

## REGULAR CORPS EVENTS

- Sundays **Meetings at 9.50. 10.30 a.m.. 4-30 p.m.**  
**JAM Club— Jesus and Me 11.10 a.m.** For young people
- Mondays **Silver Threads Club** Lunch 12 noon. Meeting 1.45p.m  
Fortnightly—Next one 4th April .
- Tuesdays **Bible Study** Weekly, 7.30 at the hall with Major Tony  
**Open Door and light lunches** 10 a.m.—1 p.m.  
**Parents and Tots** 10 a.m.—12 noon. Not school hols.  
**Home League** 1.30 p.m.
- Wednesdays **Cameo Club**—second Wednesday each month 7.30 p.m.
- Thursdays **Open Door** 10 a.m.—12 noon  
**Open Songster practice** 1st Thursday each month
- Fridays **Coffee Morning and Luncheon Club**  
9.30 a.m. and 12.15.
- Saturdays **Walk** first Saturday every month. Details from  
Barrie, Andy or Gladys. All welcome

### Coming up.....

- Sunday April 3rd Mothers' Day. "All in it together" with the youth  
Celebration of Talents Afternoon meeting.
- Saturday April 9th Spring Sale 10 a.m.
- Sunday April 17th Palm Sunday— Songsters at Buckingham a.m.
- Tuesday Apr 19th Open door, plus Easter Music between 11.15—12
- Thursday Apr. 21st Holy Week Meditation 7.30 p.m. A very special time.
- Friday April 22nd Good Friday meeting 10 a.m. Lunches 12.15—1pm
- Friday April 22nd Walk of Witness with Churches Together. 11.15 a.m.
- Friday April 22nd Afternoon fellowship walk 2.30 p.m. Details to come.
- Sunday April 24th Easter Sunday 6.30 Hughenden Park
- Sunday April 24th Easter meetings at 10.30 a.m. and 4.30.
- Sunday May 15th Home and Family Sunday with Major Gill Billard DHQ.
- Sunday June 12th Pentecost. Celebrate the Holy Spirit!
- Sunday June 19th Celebration of Talents - afternoon meeting.
- Sunday June 26th Y.P. Anniversary with  
Major Kathryn Woodhouse.
- Sunday July 10th Songs of Praise on the Rye - Churches Together  
Afternoon meeting will be the last with Majors  
Tony and Sandra. Probably starting at 5 p.m.

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# High Wycombe Corps

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## A Host of Golden Daffodils



# Fulfilment

## Standard Bearer

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Dear friends,

Easter will so very quickly be upon us. It doesn't seem five minutes since we celebrated Christmas; before we know it we'll be wrapping presents all over again....

So let's take time to stop and reflect on what Easter means to us. Taking time to pause, not so much at the foot of the cross, but at the empty tomb. For it is here that the reality of Easter is to be found. I was recently thinking about the stone rolled over the entrance to the tomb. The soldiers who put it there probably thought that the body of Jesus was safely held behind the massive rock so that no one could get to him. But how wrong they were!

I looked at this in two different ways. Firstly, the fact that although the soldiers were right in their assumption that the body of Jesus was safe, they did not take into account that any removal of the stone would not be by human intervention but that it would be the work of God, and even a massive stone can't keep God from doing His own will. No matter what barriers we put in the way we can't stop God doing what He wants to do; we can't stop God being God!

There are those who would try to explain away the resurrection as myth or fabrication. But their protestations against God, their denial of his power and purpose, cannot shake the emphatic testimony of millions of Christians who believe that **God moved the stone**, that Christ is risen, that Christ lives!

I also have a second thought about the stone. I think in some way the stone is like those things in our lives which prevent us from having a right and proper relationship with Christ. It's as if we have placed the stone ourselves so as to keep Jesus in his tomb. So what is the stone in your life and experience that is stopping you from enjoying a proper relationship with Christ? Let me be presumptuous to offer a few ideas.

Is it a fear of commitment? Could it be unforgiven sin? Is it that you are unwilling to forgive someone else? Maybe it's a desire to hang on to aspects of your life or a relationship which you know is contrary to what God wants or expects of you? Is it a fear of what God might ask of you? Or is it simply an uncertainty about what you believe?

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## News about people

Mrs. Ellen Dobson has now moved into Hazlemere Lodge, Cedar Avenue, HP15 7DW. Tel. 01494 767800 She will still be coming to meetings, but perhaps not quite as often.

She would appreciate a visit from any of her friends at the Army, though it might be good to avoid lunchtime which is at 1 p.m., and why not drop her a note from time to time to help her keep in touch. I'm sure she is delighted with the newest member of the family, Great Grandson James William. Born to Hayley and husband Dave on 7th March he weighted in at 8lb 5ozs. Gwyneth and Stuart report he is doing well.



## New Home

Claude and Melinda have moved house and are now at 7a Willow Tree Garden, Plumer Green Lane. Downley Louise and Darren, have moved into Claude and Melinda's house.

Please update your directory and keep me in touch with any changes to your entry. Thank you.

## April Puzzle - Sudoku "My Saviour"

Kevin has come up with a sudoku puzzle without numbers. Place a letter from the words 'My Saviour' into each empty cell so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains all the letters. No letter should appear more than once in any row, column or 3 x 3 box. Thank you for producing this Kevin. He promises more in the months to come.

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## Easter Celebrations

**Sunday 17th 10.30a.m. 4.30p.m.**

Palm Sunday

**Tuesday 19th April 11.00a.m.—12.00 noon.**

Easter Music with the Band

Scripture Readings

Worship.

Tea/coffee and Hot Cross Buns

12.15—1 p.m. Light Lunches

**Thursday 21st April**

10.00 a.m.—12.00 noon. Open Door

7.30 Easter Meditation

**Good Friday 22nd April**

Morning Worship at 10.00 a.m.

Churches Together Walk of Witness 11.15.

Starting behind old library.

12.00 Soup. Hot Cross Buns.

2.30 p.m. Corps fellowship walk

Details from Gladys.

**Easter Day Sunday 24th April**

6.30 a.m. Resurrection Joy

Hughenden Park, by the Church

10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Celebrating our Risen Lord.

Front Cover.....The November issue had a picture of bulbs, with the words—The Promise. Now at Easter time, the fulfilment of that promise, Jesus is the incarnation of God's promise, He is also the fulfilment of that promise. As we delight in the beauty of spring, let us also delight in God's presence in His world.

The truth is – **only God can move the stone!** When the disciples came to the tomb the stone had already been removed, human intervention was not required. When we come to God in a right attitude and in a desire to be made anew in Christ Jesus there is nothing that we humanly can do except believe and allow God to remove the stone, let God remove the obstacle. Then we will experience Easter for all that it is. A glorious celebration of God freely giving each and every one of us an opportunity to be made whole in Him through the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

May God bless you this Easter time.

Major Tony.

*Majors Tony and Sandra, along with Stephen, are under farewell orders and will be moving to pastures new (Upper Norwood in South East London to be precise) in July. We will be welcoming Captain Hilary McClintock in their place. More information to come. Please pray for them and for all officers who are anticipating moves this year.*

### **Give to Grow**

It all began with a meal, prepared for us by Gloria Tribe, Janet Ray, Joy Topping and Susie (daughter of Pat Thomas). We are so grateful to them for their hard work in providing such delicious food. Alan Crawford from THQ gave us more information about the programme. On the following Sunday our meetings were geared around the subject of giving and Major Tony spoke powerfully on the parable of the talents. During the week many of us attended Bible studies, based on the generosity of God. Then came Pledged Giving Sunday, when we made our promises to God regarding our giving over the next few years. Major Tony again reminded us of God's generosity to us - it is awesome, overwhelming and abundant. Ten young people illustrated tithed giving in a novel way, discussing together and deciding which one should give away their chocolate bar. Sarah was the chosen one and became 'the tithe'. Many people knelt at the mercy seat in consecration as they brought their pledge cards and placed them on the Bible at the front of the hall. Very precious and moving moments, surely indicating that God's presence and power have been invoked and will undoubtedly enable His people to keep those promises.

Andy, Gladys, Barrie, Carol Gibson and the Commanding Officer make up the support group and will be endeavouring to keep things running smoothly over the next three years. If you have any queries or problems please speak to one them. Barrie, as treasurer, would like to know if you wish to make any alteration to your pledge.



## Who am I?

### Led by the YP Corps

An unusual start to the meeting as we were all given a name label as we came in so that we could get to know the names of anyone we didn't already know (not in case we got lost on the way home). After being welcomed by Tristan and singing Georgina's choice—'I'm a soldier bound for glory' Haithe and Sarah introduced themselves and asked us to do the same by shouting out our names one by one. A few giggles, but I'm sure I can't be the only one who picked up a few names to add to well-known faces. The singing company brought us "Who am I?", the chorus of which is...



