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The Newsletter of Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy

Welcome to the new GTCC newsletter

As part of our 10th year Anniversary refresh we are planning to bring Angels and their supporters more regular Chaplaincy news.

2018 has been a busy year for GTCC with much to celebrate and thank God for. We trained up and launched Community Angels, we held a fundraising quiz which realised an amazing £2,000 for the Chaplaincy. We've helped dozens of vulnerable people on Friday and Saturday nights. We've launched a brand new state of the art web site and the social media channels are seeing more regular updates. We are planning much more and we hope that you will get involved to make this 10th anniversary a special and memorable year.



What we looked like 10 years ago...

Incredibly we've been running 10 years and here's the evidence! SA's about to go out for their very first night on Guildford Streets. Amazingly

some of our original Angels are still with us and have now clocked up over 120 nights on Guildford streets. Congratulations each and everyone!



Have you seen the new website?

Just click on www.gtcc.org.uk



The 2018 campaign to raise public awareness, £30k to fund our projects and recruit new volunteers in this anniversary year.

<https://gtcc.org.uk/be-an-angel/>

Have you seen the latest GTCC movie?



Also on the 'Be An Angel' page you'll find the latest blockbuster movie supporting the campaign!

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STREET ANGELS

Street Angels provide care and support

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Visit local companies and businesses

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COMMUNITY ANGELS

Practical, emotional and listening support

Quiz Night Success

On February 24th around 130 folk gathered together at Christ Church Guildford for the first ever GTCC Quiz and Curry night. The church hall was full and soon buzzing as teams of eight studiously took on the challenges of the various rounds. Our quiz master, Michael Tame, provided a varied and stretching set of questions. We had a top notch curry selection courtesy of the Rajdoot restaurant at Burpham. Raffle tickets were also sold as many items had been donated so we could raise even more money. Amongst the prizes was a tenth anniversary cake made by Cilla Britton, shown below which raised over £100 and was then generously donated back to the guests in the room. A special vote of thanks was made to Christ Church for hosting us and to Louise Kenyon and the large group of volunteers who ensured that the

evening was a very successful event. After expenses were taken out GTCC received just over £2,000 for which we are very grateful to all who participated in any way.



COMMUNITY ANGELS

2018 sees the launch of our latest project Community Angels. Led by Rachel Guilford, Community Angels has grown from a pilot run by Guildford Borough Council and the Diocese of Guildford, and now is in our hands. We aim to reach out to support lonely and vulnerable adults in our communities in a new way. There are many people in Guildford who feel cut off from their communities and alone. They may have lost a close friend or partner, they could be facing difficulties with health, work or confidence. Community angels are there to come alongside, provide emotional and practical support and most importantly to listen. Rachel appeared on That's Surrey TV after the launch event on 17th January click here to see the interview <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



Thank You

Hi there,

Last night, your Street Angels team helped me out after I drank too much. I've never been like that before and it was terribly embarrassing, however your team made sure I got back safely and that I was ok. So I just want to extend my thanks to all of you, and to whoever was working last night, the world needs more people like all of you, and I am extremely sorry that I was in such a state.

God bless and have a good 2018. RF

"Dear Volunteers

We would like to thank the volunteers who were so kind and compassionate to our son outside the YMCA last night. You are amazing and we thoroughly appreciate all you did for him in ensuring his safety while he was unable to take care of himself.

Thanks to your efforts we got him home in one piece and he is also extremely grateful if a little embarrassed.

Many thanks once again.

P & T"

In spite of the ongoing success of our work, we are constantly needing to find new volunteers and yes, we continue recruiting for Street Angels, Community Angels and Chaplains. Have you considered working in your community in this very special way?

We are looking to add more people to our existing teams working on Friday and Saturday night and in our community. Would you like to be part of a team of Angels?

Teams of volunteers provide a listening ear as well as practical support for anyone in need in Guildford town centre. This may be the result of homelessness, excessive drinking, drug abuse or any other issue which has caused personal distress or the potential for physical harm.

