



INSIDE THE COCOON

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of Chrysalis Arts Trust*

AUTUMN 2009

Classical Chrysalis Fly Free

Well 2009 seems to be turning out as a year of change for Chrysalis.

We've moved offices, Sue White has taken over as the part time administrator, and we have seen the Chrysalis Community Choir go from strength to strength. Families have now started coming to church as the result of being part of the Choir.

However, the reduced administration support proved difficult for the demands of Classical Chrysalis, and the Trustees had to make a hard decision.

On the one hand, we wanted to do more to facilitate the development of the Classical Chrysalis ministry; but on the other hand we've actually been doing less because of personnel and other constraints.

We have been aware that the Classical Team were happy to take over their own administration, so after some prayerful discussions, the Trustees decided that we should let Classical Chrysalis have complete independence.

With effect from Autumn 2009, the Classical Team will be operating separately from Chrysalis.

The Trustees join with the Classical Team in wanting to see the continuation and development of this excellent seed sowing ministry. It's our prayer that this new opportunity will enable the growth and development of this ministry in the hands of the team.

We have seen the true effectiveness of Classical Chrysalis ministry not only in this country, but wonderfully also in Bucharest, and Poland. It's been a delight to experience the Good News so beautifully presented through glorious music, word and pictures.

We trust that you will join us in thanking them for their fantastic contributions in the past and wishing them all continued success in the future.



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Please pray for the trustees as we discuss the possibility of becoming a grant making trust.

We feel that now may be the time to assist young people in their ministry by helping them financially.

We are prayerfully considering how we can best assist talented youngsters who want to use their creative gifts to communicate the good news of Christ through music and drama.

CHRYSALIS JOIN SUMMERSALT

In August Mandy, Clive and Nicki – accompanied by Nicki's husband and babysitter Steve, and Toby and Mollie – joined Saltmine in East Sussex. Ashburnham Place was once again this year's venue for the ever popular Summersalt family holiday. Guests choose either in-house accommodation or have the opportunity to camp or bring their caravan and enjoy the stunning surroundings of the grounds.

Summersalt is a holiday with plenty of time to just relax and enjoy the beautiful environment of Ashburnham. Plus a chance to enjoy the benefit of brilliant teaching and view the best of Saltmine's creative teams and other special guests.

Chrysalis were booked to provide one of the late night concerts plus a vocal workshop and various other slots in the morning and evening celebration services.

It was great to work with David Robinson again and we had a fantastic 3 days. We only wished we could have stayed longer. The weather was brilliant and the teaching from Phil Collins was fantastic.

We plan to go back next year as punters and enjoy the whole week!



Chrysalis Community Choir

Since its inception in Autumn 2008, The Chrysalis Community Choir has gone from strength to strength.

We now have over 60 regular singers who join us on a Wednesday night to have fun singing together.

The ethos of the choir is the mission of Chrysalis at its very grass roots. ie. friendship evangelism. Whilst the choir itself it not evangelistic, friendships

are developing and opportunities to sing gospel songs and be involved in things like Songs of Praise, give people a very gentle introduction to the Christian faith. We are already seeing people coming to church services and joining Alpha and Christianity Explored courses, simply because they know someone in the choir who is a Christian. Performing and rehearsing in the church has also had the benefit of de-alienating the church.

Back in June the air rang with 'Midsummer Melodies' floating from Chesham Park Community College. This was the choir's second performance which played to a packed hall of over 300 people. The main role of the evening, apart from allowing the choir to shine, was to raise money for two worthy causes: Birchwood House – supported by Scope and the Macmillan Cancer Trust.

They performed a wide and varied programme incorporating numbers such as 'I'd Like to Teach the world to Sing', a medley from 'Half a Sixpence' and even a 'Eurovision Song Contest Medley'! They also changed the mood with a delightful arrangement of 'Water of Tyne' and some gospel numbers from Sister Act.

The choir were accompanied by the Chrysalis Band who performed their 'Millenium Medley' – a 7 minute selection of music from the last 1000 years, as well as a pair of songs from the shows, Jesus Christ Superstar and Phantom of the Opera.

In a supporting role were the boys from the Chamber Choir of Gayhurst School, Gerrards Cross and the two choirs came together to give a very moving performance of 'You Raise Me Up'.

Overall the evening raised well in excess of £2000. Congratulations to all who were involved in a very successful evening.

The next concert will take place on Sunday 8th November, rehearsals for which started at the beginning of September. If you are interesting in joining (particularly if you are a man!) or would like ticket details, please contact the choir office on:

01494 581115.



Wednesday Night is Rehearsal Night!



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