

This week...
Champagne Charlie!

*Every week we ask one of the
people who have helped
make Cabaret vs Cancer a
success the same ten
questions...*

1. Who are you and what do you do?

My Name is Champagne Charlie. I am an actor, singer, dancer, musician, cabaret host and 1920's dance band leader of Champagne Charlie and The Bubbly Boys. A vintage fashionista, Art Deco socialite and champagne swilling expert.

2. Can you list three people who are your inspiration, and why?

Apart from Victoria Wood, because she should inspire everybody.

Harry Roy. An outrageous British Dance Band leader during the 1920's (and beyond), whose song 'My Girls Pussy' was band by the BBC. The Bubbly Boys have now adopted it in our set.

The Marchesa Luisa Casati. The notorious fabulously wealthy eccentric of the first half of the 20thC. She scandalised Europe with her gold painted naked servants, her huge parties wearing nothing but a live snake, and her late night walks with her pet cheetahs around the streets of Venice in only a fur coat. It all ended rather tragically.

Busby Berkeley. The Hollywood dance director. I do a one man cabaret about his life called 'Buzz'. He had such huge vision and imagination. He once said, 'I just want to make people happy, if only for an hour.' I love that and aspire to live by it. But again it all ended rather tragically. Errr, there's a pattern emerging here.....

3. What would you save from your burning house?*(people, pets, legal documents and computers are already saved!)

My 'signed', first edition Noel Coward songbook and my vintage clothing collection

4. What's your favourite meal and what drink is it washed down with?

Lobster and Champagne. Or Afternoon Tea with Champagne.

5. What talent do you wish you had?

I wish I had invented Champagne.

6. Where is your favourite place?

The Champagne Region, en France and Venice.

7. What do you do to relax?

Drink Champagne. Pass the bottle!

8. What book do you recommend everyone reads?

The Great Gatsby. Whilst sipping an ice cold glass of the fizzy stuff.

9. What is your biggest regret?

Life is for living (and drinking Champagne), not for wasting time on regrets..

10. If God existed, what would you like to hear him say to you at the pearly gates?

If she exists, I'd like her to say 'Alright, I fucked up ok? I'm sorry. Here is a place of total tolerance with no disease and no war. And lots of Champagne.'