



The Cellar Café Newsletter Spring/Summer 2019

The Cellar Celebrates 40 years!

The Cellar opened its doors in 1979, 40 years ago. In 1977 a committee of people from local churches gathered with the aim of opening a coffee bar, where young people could meet in an alcohol free environment. For two years the committee searched for suitable premises, until a little restaurant called Pinocchio in Crown Court became available. It was converted into **The Cellar** Christian Coffee Bar, and soon became popular venue for youngsters to socialise and form friendships, particularly in the evenings. Run by Christians, there was the opportunity for discussion and spiritual guidance, as well as practical support. The first manager, Colin Primett, said that **The Cellar** provided “a link between church and street culture”. Others recall how the cooking and washing up was originally done upstairs with the aid of an erratic “dumb waiter” lift, which often came off its tracks!

Over the years **The Cellar** evolved into a daytime café open to all, welcoming vulnerable people, many of whom have become part of **The Cellar** “family”. There have been various improvements to the facilities of the years, and recently **The Cellar** has undergone a complete facelift! The kitchen area has been stripped and upgraded, with the instillation of an extractor fan, grill, tiling, cupboards, work top, flooring, together with new tables and chairs and re-decoration. The work was completed by **Crowzon Construction Services** and the Cellar is extremely grateful for grants to cover the work from **Guildford & District Construction Industry Training Group** and the **Peter Caudle memorial Trust**. Further additions including **Cellar** aprons for the staff and volunteers, a new noticeboard and crockery will also be made. Plans are in place to improve the exterior of the building as well.

Do call in and admire the refurbished café. Here’s some pictures of bright new **Cellar Café** with Debbie, the manager.



On the next page you can find details of **The Cellar 40th anniversary celebrations**.



Please join us for a special service to celebrate the 40 years that The Cellar has been serving the local community, at **SS Peter and Paul Church (Godalming Parish Church) on Sunday 7th July at 10am**. All are very welcome.

Also on Sunday 7th July, Cellar Friends will gather for an impromptu get-together at the extended **Music in the Park Bandstand Concert in Phillips Memorial Park, starting at 2.30pm, finishing at 6pm**. Godalming Rock Choir and the band Azure will be providing the entertainment.



The Cellar Art Group has enjoyed two sessions run by Ellen Love, who is the co-ordinator for 'Art For All' at Watts gallery. They made items from clay, which they hope to take to Watts gallery studio to glaze and fire. Do get in touch with Emma at The Cellar if you are interested in joining the group.

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 Debbie, **The Cellar** manager, would like to thank everyone who donated food, gifts and money for the Christmas parcels. These were distributed to families, and individuals and were much appreciated. In addition emergency food parcels and free meals are given when needed to **The Cellar** customers throughout the year, so donations are always welcome. We are also very grateful for the food donations received through the **Waitrose** food bank collection point, and to **Godalming United Church** Ladies Fellowship for generously filling and decorating Christmas boxes.

Every year Debbie, organises a coach trip to the coast for **Cellar** customers for those who cannot afford a day out or would not go on their own. This is part of **The Cellar's** outreach programme, and is greatly enjoyed by a large group of people of all ages. A day in August in Worthing provides fun, companionship, new experiences and builds friendships. If you are able to help fund this outing, it will be greatly appreciated and brighten the lives of the vulnerable people that **The Cellar** supports. Please bring or send donations to **The Cellar** Café, Crown Court, Godalming, GU7 1DY, making cheques out to The Cellar and putting Summer trip on the envelope.

We are also very grateful for recent grants from **The Bishop of Guildford Foundation and Thomas Trust Fund** through **Community Foundation for Surrey, Waitrose Community Matters, The Erica Leonard Trust, the Springboard Trust, Elstead WI and several local churches**. *Thank you so much for all your support!*

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 These verses from The Servant Song sum up the support and empathy which always been at the heart of The Cellar's work for the past 40 years.

*Brother, Sister let me serve you,
 Let me be as Christ to you;
 Pray that I might have the grace to
 Let you be my servant too.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you
 In the night time of your fear:
 I will hold my hand out to you
 Speak the peace you long to hear.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey,
 And companions on a road:
 We are here to help each other
 Walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will weep when you are weeping;
 When you laugh I'll laugh with you
 I will share your joy and sorrow
 Till we've seen this journey through.*

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