager and her family sell icecream, drinks and snacks at the popular Sunday Bandstand Concerts from 3pm to 5pm. It's a great fundraiser for The Cellar, so make sure you go over and say hello while enjoying the music. A coach trip to the seaside will be organised in August for Cellar customers who would not otherwise have a day out. If you would like to make a donation towards this important social outreach please get in touch with Debbie. Now some news of important fundraising and fun social events



A Masked Musical Fun Evening



Saturday 4th July

7pm to 11pm

in the delightful grounds and barn of The Old Farmhouse, Elstead GU8 6DB
by kind permission of Richard and Hilary Grey.

Godalming Community Gospel Choir performance group, The Caroline Luard Trio, singer Chris Munroe, violinist Kai Choi, the Ukulele Band, followed by dancing in the barn.

Dress code - casual Summer's evening and masks. (Masks can be sourced from Amazon)

£20 ticket includes welcome drink and Mediterranean style buffet

Bar and ice cream station - Grand Raffle - Bring a picnic rug if you like - Plenty of parking

Tickets available from The Cellar Cafe, Crown Court or through your Cellar Church Link

Do join us for this musical extravaganza in a beautiful setting

A date for your diaries - Saturday 17th October at Clock Barn Hall, Hydestile, Godalming.

A Bollywood themed supper with entertainment and an Auction of Promises.

Please contact Vicki Hinde (see below) with pledges for 10 main prizes and 10 – 20 silent auctions

Cellar Church Links The Cellar is very grateful for the support of local churches, and Church Links keep the congregations in touch with The Cellar. **Vicki Hinde**, a Cellar trustee, is our new Church Links co-ordinator. All Church Links are invited to an informal drop in at The Cellar on the second Thursday of each month from 4pm where Vicki will be available to up-date them on news from the Cellar. If you attend a local church, do make yourself known to your Cellar Link. At present we are looking for a replacement Church Link from Milford Baptist church. Please contact Vicki on **01428 682153** or vicki.hinde@btopenworld.com if you would like to know more about the role.

Vicki is also collecting **raffle prizes** for the Masked Musical Fun Evening, so please contact her if you any suitable items, or drop them into The Cellar. Vicki says, "Thank you to the Friends of the Cellar without whose support, both prayerful and practical, the events would not be the success and fun they are."

Unfortunately the Open Gardens event on 20 June has been cancelled, but we hope to hold it again next year.



Here's a recent photo of some of The Cellar team, staff, volunteers and trustees, giving a friendly wave and a smile! Also trustees from Community Foundation for Surrey recently enjoyed a visit to The Cellar after arranging generous grants from the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation and the Dora Fedoruk Memorial Fund.

The Cellar offers a warm welcome to all as "the little café with a big heart". However the kitchen and serving area are in need of some refurbishment. If you know of anyone who can help with designing and planning an update while maintaining the homely atmosphere, please get in touch with **Jacky Beale on 01483 423768**.

You may have noticed a food donation box for The Cellar at Godalming Waitrose. At times St Mark's food bank cannot take all that is offered, so when this happens, it is being diverted temporarily to The Cellar for food parcels and meals. We are very grateful to Waitrose and their customers for these donations.

The Cellar Art Group recently enjoyed two visits to local outdoor exhibitions - *appart* at Prior's Field and sculpture at Birtley House, and were amazed and inspired by the works. New members are welcome, no expertise required –the group meets fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons. Contact **Emma Goldup** at The Cellar for times.

Jottings God works in surprising and unexpected ways. He always has.

Nature works in surprising ways too. Visiting a wild flower meadow recently, it was a joy to gaze on a sea of vibrant colour – clover, vetch, red and white campions, sorrel, buttercups, yellow rattle and ox eye daisies. Many others had yet to flower. What is remarkable is that in order to flower, these plants need very poor soil – the poorer the better.

We are rather similar. It is often those who have undergone trials and suffering or do not believe they have anything to offer, whom God calls and uses. We often have to be brought low, to become somebody God can work with. Many of the greatest Christian witnesses are those who have overcome tribulation and shone as a beacon of hope for others. A doctor friend of mine suffered as a prisoner of war, but used his medical skills in the midst of his own weakness and with virtually no resources to care for his fellow prisoners.

The Cellar shines as a beacon of hope for so many, and I for one will always be grateful for being gathered into The Cellar family. Let us rejoice in God's often surprising but always wonderful ways. Jo R.

Volunteers are always needed at The Cellar – contact Debbie or Emma if you give a little time each week.

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.

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