If you share our values of **selflessness and being non-judgmental, integrity, honesty, professionalism, collaboration and excellence**, and want to make a difference to our town, we would like to meet you. Street Angels commit to volunteer for 1 night per month and to 6 training sessions before they start. Training and support are ongoing. Community Angels and Chaplains also have specialist training.

If you are interested in joining the GTCC Angels team, an application pack is available from:

Fiona Ford, Street Angels Coordinator – mobile number 07717 876853 or at fionaford4@gmail.com



Be An Angel 

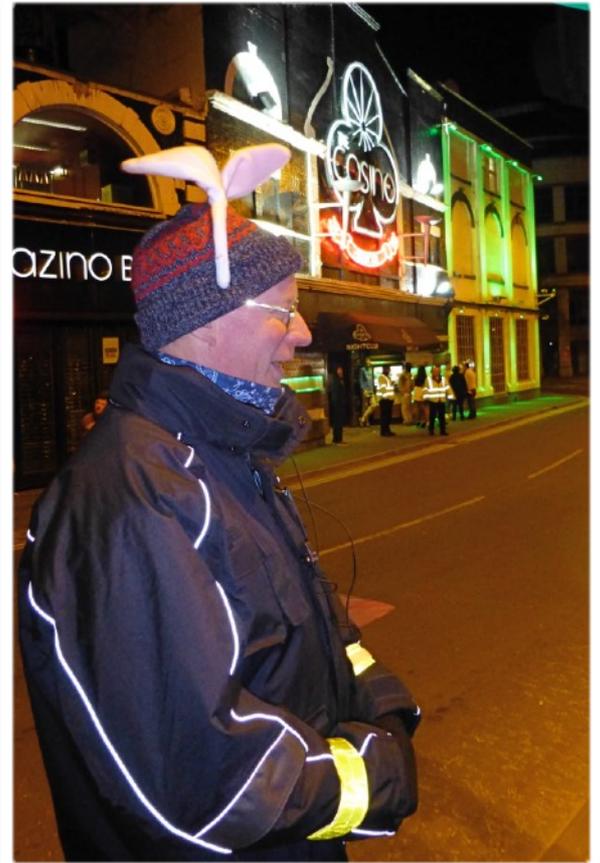


Bags of Help

Community Angels is one of 3 projects selected to be part of the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme, where funds raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores are awarded to local community projects.

Voting will take place from **Thursday 1st March to Monday 30th April 2018**. The project with the highest number of votes in the area will receive £4,000, the second placed project £2,000, and the third placed project £1,000.

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive at least one token per transaction (**please ask for a token if you are not given one**) and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. Some Angels have managed to get up to six tokens per shop so

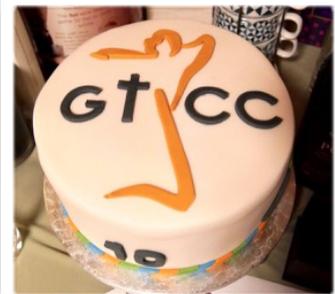


A very Happy Easter to all our Angels, Chaplains and Supporters

Treasurer - Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy
Voluntary post

GTCC is looking to appoint a new Treasurer responsible for all accounting and financial matters, including bookkeeping, payroll, gift aid, production of accounts for board reporting and annual statutory Accounts preparation and submission.

Time commitment approximately one day a week.
For further information contact Chair of Trustees Chris Britton on 07481 333997 or chrisbritton@gmail.com



ANGELS EVENT DIARY

Sunday 15th April - 'Be An Angel' appeal and 10th Anniversary Celebration Cake Party. Meet at Guildford Cathedral Marquee, Stag Hill, Guildford, GU2 7UP 4 - 6pm. See Facebook page for more details and how to book.

Until 30th April 'Bags of Help' fund raising at local Tesco stores.

Saturday 20th October - 10th anniversary celebration party for all volunteers

Sunday 4th November Commissioning of new Angels and Chaplains, St Mary's Church



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