

local news

Trinity Hospice dinner raises £200,000

Clive Anderson and Ainsley Harriott joined a host of celebrity guests at a Sports, Arts and Media Quiz and Dinner, held at Mall Galleries, SW1, and raised over £200,000 for Clapham-based Trinity Hospice.



Clive Anderson was in his element as quizmaster, but it was his role as auctioneer that stole the show. Alternately wheedling, cajoling and

demanding, he drove up the bidding for such lots as an Arsenal Emirates Stadium Box for the first match of the 2007/8 season, Corinthian Club seats at the 2007 FA Cup Final at Wembley, a limited edition David Linley Mirror and a VIP weekend break in New York. Even 'shares' in Trinity's own nurses were auctioned off, raising an additional £13,000 in the process! Richard Briance, chairman of Trinity Hospice's Board of Trustees said: 'The money will be used to fund specialist nursing, in the community and within the Trinity Hospice itself. We will

definitely be back next year and we are already looking for sponsors!'

Trinity Hospice is hoping for a record turnout on Saturday 30th June, when The Ionian Singers will give a fundraising concert in Holy Trinity Church, Clapham Common North Side. The concert will start at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15 (or £5 for students) and include wine during the interval. They can be obtained at the door or in advance by telephoning 020 8693 1051, 07950 143 916 or emailing info@ioniansingers.co.uk.



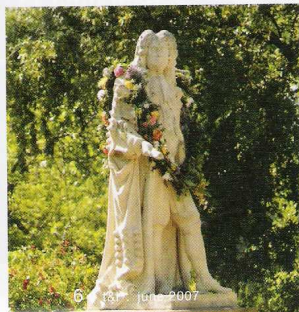
Schools sing Puccini



The Garden Opera Company is working with primary schools, Belleville School and Hornsby House School, as well as the St Luke's Church Junior Choir for their production of *La Bohème*. The professional touring opera company

specialises in community and youth work, with the aim of increase the accessibility of opera and bringing the medium to new audiences. Every summer they tour a popular opera to about 50 venues nationwide, mostly outdoors and including parks, gardens, houses and castles. Their thriving education programme includes workshops with groups of children on the particular opera, who then perform a chorus role in a short scene of the public performance. The local children will be performing Puccini's opera on 19th June.

Tickets: £15 Box office: 020 8772 0463



Running shoe amnesty for Asthma UK

Profeet, the customised insole and sports footwear specialist, is launching a new running footwear shop in Balham, with a 'running shoe amnesty' raising funds for Asthma UK. The new running footwear shop, due to open in mid June, is giving out £5 for each pair of old running shoes brought into the new shop. Customers will receive a £2.50 credit note for their next purchase, and £2.50 will be donated to Asthma UK, to help raise vital funds to support the 5.2 million people with asthma in the UK. The 'running shoe amnesty' will last for 3 months over the summer, and there will be a maximum of 5 pairs of running shoes allowed per person. Hamish Wolfenden, Founder and Technical Director of Profeet says: 'All old

running shoes are collected every week by children's charity The Variety Club. The shoes are then recycled or given to the homeless and people less fortunate than us to wear.'

Profeet (opening date 19th June) 8b Balham Hill, London, SW12, 020 7736 0046 www.profeet.co.uk



Chelsea Physic Garden's summer fair

Anna Ford will officially open this year's summer fair in the Chelsea Physic Garden. The fair has become a fixed part of Chelsea's summer calendar, taking place as it does on the last Sunday of the well-established Chelsea Festival (www.chelseafestival.org). Set against the beautiful backdrop of London's oldest botanical garden, the 2007 summer fair promises to be a delightful occasion, with over 90 stalls offering a rare and interesting selection of plants and garden essentials, contemporary crafts, fine food and entertainment. Entrance via the Garden's Chelsea Embankment Gate - the first time in living memory the gate has opened for anything other than royalty or manure!

Sunday 24th June 11am-6pm
Admission: £7.50 incl programme (£4 children & students).
Nearest tube: South Kensington (Sloane Square tube is closed due to engineering work on 24th June).
www.chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk