

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 February With Swan Singers.
Bible Study Weekly, 7.30 at the hall with Major Tony
Tuesdays **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

Special this month.....

- Sunday February 6th Self Denial Launch.
Sunday February 6th Songs of Praise
Sunday February 13th Celebration of talents
Sunday February 13th Youth Fellowship. This is a re-launch!
Things to come.....
Friday March 4th Women's World Day of Prayer.
Venues for meetings to be announced
Sunday March 6th "All in it together" - "Who am I?"
Youth to the fore.
Sunday March 6th Self Denial Altar service.
Sunday March 20th Focus on Give to Grow
Sunday March 27th Give to Grow Pledge Day.
Sunday April 3rd Mothers' Day. "All in it together" with the youth
Celebration of Talents
Sunday April 17th Palm Sunday
Sunday April 24th Easter Sunday
Sunday May 15th Home and Family Sunday with Joy Topping.
Sunday June 12th Pentecost
Sunday June 19th Celebration of Talents
Sunday June 26th Y.P. Anniversary with
Major Kathryn Woodhouse.
Sunday July 10th Songs of Praise on the Rye - Churches Together

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Dear Friends

The rebel becomes the hero.

This week Nelson Mandela has been in the news because of health problems. He is regarded by many as the father of modern South Africa.

Wikipedia tells us that he 'served as President of South Africa from 1994 to

1999, and was the first South African president to be elected in a fully representative democratic election. Before his presidency, Mandela was an anti-apartheid activist, and the leader of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing of the African National Congress (ANC). In 1962 he was arrested and convicted of sabotage and other charges, and sentenced to life in prison. Mandela served 27 years in prison, spending many of these years on Robben Island. Following his release from prison on 11 February 1990, Mandela led his party in the negotiations that led to multi-racial democracy in 1994. As president from 1994 to 1999, he frequently gave priority to reconciliation.'

Here is a man who went from rebel to hero.

A man who fought against a society which was riddled with corruption and discrimination.

A man who wanted to make a difference.

A man who was willing to risk his own life for the cause he believed in.

A man who accepted punishment and imprisonment because it would further his cause.

I get the feeling the Apostle Paul would have approved of Mandela. They had a lot in common even though they were separated from each other by many years. Both had strong convictions; and both had to suffer the consequences of those convictions.

There is a challenge to Christians of this generation concerning the way we address the wrongs in the society in which we live and the communities in which we try to serve. But would we be up for that challenge or would we rather sit back and take the easy options.

I'm not sure how I would respond if my faith was vigorously challenged and my life threatened because of what I believed. Thankfully that is unlikely to happen.

However, is that because opposition to faith in this country is rare even though we have to put up with a bit of ridicule? Or maybe it's because I keep myself away from experiences where my faith might be truly challenged or I might be persecuted?

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All In It Together

If, like many people, you start reading a book or magazine from the back, you may have noticed that in March and April there are Sundays marked with this title. This is a new innovation this year and will be an opportunity for the youth of our Corps to take the platform and lead the meeting. I am reminded of Corps Cadet days when as teenagers we were given this opportunity and many of us started to learn how to lead and preach. It will be exciting for our teenagers and I believe they will show themselves to be well able for this challenge. As for the rest of us, we may be in for a few surprises, but let us also be ready to take on board what they have to offer and accept that if we take heed there will be a message from God to us in what they do and say.

Give to Grow

You will see that there are two Sundays earmarked for Give to Grow. In between there will be opportunity for everyone to attend a Bible study group to discover what God has to say about generosity. When you receive your invitations please respond as quickly as you can so that proper arrangements can be made. It would be wonderful if it was a 100% take up for the meal and for the Bible study. Please read what Gladys has to say about it on page 3.

Youth Fellowship—It's Back

For a while now this monthly Sunday night fellowship for our young people has been absent from the programme. However, it's now back and begins again on 13th February. This month Andy is in charge and will be alternating with Nick Ward, DHQ, as leader. It's going to be good, so make sure, if you are the right age, or have children the right age, that you are in the right place, at the right time, on the right day, for these events!