Who am I?  
 What does the Bible say?  
 I was made in a very special way.  
 Made in the image of the living Lord,  
 Made with love, made with care.  
 Free to make choices of my own accord  
 But never alone, for He is always there.



Karys looked at the words of this chorus to answer the question 'What does the Bible say?' and came up with the following from John:

I am a child of God, I am a branch of the true vine, I am a friend of Jesus.

The first testimony was from Keane who told us a little about himself and his talents (music and art amongst others) and his assurance that God loves him for who he is. Next, the YP led us in 'I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N, a lot of fun, but serious sentiments as Takudzwa explained in his testimony. "Who am I? I am a Christian. In the event of an identity crises; read the Bible, go to church, pray to God. I have many names, but I know who I am. I am a Christian."



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of frenetic activity, during which he was responsible for the building of the officer training garrison in Melbourne and the production of a second film called *Soldiers of the Cross*, which he both wrote and directed and which featured stories of early Christian martyrs.

Early in 1901, the strain on Herbert from his deteriorating relations with his father and Bramwell, became intolerable and he decided to resign from the Army. He was not the first Booth to resign, (his brother Ballington and sister Katie had both left in despair, because of Bramwell's dictatorial attitude towards them), so was well aware this would mean ostracism from the family. Nevertheless, he decided to go, but wanted to take the film *Soldiers of the Cross* with him. After long negotiations with Bramwell, he was allowed to keep the film in exchange for the copyright to all the songs he had written for the Army.

Herbert began a career as an international freelance evangelist. Cornelia died in 1916 and seven years later, he married her assistant, Annie Lane. He died in New York at the age of 64 and Ballington and Evangeline saluted his memory at the funeral service.

Ladies' Retreat Day...A group of eight ladies travelled to Lower Earley Corps for this event and what a wonderful day it was. With lively worship and workshops on meditation, prayer, craft and singing on offer, plus a beautiful lunch, there was something for all. It's a day not to be missed. Nothing staid, boring or old fashioned here, but a joyful, up-to-date opportunity to share in fellowship and grow in faith. Thanks to all those who arrange this each year.



A photo of David and Monica, taken on their last Sunday at the Corps. We wish them well and pray God will bless them as they take their place in the Corps at Maidenhead. We will miss them.

Just room to squeeze in a notice about a charity performance of *The Pied Piper*, a musical for children, by Liza Phipps and Avril Thompson to be given at All Saints' Parish Church on Saturday May 7th. No charge to enter, but a retiring collection in aid of the Wycombe Homeless Connection. Doors open at 3.30 for a 4 p.m. start.

Self Denial Altar Service raised £1320 this year, £130 more than 2010.

## The Next Episode of Claude's Fascinating Series about the Booth family

### Herbert Howard Booth

*Born:- Hackney Middx 25th Dec. 1865.*

*Died Hartsdale N.Y. 25th Sept 1926*



The fifth child and third son of William and Catharine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, Herbert, like his seven brothers and sisters, was educated at home, but completed his education at Allesley Park College before going on to the Congregational Institute in Nottingham. Reputedly the most musically talented and the most prolific song writer in the Booth family, which is saying a good deal, and with well over 80 published songs to his credit, Herbert became an officer at the age of twenty and was sent to France to help his sister, Katie, in establishing the Salvation Army on the continent. During this period he began to write songs in French. Two years later he returned to England and was put in charge of Cadet Officer training. In 1886 his health began to deteriorate and he struggled with depression. However, after two years complete rest spent in Australia, Herbert, at the age of 26, was given command of all S.A. operations in the UK. He married Captain Cornelia Schoch in 1900 and, as Commandant and Mrs. Herbert Booth, they took command of the Army's work in Canada until 1896. Although his health continued to deteriorate, Herbert and Cornelia were next appointed to the Australasian Territory. In Australia he began to take an interest in film production and, with cinematographer Joe Perry, produced a film called *Social Salvation*, which portrayed the work of the Salvation Army in the territory.



Herbert, although very capable, frequently rebelled against the authority of his father, he also resented Bramwell, (who, as Chief of the Staff, virtually ran the Army during his father's lengthy evangelical tours, both abroad and in the UK), because of the need to work under rather than with his brother. He hoped some contact with his father might heal the rift with London. It didn't. William Booth had total confidence in Bramwell and left Herbert and Cornelia 'utterly dispirited and brokenhearted' To shake of depression, he threw himself into a period

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A report by

Denise Stratford



Alexandra had chosen the Bible verse 'I will be with you always, yes, until the end of time', which fits in so well with the words of the singing company. William and Matthew read out the words of the next chorus 'I'm special because God has loved me...' and Stephen's message to us was that whatever our own 'Who am I' parent, grandparent or student, we need to make time for God. Not easy in the face of daily distractions such as work, or school (or Xbox).



