

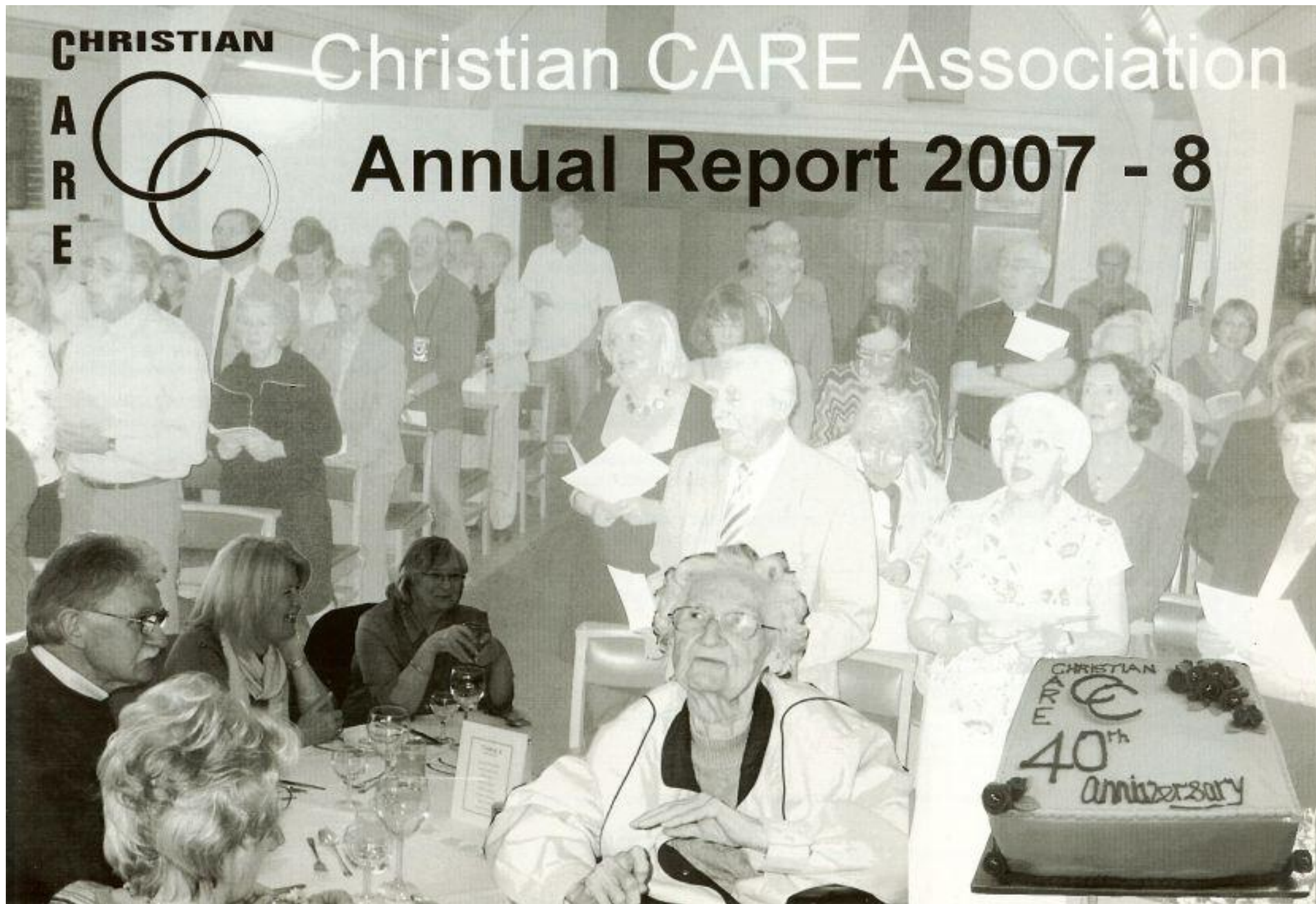
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Christian CARE Association

