



Chrysalis

As we have travelled around various parts of the country recently we have been reminded about the real beauty of God's creation. Yet even this fades into insignificance when we see people suddenly realise the goodness of our Creator God and what he has to offer.

Having introduced the Trustees in our previous newsletters, we now move to.....

Introducing

The MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



PETER FLORY is married to Katie the Treasurer for Chrysalis and they live in Chesham Bois with their three children. He began his musical encounters at school by learning to play the violin. Having taught himself to play the piano during his school years he then went on to play the acoustic guitar and bass. This he now plays with the Main Band Peter played bass for the Keswick Convention from 1991 to 1997 under Roger Mayor's direction and has been working for Chrysalis since 1992.

He works full time for the BBC as a Technical IT Specialist and in his spare time likes to play with IT and Websites.



ELAINE BROWN lives in Amersham with her husband Derek .and both are members of The King's Church Amersham. She has three older children and is also now a Mother-In-Law - she hopes not one of the scary type!

As well as being a member of the Management Team she is part of the Main Band and Cabaret Team playing keyboards and adding the odd backing vocal. Her busy life includes teaching piano and singing, as well as working with her husband in their Graphic Design and Print business plus being the Music Director for a local Music Hall Society. In her spare time, other than musical activities she designs handmade greetings cards.as well as running up the odd garment or two on the sewing machine.



The weekend of 26th and 27th June saw the main team travel up the M1 to the small village of Calverley, nestling between Leeds and Bradford.

Calverley Parish Church was celebrating it's 850th birthday and we had been booked to take part in the Carnival during the Saturday afternoon plus a concert in the evening. We were also asked to participate in the Sunday morning guest service. Joining in the festivities was GOF the Clown, better known as John Guest aka 'God's Own Fool'.

In all 8 of us travelled up for the Saturday activities and because the local publicity had featured Mandy as a 'star of the West End', she drove up after the show on Saturday night to join us for the Sunday morning service. We were very pleased to have Pete Laws as part of the team. He is a very gifted singer and musician and was a crucial to proceedings. We are hoping he will continue to be an integral part of the Chrysalis team.



Rain during the Saturday afternoon didn't stop people coming out, and Nicki very proudly crowned the Rose queen and officially opened the Carnival. Unfortunately though, it did make it rather impossible to take the instruments onto the field to perform. Instead, Nicki, Elaine and Peter accompanied by Steve on the egg and tambourine sang a couple of acoustic renditions!

After a few rain soaked pictures and a quick interview for the Yorkshire Evening Post, the team moved back inside the church – which incidentally dates back to 1050 – to finish setting up for the evening.

At 7.30 the church was packed with over 100 people and the show 'Aspects of Love' was very well received. Afterwards, everyone flocked to the barn where cheese and wine were served and the team had an opportunity to chat with the guests. It was a great, relaxed atmosphere and the organisers had to almost drag people out so they could go to bed!

We were then taken off to our respective hosts and very well looked after for the night, before returning to the church for a special Sunday morning service. St Wilfred's usually has one traditional service at 9.30am and a more relaxed charismatic service at 11.30am. For this Sunday they had combined the two and much prayer had taken place that God would speak to the many different characters present. Pete Laws led some wonderful worship with the rest of the Chrysalis team, and then we performed a few

items – including the favourite Millennium Medley! It was lovely to have Mandy back for the morning! John Guest then gave a very powerful message on the Prodigal Son. All in all we were very aware of God's mighty power working over the weekend. Whilst it was not without obstacles and challenges, both for us and the local organisers, God really worked during the weekend. Please pray for John and Michelle, the vicar and his wife, as they continue to do marvellous work in the community and for the many people that were touched by the weekend.

ASPECTS OF LOVE IN KINGTON

On June 11 the Cabaret team set off for Hereford. After travelling for over four hours with the last hour of the journey through amazing scenery, we eventually arrived at Kington. It was hard not to miss the town, as on the hillside facing us was a giant 'Hollywood' style sign. The event was part of the Kington village festival and the theme of the week was 'Come to the Movies'. A warm welcome awaited us, including a wonderful meal. and our audience was very appreciative of the fact we had come so far to participate.