Karys had chosen the song 'I dare to be different' and challenged us to be like David, who stayed faithful to God and refused to abandon his beliefs when pressured to conform.

The last song 'Jesus loves me' chosen by Haithe and Sarah reminded us that God loves us no matter who we are, not because we deserve it or have earned it, but because He chooses to. The grand finale to the meeting was 'jubilee hats' performed by Karys and Georgina which I had never seen before. All I can say is that if you missed it, you missed out! Perhaps they can be persuaded to do it again one day...



I would like to finish by thanking the YP, and their grown up helpers, for planning and delivering such a fun and thought provoking meeting. I am always impressed by their maturity and courage in speaking about their spiritual lives and experiences. The purpose of this meeting was to bring together the junior and senior members of the Corps and hopefully we all know each other a little better now. We are very fortunate to have such talented young people, and I hope we can all support them through prayer and encouragement.



# Andy's Column

Bryn has announced that he will be retiring from the band after sixty five years of playing. How many notes has he played during that time? How many miles has he marched carrying his monster bass?

## Ten Things You May Not Know About Bryn Bennell.

1. Brynley Bennell (Brynley means little hill), was born on the twenty eighth of February 1932. If he had been born one day later, he would only be a quarter of the age he is now. His parents, Bert and Ethel, primed him for banding at an early age, proved by a picture of him in the primary banging a tin drum.
2. When he joined the Junior Band, Lew Teideman was just about to step down as leader with Ernie Garratt taking over. Bryn was handed a flugal horn together with a knife, which was required to prise the valves up.
3. At the age of fourteen, he was recruited into the senior band along with seven other boys. You needed to grow up quickly during the war years. He was fifteen when the band went to St. Peters Port, Guernsey, the first band to visit the island after the war. David Hestor, a Wycombe boy, was stationed there as the Corps Officer.
4. Everyone was sick on the sea journey. They arrived at 6.00 a.m. and were expected to march from the harbour to the hall high up in the hills. This was one of Bryn's longest marches, but at least he was not carrying the monster bass!
5. Eventually his pedigree was recognised by his Majesty King George VI who called upon him to do his national service. Bryn rose to the rank of Bombardier Bennell. The only national serviceman to gain promotion to this rank at the Woolwich Depot. Bryn was on duty for the funeral of King George in 1952.
6. Over the years Bryn has played thousands of hymn tunes. While he could not identify a particular favourite, he recalled with sadness an occasion when the Junior Band played at the Halton Red Shield Club. The audience were all young men incarcerated as prisoners of war. They sang an old German folk song with a tremendous passion equalling any Welsh male voice choir. The tune was the one that we associate with the words 'Jesus keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain. S.A. Song book 115.



7. There has been a Bennell in Wycombe band ever since it was formed. (Kevin will keep this tradition going) Bryn's grandfather was the band sergeant. Bryn is probably the longest serving bandsman in the history of the band, though those with a long memory put forward a case for Billy Montague. How many notes has he played? I gave up counting at about thirty two million.
8. Bryn does have a life outside of playing in the band. He is married to the incredibly understanding Eileen (?) and they have three children, Maureen, Kevin and Janet. He spent all of his working life with Barclays Bank.
9. There is even time for hobbies. One of his photographs won 'slide of the year'. It shows a beautiful sunset over the ruins of Dunbar Castle. Until recently he was gardening three allotments, growing his own fruit and vegetables, but has now cut it down to one. His other claim to fame is scoring from behind the halfway line in a football match against Maidenhead band!
10. No hesitation from Bryn in his choice of a Scripture reading. Words of Psalm 139 vv. 1—10, which have proved a sustenance to him at difficult periods in his life and indicating God's constant presence "O Lord you have searched me and known me.....If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."

**The Great Spring Sale**  
**Saturday 9th April at 10 a.m.**

**Gifts, Cards, Jewellery, Bric-a-Brac**  
**Handmade goods, Cakes, etc.**  
**Something for everyone.**

**Refreshments**  
**Come along, Bring your Friends**  
**Don't Miss This**