Quote of the month.....

"when we take our eyes off Jesus, He does not take His eyes off us. We are His sovereign choice".

Major Tony. 22nd January

A Crafty Evening at the Hall

Are you good with your hands? Volunteers needed to come along to the hall on Wednesday 2nd March at 7 p.m. to do some crafting. Knitting, (**Carol Peddle has some easy modern knitting patterns—talk to her soon**). sewing, jewellery making, paper crafting, wood whittling, painting or whatever takes your fancy. Lots of hand made items needed for.....

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

This sale gives a big boost to our funds and also brings people into the hall. A warm welcome and genuinely quality items on sale give a good impression and, who knows, might just incline someone to come on a Sunday.

Crafty evening - I suspect it has a twofold purpose one, to craft and two, to enjoy fun and laughter together.

Open Songster Practice

Don't forget that once a month, the first Thursday of the month in fact, the songster practice is open to anyone and everyone. It's a great time of fellowship and some hard work as well, practicing songs, some of which to be sung on the Sunday following, when there is usually a Songs of Praise in the afternoon. The Songster Brigade then becomes the Singing Group and we all sing together. This does not commit you to uniform wearing or signing on any dotted lines, it's simply a friendly fellowship. If you are not a reader of music or think you don't have the best voice in the world, don't worry, that's not what it's all about. It's about lifting your voice in praise to God and sharing with others of like mind and heart. **Please come! You are welcome!**
The Songster Leader, that's Helen, is looking forward to seeing you on Thursday 3rd Feb.

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Today's church needs to be confident and brave. We need to speak up and out into the world with a powerful and prophetic voice. We need to be sure of Whose we are and about Who we want to tell the world. Then we need to trust God to break through our apathy and use us to proclaim his kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

God bless you.
Major Tony

Give to Grow

Thoughts from Gladys on Give to Grow

I wonder what your first thoughts were on receiving the letter and information about Give to Grow? Will it work? I give enough time and money already!! I've not got any talent to give. Not sure about Bible study! I'm happy as I am. Plus many more. Hopefully some really positive - Yes, I needed a nudge to motivate me. We want others to know about God's love through us and the Salvation Army.

My first thought was will it work—but now I believe it can work and give a chance for us all to work and grow together.

I have said I will help Andy as Chair Person to bring it all together. I am relying on your help, support and encouragement, but most of all on Philippians 4:13. "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength".

Please chat with Andy or me with any of your thoughts or questions, negative or positive.

Following from the previous article from Gladys, this seemed to be an appropriate place for this.....

Received from Gladys—from Lighthouse Christian Products Co.

"We will be an encouragement to each other. Rom 15:32 NLT God never intended for us to face struggles alone. He created a community for us. We can bring our burdens to people who love us and they'll help us carry them. We can hold up each other when we grow weak under the weight of our burdens. We need each other. His word calls us to serve each other, love each other and encourage each other. As we have to do is take that step of trust toward other people and allow God to work through us. When we lift up our weaker brothers and sisters, we all become stronger.

Commitment Sunday



Lt. Col. Marion Drew THQ

Lt Colonel Marion Drew was our guest for Commitment Sunday. She is Secretary for Communication at THQ, and used her particular skills to communicate God's word to us. In a challenging day's meetings we were reminded that we need to remain close to Jesus if we are to be at all fruitful and effective as Christians. We were also reminded of the importance of community. This does not mean that we must all be the same, simply that the only way we can express our individuality is by being in community. I found this to be an interesting thought and just what Paul describes when he speaks about the body of Christ, all different, but together making a whole.

The theme of commitment Sunday and for this year is

*Run to make a difference. Run with purpose, with strength
with determination.*

Let us pray that as a Corps God will keep us motivated and to do this and so make a real difference, not only within our doors, but in our town and the localities where we live.

Encouragement...

"God can do anything, you know - far more than **you** could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us. Ephesians 3: 20. Message translation.

