

The MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Introducing



FIONA GILLETT became involved in Chrysalis in 2001 when she met Mandy whilst on a mission to Italy with the Adoramus choir and orchestra. Initially involved with the Chrysalis cabaret team, she has since set up the classical team, plus played cello, flute and keyboard in the main band!

After reading music at Huddersfield University, Fiona has toured with Sir Cliff Richard, and Les Miserables. She is also 'cellist and manager for the Eleos Ensemble. As section leader and 'cello manager for the All Souls orchestra she has toured extensively around Europe. During the Olympics in 2004 Fiona toured to Athens where she appeared as one of the soloists in Vivaldi's Double 'Cello Concerto at the South

African Embassy. In April 2005 she performed Elgar's Cello Concerto to commemorate the end of the 2nd World War.

Fiona has been in demand as a tutor for the Kent Music School, Kent Schools Orchestra, National Children's Music Camps, adult string quartet courses and Royal Engineers Regiment. Previous students have won the Medway Young Musician of the Year and pursued music into higher education. Recently Fiona has trained as an examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

Fiona is married to Tim, who often accompanies the groups as a very valuable 'techy'. She enjoys sewing and creative crafts, and keeping fit which is helped by their red setter dog, Maddy!



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PRAYER LETTER & NEWS UPDATE

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Reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it; now you do it! Jesus, staying true to God's purposes, reached out in a special way to the Jewish insiders so that the old ancestral promises would come true for them. As a result, the non-Jewish outsiders have been able to experience mercy and to show appreciation to God. Just think of all the scriptures that will come true in what we do! For instance;

"Outsiders and insiders rejoice together!" Rom 15:7-10 TM

How great to be reminded that Jesus loves us all equally - there is no 'them and us' with him - we are all created in His image, designed to love Him and experience His love and freedom in our lives. Thank you so much for your continuing prayers as we continue to seek ways of communicating the love of God to our (potential) brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Derek's Desk

As I come to write this column I have been doing my annual chore of filling in my personal tax return for the Inland Revenue. Not my favourite task !!

However, it does serve as a good reminder to say a special 'Thank You' to those good friends of Chrysalis who regularly support our work through the Gift Aid Scheme. This enables us to reclaim from the Chancellor of the Exchequer approx. 28p in every pound donated from tax already paid by the donor and is a tremendous help to us in planning a budget for the year.

If you believe in our work to reach with the Gospel those who would not normally attend a place of worship, then we would welcome your support too. Write to us at the office.

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BARNET - FOR BREAKFAST & SUPPER

On 21st May Mandy, Nicki and Elaine enjoyed a nice early morning trip to Barnet to speak and sing at a 'ladies breakfast' at Christchurch - Barnet. It was a great event, very well organised with a fabulous breakfast served. We particularly enjoyed the fact that the men did all the cooking, serving and washing up for 125 women! Marvellous! Around 50% of the ladies present were from outside the church who came with friends from inside the church! Fantastic!



We then returned to Christchurch on June 23rd with the full team, to present 'Free to be Me'. In spite of the sweltering heat, many came and enjoyed a wonderful buffet followed by our presentation. It really blessed us after the event to see people wanting to stay and chat too.

Nicola Raddon, one of the organisers, gave us some immediate feedback

'We all feel it went extremely well indeed. There was a really pleasant relaxed atmosphere (if a little warm) during the evening and it was obvious, being on the door when people eventually left, that seeds have definitely been sown.'

Please pray for those seeds, that they will will become firmly rooted and grow.

CHRYSALIS GOES TO PEPPARD

"I love it when a plan comes together" was the line from the TV series "The 'A' Team" in the 1980's. Well that is what happened on the evening of Saturday 16th April 2005 when Chrysalis performed their "Aspects of Love" cabaret.

Let me take a moment of your precious time and tell you what led up to such a fantastically successful evening. As a small rural church set in Peppard, Oxfordshire we not only want the community to know Gods love through His son Jesus, but also to serve the people of the village. We believe God inspired us to put on a Children's holiday club for a week of the Easter holidays. This, though, was not to be an end in itself but instead a gateway to other ventures God would have us do to serve the wider community. Out of the 86 children who attended, approximately only 26 regularly attend a Church. The theme was the circus, with the focus on Bing-Bong the clown who had a hole in his heart which needed filling. I guess you can imagine after trying things like fashion, music, romance and sport what filled it in the end. Yeah it was the love of Jesus. We also wanted to introduce this concept to the children's parents so having known about Chrysalis and their "Aspects of Love" cabaret we knew what we should do. So on the Saturday evening we invited the parents to a slap-up meal and entertainment of the very highest standard provided by Chrysalis. The use of both songs and video clips certainly took the audience on a journey, which moved from terrific laughter to moments of silence when minds became focused on the consequences of the true meaning of love.

