

# Newsletter Title??

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## Important message!

Following this year's AGM, Mark Whyllie is our new Chairperson. Mark has been associated with The Wellspring for a number of years and comments, "It is a great honour to take over from Brendan (Cojeen), who has done a brilliant job for 20 years. The future holds many challenges, with the government's cutbacks and proposed benefit changes, alongside increases in demand making it a time of change for voluntary organisations. The Wellspring must adapt. I intend to give regular updates through this newsletter."

You can contact Mark at: [markwhyllie@copperleaf.co.uk](mailto:markwhyllie@copperleaf.co.uk).

## Up and coming events

**Voskresenije** - The Russian Choir of St Petersburg

Saturday 29 October, Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church (TBC)

Tickets: £12

**The Spirit of Christmas**

Saturday 3 December, The Plaza Stockport.

Tickets: £12 concessions £10

## Useful information

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## Welcome

Welcome to The Wellspring's fabulous new newsletter. We aim to produce this newsletter quarterly, to keep you up to date with all the going's on at The Wellspring.

We would like to make this newsletter as interactive as possible (well as interactive as a piece of paper can be).

We want people like yourself to get involved in the

newsletter by letting us know what you would like to read/hear about The Wellspring and any relevant suggestions/stories you may have.

### Competition!!

As you can see we have not yet got a name for our newsletter.

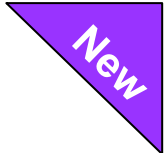
This is because we would like to give one lucky reader the chance to come up with

a name for it...

The prize is that you get to say you have named the Wellspring's fabulous new newsletter!

The winner will be announced in the next issue.

If you would like to be involved or enter the competition please contact the PR team: [pr@thewellspring.co.uk](mailto:pr@thewellspring.co.uk).



## The Wellspring is 20 this year!!

Did you know that The Wellspring has been open for 20 years this year?

It first opened its doors in 1991 as a result of a mission day led by Fr. Botter. One person visited on the opening day, a slow start, but in just one year, more help was needed to run the kitchen in the old sea cadet hut on Fletcher Street, Stockport.

Eighteen years later, on the 11th October 2009, The Wellspring moved into a brand new purpose built resource centre on Harvey Street in Stockport town centre, where we could increase our services even further. The new building has a dedicated training room, two surgery rooms and a fully equipped, mod-



ern kitchen. There is also, generally, a better environment for people who use the centre.

As you can see since its modest beginning in 1991, The Wellspring has come a long way. We now have over 2500 members. Let's hope they don't all visit on the same day!

The project has evolved from a basic soup kitchen, providing people with hot meals, to a resource centre which provides referrals into housing for people who are rough sleeping in Stockport or Manchester. Over 700 rough sleepers have been supported to move off the streets and into accommodation by Wellspring staff. Health services are provided by a PCT nurse, educational courses take place at The Wellspring, including Maths, English and IT and much more.

The new Wellspring is a place of change and a front line professional homelessness service, where a wealth of opportunity is available.

## The BUPA Manchester 10k

We would like to say a "BIG CONGRATULATIONS" to all the runners who took part in the BUPA Manchester 10k, on Sunday 15 May. The weather wasn't great, but this didn't deter thousands of dedicated people turning up from all around the country to run around the wet streets of Manchester, (many to raise money for charity).

The Wellspring would especially like to say a big "THANK YOU!" to everyone who ran to raise money for us. Running a 10k is no easy task, it takes a lot of training, commitment and will power. The Wellspring had 25 people, ahem... athletes, running, with their efforts raising a total of over £12,000!!



The Wellspring athletes... sorry team!

## 365 campaign

It costs £365 per day to keep The Wellspring running 365 days of the year!

Our 365 campaign has been set up to give individuals, businesses and other organisations the chance to sponsor The Wellspring one day of the year...

It could be for an anniversary, birthday or another special occasion. In return you will get a certificate displayed at

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The Wellspring on your special day, a certificate for you to display (maybe on your office wall?) and a mention on our website, [www.thewellspring.co.uk](http://www.thewellspring.co.uk).

If you would like to sponsor a day please contact Peter Hodkinson for more information on 0161 427 4700.

## Past events

### The Wellspring Factor

Friday 1 April saw the return of the annual Wellspring Factor, a quiz hosted by our patron Gordon Burns.

The event was a huge success, raising a staggering amount of money. Thanks to all who took part, had fun and made this a night to remember.



Gordon Burns with members of The Wellspring Committee

### Maybe Garden Party

A very kind supporter of The Wellspring hosted a garden party raising £1,100, which is much appreciated.

### Simon Bellamy

The Wellspring would like to say a massive thank you to Simon Bellamy, who donated £9,000 personally and through his company EasiDrive.



Simon Leigh - Allens Accountancy, Mark Whyllie and Simon Bellamy - EasiDrive

### Inner Wheel Club

The ladies of the Inner Wheel Club, Hazel Grove held a coffee morning and bring and buy event in aid of the Wellspring and raised £630. Thank you very much!



Brendan Cojeen & the ladies from the Inner Wheel Club

If you would like to host an event in aid of The Wellspring, please email, [thewellspring@btconnect.com](mailto:thewellspring@btconnect.com) giving your name, contact details and a few words about the event you would like to organise.

We hope that you have enjoyed reading the first edition of our newsletter, as we said, we would like people to get involved, so we look forward to hearing from you soon! If you would like to be added to our database to receive electronic copies of the newsletter, please email us: [pr@thewellspring.co.uk](mailto:pr@thewellspring.co.uk).