7. Eventually Carol, along with Alan and their four children arrived in High Wycombe. Marion, Jo, Martin and Tessa were all enthusiastically involved in the Corps. Carol is rightly proud of each of her children, taking great delight in her duties as number one baby sitter to the eight grandchildren and now has one great grandson as well.
8. Carol has also undertaken many responsibilities with the Corps and currently is recruiting sergeant. She also sings alto in the songsters. An anagram of her name is 'bracing solo', but as yet she has kept it strictly tutti. Carol worked for nearly 15 years with the NHS, taking particular delight in her work as physiotherapy assistant at Booker hospital. Two of 'her' patients were Hilda Morris and Les Dearlove.
9. Another anagram of Carol's name is 'scribble goon' which brings us to her dedication in publishing the Standard Bearer every month. This is actually the second time round, the first time was during the command of Joe Burlison, who instigated the name. Carol paints a delightful picture of those days before computers, when there was less technical sophistication. The cover of a Christmas edition was looking rather drab, so her children gathered round with their crayons and coloured them all in.
10. Knowing Carol and her commitment to God and the Salvation Army, the words of her chosen song written by Albert Orsborn are entirely apt.

v.2 *Thy name is joined with mine
By every human tie,
And my new name is Thine,
A child of God am I;
And never more alone, since Thou
Art on the road beside me now.*

v.4 *Let nothing draw me back
Or turn my heart from Thee,
But by the Calvary track
Bring me at last to see
The courts of God, that city fair,
And find my name is written there.*

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Andy's Column

The editor of this newsletter has been keeping us informed and entertained for ten years now, but how much do we actually know about Carol Gibson.

1. Carol Newbury was born in the hamlet of Lent Rise near Burnham. Instead of the church bells ringing, or even angels singing, she entered this world with the staccato hammering of ack-ack guns sounding outside. An air raid was in progress and the midwife was wearing a steel helmet.
2. Perhaps then it was not altogether surprising that she was destined to join an army, The Salvation Army, becoming a candidate for officership at the age of seventeen, whilst still at school. Her session was called "Soldiers of Christ", with the sessional song written by John Larsson, his first attempt at writing four part harmony for singers. Carol insists that John Larsson admitted, in retrospect, that it was very complicated to sing.
3. Prior to entering the training college she met and fell in love with Alan, a young policeman newly arrived in Slough from Scotland. Because Carol was a candidate and Alan wasn't they were not officially allowed to 'court', so a fair amount of subterfuge was required for their clandestine meetings.
4. Carol's first appointment as an officer was as second in command at Dunstable. Later she was let loose alone on the good folk of West Hendon - all eighteen of them. She had no fuel to warm the quarters in that freezing cold winter of 1963.
5. Meanwhile Alan had passed through the training college and they married, being immediately sent abroad to Wales, which was a real culture shock. They were responsible for three corps around Blaengarw and required to prepare six indoor meetings every Sunday.
6. Could that be the reason that Carol has chosen those inspiring words from Ephesians 6 as her Bible passage. (it was actually the reading for her session). *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes... ..and after you have done everything, to stand... ..and pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."*

Corps Directory.

Several new addresses for you to put in your directory:

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HP13 6AL
07910126578
email candida.dutiro@bucksnhhs.co.uk

Gillian Hawker
21 Sharp Close
Aylesbury
HP21 8RR
01296 427617

Norman and Rita Eadie,
47 Marlow Road
HP11 1TG
01494 439283

Please make these new friends welcome.
If anyone needs a new directory, I will be happy to provide one at a cost of £1.50.

Any good with a broom?

Volunteers needed

You may remember this heading from December's magazine. It concerns the need for someone to help from time to time with keeping the outside areas of the hall clean and tidy. So far there have been no volunteers as far as I know. I have done this job for a few years but am now in the position of having less available time, so one or two others to help ease the load would be helpful. There must be some people who can help to give our hall more 'kerb appeal' and maybe you are one of them. If our building looks uncared for, it is not so likely that passers by will want to come inside. Thank you. CMG.

Continuing Claude's Series on the Booth family

Catherine(Katie) Booth.