It was an exciting time for us, as this was the first time that Pete Laws had performed with this team. A real blessing to both performers and audience. We were very aware of God's goodness to us and how he equips us for all eventualities - including the sudden departure of one of the team to an audition. Nicki valiantly stepped into the breach and those of us who watched the performance all agreed how well she rose to the occasion in the role of 'understudy'. In the relaxed surroundings of The Burton Hotel the audience were entertained with the many different 'Aspects of Love' concluding with the ultimate of sacrificial love.

Many people were blessed by the concert and we pray that the message of God's love will sink into the hearts of people living in this wonderful part of the country.

PRAYER DIARY

AUGUST

- 15th** Mandy & Nicki Interview - Premier Radio Sunday Morning Show
- 22nd** Chesham, Bucks
Songs of Praise in the Park
Trustees Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 1st** St Nicholas' Church, Linton Ilya
- 18th** Mandy and Fiona
Classical Recital, Chesham
- 20th** Main Band Rehearsal
- 27th** Main Band Rehearsal

OCTOBER

- 2nd** Mandy & Nicki Fund Raising concert for Luis Palau Mission, Luton
- 4th** Main Band Rehearsal
- 10th** Chess Suite Chesham
Main Band
- 11th** Main Band Rehearsal
- 16th** King's Church, Amersham
Main Band
- 17th** Songs Of Praise
Ley Hill, Bucks
Cabaret Team



Christian Resources Exhibition

To celebrate 20 years of the Christian Resources Exhibition, the 11,329 people attending this year's National Exhibition at Sandown Park were challenged to consider the theme 'Future Church'. Over 50% of visitors also attended seminars and performances.

This gave Chrysalis an ideal base from which to interact with Christians from all over the country and abroad. We again were adjacent to the Lee Abbey stand which attracts many seeking holiday information, and opposite us was Craft Design from Shropshire specialising in clerical garments, so most church leaders came our way too! Among our visitors were folk from South Africa and the leader of Youth Work for one denomination in The Netherlands. Many contacts were made and a lot of literature distributed. This has resulted in interest for visits to a number of areas where we can help with the outreach programme of the local church.

Opportunity came to perform in the Arts Café on the Wednesday morning. As well as our well-known Cabaret Team, we were able to present the new Classical Ensemble Ilya. This new venture is proving to be a great success wherever they appear. Your church next?

We anticipate participating in the Arts Café again next year – book the date, 10-13 May 2005. We'd love to meet you there.

Derek's Desk

I have a bone to pick with the Christian Herald! Why do they persist in calling their cartoon character Derek, the Cleric?

The trouble is that many of my friends cut it out and send it to me! I must confess that all too often I see my own reactions in Derek's antics as he seeks to lead his congregation. But at least he does try to relate to people, even if he doesn't always succeed. If I protest I'm told 'What's in a name? A rose by any other name.....' Well that maybe so, but if it was still called dog wort we might not be so keen to smell it!

When John the Baptist was named there was a howl of protest (Luke 1:61). That doesn't appear to have happened with Jesus. After all there were many Joshua's running about the streets of Israel as the Jews looked for a coming Messiah. Strange isn't it that John is now quite a common name, whereas Jesus took a common name and made it special, 'a name above every name'. He still can take the ordinary and transform it. After all through a chrysalis a caterpillar becomes a butterfly (that's eclosion as anyone with our new CD will know). Appropriate the name Chrysalis isn't it?

**Chrysalis is a ministry of Chrysalis Arts Trust - registered charity number 1049294
based at 78 The Broadway, Chesham, Bucks HP5 1EG**

**Tel: 01494 581115 Fax: 01494 581114 Email: office@chrysalis.org.uk
www.chrysalis.org.uk**