

We all need a little fairy dust!

Mother and daughter team Tina and Claire Joyce run the charming 'enjoy... Cakes & Café' in the middle of bustling Billericay High Street.



Tina recalls that, when daughter Claire was a pupil at

New Hall School, the teachers used to pay Claire to make them cakes. 'It's where it all started,' recalls Tina, 'Years later, when we decided to take the plunge and make cup cakes professionally, we printed and personally delivered 10,000 leaflets. We started getting phone calls with orders before we got home and we really haven't looked back since.'

The cup cake operation soon outgrew the family kitchen, so the family business moved to its high street location.

The café is not only the perfect

destination for a coffee or tea and little treat during a shopping trip. As Claire's cake making and decorating reputation grows, the whole building is a hive of activity, with celebration cakes being made upstairs by Claire and her team. (Tina's role is making the cute sugar figures for the cakes). Claire also runs classes, including cupcake decoration children's parties, (there have even been two all boy parties, which were great fun).

The café also serves breakfast, including delicious buttermilk pancakes with a choice of toppings. On the lunch menu is a great choice of sandwiches

and wraps, homemade soup and savoury tarts.

Then there are the cakes. And where to begin?... sweetie heaven, red velvet, oreo cookie, luscious lemon: the choice of cupcakes is quite amazing, each variety beautifully decorated – not quite too good to eat, but almost! Then there are tray bakes and muffins. Not to mention the Afternoon Teas for Two, served on pretty two or three tier china plates.

And the very best thing? Tina says all their cakes are fat free, as they've all been sprinkled with fairy dust. If only we could believe her!



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