Born: Gateshead, Durham, 18 Sept 1858, Died: Ilington, Devon May 9, 1955



Katie (Catherine) was the third of eight children, and the first daughter, born to William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army.

From a very early age she studied scriptures and was saved by the age of thirteen and began preaching at fifteen. Although her brothers and sisters were educated at home, Katie persuaded her mother to allow her to attend college where she learned to speak French. Her first assignment, as a captain in the SA, was to open the Army's mission in France. Within a week she was sworn at, jeered at and pelted with stones and mud. She lived in the slums of Paris in near starvation and caused riots in the cafes and theatres by singing and preaching there. Her exploits in Paris made her famous and she became known as 'La Marechale'. Eventually she was posted to Switzerland where her treatment was even worse. The authorities there not only failed to protect her from hostile crowds, but also refused to allow her to rent a hall in which to hold meetings and she was arrested, tried and imprisoned for twelve days and subsequently deported for conducting open-air meetings.

In February, 1887, Katie married a former Irish Quaker, Colonel Arthur Clibborn who, coming from a rich, aristocratic background, have given up a family fortune to join the Army. He could speak five languages and had been sent to France to assist Katie and to begin publication of the French War Cry. Arthur and Kate changed their surname by deed poll to Booth-Clibborn at the insistence of General Booth. Nobody fought harder or suffered more for their faith and the cause of the Salvation Army than Katie and Arthur. After fifteen years on the continent there were 200 Salvation Army corps and 400 officers in France alone.



A B. Clibborn

Arthur and Katie (by now commissioners) were caught up in the great shuffle of territorial appointments generated by London HQ where, due to the General's absence abroad, Bramwell as Chief of the Staff, was in charge. To their great surprise and dismay they were ordered to leave France and take command in Holland. Katie neither understood the language nor the temperament of the Dutch. She wrote letters to Bramwell and the General pleading to remain in France and stay with the people whose respect and love she had won at the price of tears and sacrifice. Many of her letters received no reply. When replies did come, they were terse, or wordy and evasive,

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clearly dictated by Bramwell and signed by the General 'I left France for Holland', Katie would say later, 'in simple obedience but without conviction'.

As far back as 1891, Arthur had written to the General Requesting the freedom to preach what he called the full, plain gospel of the sermon on the mount, based on the doctrine of the atonement, which departed from official Army doctrine on three issues, pacifism, faith healing and the second coming of Christ. William Booth refused to allow any such freedom.

The Booth-Clibborns served for six years in Holland. In 1902, Arthur, by this time, thoroughly frustrated and disillusioned, arranged to meet a visiting American cult leader and faith healer, Dr. John Alexander Dowie, who claimed to be a second Elijah, the forerunner of Christ. Katie did not believe Dowie's grandiose claims and wanted nothing to do with him, but Arthur was convinced that this was the chance to preach what he believed to be the 'full' gospel. In 1902, the Booth-Clibborns were stripped of their commissions after a Salvation Army court of inquiry. Arthur became an evangelist with Dowie's Zion City Church until he was badly crippled as a result of an attack by a man wielding an iron bar, which ended his active ministry.

They returned to England where Katie had to provide for her ten children with no income. This she did by accepting preaching engagements throughout the country. They received no financial help from the Booth family nor indeed did she ever hear from her father or her siblings that remained in the Army again, until she visited her father the day prior to his death, by which time he was unconscious and unaware of her presence.

Katie died aged 97 and was laid to rest in Highgate Cemetery, having been prevented from being buried near her parents and deceased siblings in Abney Park Cemetery.

Beryl and Don

Word has come from Beryl in the USA saying that Don is very ill. He has been diagnosed with leukaemia and last week has started on a course of chemotherapy. She asks for our prayers. I received this message on Friday—"Don has just finished 7 days of 24 hours a day chemo and did fairly well. However today has not been a good day, he is still determined to fight so pray for strength for both of us please. Love to all our friends in Wycombe. Don is at Room 612B Jersey Shore Medical Centre, Rte 33, Neptune, N.J. USA. 07753. and expected to be there for several weeks if anyone would like to send a card or letter to assure him of your love and prayers at this time.