The result was parents signing up to "The Marriage Course" and "How to Drug Proof Your Kids" courses. They are still talking about what a terrific evening it was some 4 weeks on, and the way they view Christians is changing. Chrysalis really did do what they say in their video. I cannot recommend them highly enough, they are not only professional, as you would expect, but also sensitive to what you are trying to do. So if you have a plan, you ought to really consider involving Chrysalis as they will truly provide added value and dimension.

Thank you to everyone at Chrysalis.

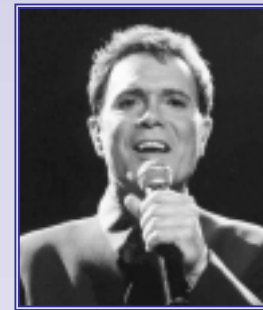
Paul Homans

(Youth & Community co-ordinator)



CANAPÉS WITH CLIFF!!!

On Thursday May 5th Mandy, Nicki and Elaine enjoyed a wonderful evening with Sir Cliff Richard and Bill Latham at Her Majesty's Theatre, (home of Phantom of the Opera), London.



The evening came about through the "Tuesday's in between" group that started at Phantom a couple of years ago. It is run by Christians in Entertainment as a prayer and support group for anyone working in the West End. About 85 actors and singers came from various West End shows including Chitty, Les Miserables, Woman in White, The Producers, and of course Phantom! We all gathered in the dress circle about half an hour after the curtain came down at Phantom. The front of house staff served wine and canapés and there was such a buzz in the air as everyone enjoyed chatting and socialising. It was a real relaxed party atmosphere!

Cliff was joining in with all this - I think he managed to get round the majority of folk there and enjoyed chatting to them about all kinds of things! Then it was our turn to provide some entertainment and the three of us started singing just to add to the general ambience - even the Millennium Medley made a comeback that night!!! After we had sung for a while Chris Gidney from CIE introduced Cliff who was then interviewed by Bill Latham (his manager) for about half an hour about his faith.

He spoke so sincerely, honestly and openly about his faith without being patronising or condescending, and was very engaging. Looking around that packed bar, I was aware that most of these folk would never dream of setting foot inside a church, but yet here they were hearing about the life changing real love of Jesus and enjoying it! I spoke to many friends afterwards who had all been a tad cynical about the whole thing beforehand - Cliff, Christianity etc, who said how much they had enjoyed the evening, what a nice guy Cliff was, and how it had really made them think!

As we drove home that night we all said; "talk about meeting people where they're at!" Tuesdays-in-between ran a 3 week 'just looking/any questions/beginners guide to Christianity course directly after the event which was such a great follow up idea. Please pray for the number of seeds sown that night that they would continue to develop and grow, for the ongoing work of CIE and Tuesday's In-between, and that The Holy Spirit will continue to work miracles in the West End.

HONEYCOMB HIGHLIGHTS

It is wonderful to see how God is touching people of all ages with the ministry of Chrysalis. On 22nd June Nicki, Elaine and Mandy presented a 45 minute version of 'Aspects of Love' to the Honeycomb Group at King's Church Amersham. We always know we are onto a winner with our own Joyce Grenfell, when the average age of our audience is above fifty-five! It was also good to 'take questions from the floor' giving us the opportunity to share more about how we see God using our ministry in the future.



PRAYER DIARY

JULY

- 3rd **Broadway Baptist Church**
Chesham -Free to Be Me
Main Team
- 11th **Management Meeting**
- 15th **Goldhill Baptist** Chalfont St Peter
Free to Be Me -Main Team
- 18th **Trustees Meeting-**
- 29th **St Leonards Senior Holiday Club**
Chesham Bois -Cabaret Team

SEPTEMBER

- 11th **Praise In The Park** -Chesham
- 23rd **Lantern Arts Centre** Raynes Park
Cabaret Team
- 24th **Wood Green Main Team**

OCTOBER

- 8th **Stroud Baptist Church** -Stroud
Cabaret Team

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We have had so much to report that a review of our time at Easter People will now appear in our next issue.