

## TRIBUTE TO MAGGIE BELLAMY

Time Out is Flame's Annual Conference that has been held in the Autumn over the past 20 years. It has attracted popular support and regular visitors.

Maggie was the hostess for these events, looking after people from the moment they arrived to the time when they left ... everything from searching for lost false teeth and spectacles to giving rides to A and E in the middle of the night. Nothing was ever too much trouble and I always said that I would never do Time Out unless I had Maggie Bellamy by my side to exercise her extraordinary pastoral gifts of care and concern. The word 'legend' is often misused, but in Maggie's case ... she was a legend!



As is often the case with deep and meaningful friendship, I can't actually remember when our paths first crossed, but I entertain many happy memories of working with Maggie and Roger during my Saltmine years, fun and fellowship times in the South of France and working together on specific projects.

Maggie was an amazing hostess and chef. Indeed, Philip and Janet Yancey recall the time when, after an event in Worthing, we enjoyed Bellamy hospitality which of course was par excellence there in Millglade. I remember Maggie whenever I am using her recipe for baked camembert, infused with white wine and rosemary and her version of Moules Mariniere.

Maggie loved life, she loved travel and she loved people. Her faith underpinned her response to dealing with difficult characters ... of course not that there are many of those in Christian work! I remember one incident in which I would have lost my sanctification very quickly, but Maggie's response? Ah well ... we're all different aren't we?

Gracious and accommodating. Loving and re- assuring. Where do the adjectives stop? I know that many of our Time Out friends will have been joining with us today and I have had so many communications from the Time Out family extending their love and prayers to Roger and the family.

I close. I am unable to inspire you to imitate Maggie in all that you do ... that would be impossible, but I do encourage you to emulate her ... through what we learned from her about being generous in spirit, comforting in pain, understanding in difficulty and appreciative of blessings.

We loved you Maggie ... see you soon. You will never be forgotten.

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