Annual Report 2007 - 8



TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	2008	2007
	£	£
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
Income		
External Grants	5,650	2,000
Donations	4,880	4,049
Fund-Raising Appeals	1,241	871
Interest Received	305	60
Gift Aid/Tax Rebates on Covenants	1,097	-
Total Income	<u>12,076</u>	<u>8,077</u>
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Expenditure		
Fund Raising	-	(249)
Direct Charitable Expenditure	(6,554)	(7,348)
Management and Administration	(2,754)	(1,706)
Total Expenditure	<u>(9,308)</u>	<u>(9,303)</u>
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RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Income		
External Grants	3,945	5,730
Donations	3,950	750
Expenditure	<u>(8,255)</u>	<u>(7,989)</u>
Net Incoming Resources	<u>(360)</u>	<u>(1,509)</u>
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UNRESTRICTED AND RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources	2,408	(2,735)
Total Funds brought forward	10,128	12,863
Total Funds carried forward	<u>12,536</u>	<u>10,128</u>
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2008

	2008		2007	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets		560		1,914
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank and in hand	11,976		8,214	
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CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Sundry Creditors	-		-	
	11,976		8,214	
	<u>12,536</u>		<u>10,128</u>	
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FUNDS				
General Fund	12,536		10,128	
	<u>12,536</u>		<u>10,128</u>	
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This is an extract from the full accounts available at the Annual General Meeting on 9 October 2008 or by application to the Honorary Chairman or Honorary Secretary.

In the year to 31 March 2008, the total income of the charity amounted to £19,971 compared with the previous year's income of £14,557, the key reason for the increase being a generous grant of £3,600 from Wates Foundation towards the work of the charity and a slightly higher level of donations from individuals. The year also saw the last grant from Trust for London which funded the furniture project.

At 31 March 2008, the cash position of the charity was £11,976, which was a considerable improvement on last year's balance of £8,214. The Executive Committee continues to monitor the cash position of the charity at its monthly meetings to ensure that the charity always has sufficient resources to meet its liabilities.

Inevitably the greater the funds at the charity's disposal, the more the charity can do to support those in need. To this end the charity continues to seek new sources of funding. In particular the charity needs to replace the grant for the furniture project and to find additional money for its children's activities.

Ann Thimont
Honorary Treasurer

PINOCCHIO PARTY 2008

If you had arrived at Martin Way Methodist Church Halls at 4pm on Saturday 26 January, you would have been caught up in a melee of small lions, tigers, butterflies, fairies and spidermen pouring out of the rooms, where they had enjoyed an hour of party games, and crowding into the main hall for a picnic tea. Both the games and the face-painting had been expertly managed by students from Wimbledon High School.

We were delighted to welcome Revd. Richard Sewell, chairman of Merton Refugee Support, to say grace, and then Lantern Arts who, with their small and versatile cast, kept the children engrossed with a performance of Pinocchio.

When the children and parents returned to the main hall, they had a wonderful surprise ... there was Bert Hyde, just out of hospital after his knee operation, waiting to distribute the gifts. It was an emotional finale - Bert has never missed a party in all the 40 years of Christian Care.

At 6pm the team of drivers, many newly recruited by transport organiser Gloria Ball, was waiting to take everyone home after a happy time together. We are grateful to all the Christian Care volunteers who helped, to the St John Ambulance team and especially to Peter Boyd and Martin Way Methodist Church for allowing us to use their excellent facilities and making us so welcome.

The party was funded by a grant from the Cooperative Community Dividend Scheme.

Gillian Thick
Vice Chair

SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES MEETING A NEED IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON

In 2007-8 Christian CARE supported 133 families

**60 families were befriended
long or short term by volunteers**

20 families have received food and grants

**28 households were helped by the
Furniture Project**

**101 parents and children were invited to
the New Year Party**

**33 children went on the outing to
Littlehampton**

**58 12-19 year olds were involved in
teenage outings**

**36 teenagers attended the monthly
All Saints Club**

**10 young people went to CPAS
Falcon Camps**

**1 family went for a holiday at Butlins
in Bognor Regis**

CPAS CAMPS, SUMMER 2007

In August 2007 Christian Care was able to send ten children aged between eight and thirteen to two camps at The Barnabas Centre, Halls Green, Sevenoaks. The camp is situated near pretty Weald Village in the heart of the Kent countryside. The centre has an assault course and swimming pool and the children sleep in huts. As well as enjoying activities and games at the camp site, the children were taken on various outings to local places. In the evenings, time is set aside for Bible teaching and discussion.

Christian Care has been sending children to the above camp at Halls Green for many years. These Falcon camps are run by the Church Pastoral Aid Society and are designed specifically for inner city children from needy families. As well as the cost of the camp, Christian Care gives each camper a small amount of pocket money and also hands a children's Bible to each camper on their first visit to camp. In addition, there are transport costs and last year we had to pay for two journeys by minibus. We are very grateful to those volunteer drivers who kindly drove campers to or from camp, and we are always in need of new drivers who could help out with this task.

It is always so rewarding to hear the excited and expectant chatter of the children as they are driven down to camp. On the return journey they compete with each other to tell the drivers about the exciting time they have had at camp. Invariably, half way through the journey, the children fall sound asleep! For most of the children, camp is the only chance they have to go on holiday and it also gives their parents a welcome break during the long summer holiday.

Julia Evans

OUR CHAIRMAN WRITES

Dear Friends,

This year another important landmark in the life of Christian CARE has occurred. We celebrated 40 years of service to the community and on the front cover we have included some of those who took part in our anniversary service in April 2007 and some of those at the lunch at "The Restaurant in the Park" in April 2008, which raised £847.

We have been fortunate in our sustained effort to invite others to join us in befriending, raising funds, or in other practical ways and we are grateful for the response we have had, sufficient to man the office, and in keeping in touch with families.

The response we had when appealing for 'Friends' of Christian CARE, committing themselves to regular giving, was outstanding with 21 people committing themselves at the outset and realising a total of £1,577.

At a time when teenagers are receiving so much adverse publicity it is good to be able to continue the club and outings for a goodly number of them. Tony Somerton, who had the vision for this, has had to give up because of other commitments. I am therefore grateful to Delene Edwards from Holy Trinity who has agreed to run everything for a time.

This 40th year has been eventful to say the least – we now have 20 volunteers who have major roles, serving on committees plus befriending and 80 volunteers we can call on for specific jobs, such as driving children/families to events. All of this is very encouraging and indicates that we are a worthwhile organisation meeting many needs.

The furniture project, under the guidance of John Golden, is a much used facility, eg we can step in where the rules of others do not permit.

We continue to work at Asylum Welcome which meets at Queens Road Church in Wimbledon, where involvement can range from housing matters including evictions to medical problems, immigration, etc.

I am very pleased to be able to record that the girls of Wimbledon High School came up trumps again, as they took part in the collection of toys and the running of games at the party in January and were responsible for looking after small groups of children on the day outing to Littlehampton in the summer.

Not only this but harvest gifts and money were given by the girls to Christian CARE, all of which gave much joy to some of the families we deal with who do not have much of this world's goods and certainly no spare money to buy things. This all speaks volumes for the school where, at a time when this is not always the case, the girls are encouraged as part of their curriculum, to include concern for others.

As will be known to some readers, Peggie Hunt, our Vice Chairman until last year, was in hospital after a fall and is now living at Rosemary Lodge. We wish her well in her new surroundings and pray that she will find facilities there to her liking. She continues to support us in many ways and is now one of our 'Friends'.

As in other years, I commend the work of Christian CARE to your prayers.

Yours sincerely,



Bert Hyde

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT 31 MARCH 2008

EXECUTIVE

Bert Hyde	Chairman
Gillian Thick	Vice-Chair/Party/ Children's Outing/Office
Pat Spencer	Hon Secretary
Ann Thimont	Hon Treasurer
Geoff Coyne	
Julia Evans	Child Protection/ Falcon Camps
Lucy Garrett	Furniture Project/ Health & Safety
Cathie Honour	Child Protection/ Befrienders' Co-ordinator
Peggie Hunt	

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE HOMELESS

Bert Hyde	Chairman
John Hutchinson	Hon Secretary
Delene Edwards	Teenage work
Gillian Thick	Befriender

**Helping Families in Need
in the London Borough of Merton**