

REGULAR CORPS EVENTS

Sundays	Meetings at 9.50. 10.30 a.m. 4-30 p.m.
Monday	Silver Threads Club Fortnightly Lunch 12 noon. Meeting 1.45p.m Next meeting 9th Jan. Bible Study Weekly, 7.30 at the hall.
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. For ladies
Wednesday	Cameo Club —second Wednesday monthly 7.30 p.m.
Thursdays	Open Door 10 a.m.—12 noon (Not school hols.) Open Songster practice 1st Thursday each month
Fridays	Coffee Morning and Luncheon Club 9.30 a.m. and 12.15p.m.
Saturdays	Walk first Saturday every month. Details from Barrie, Andy or Gladys. All welcome

Special this month...

Sun. 8th Jan	Commitment Sunday.
Sun 15th Jan	Safe and Sound Training Session following Morning meeting. 12 noon—1.15. See page 3
Wed. 18th	Corps Council Meeting. 7.30 p.m.
Sun 22nd	Visit of D.C. Morning only Prayer for Christian Unity Service All Saints Church. 6.30 pm. Following our meeting.
Mon 23rd	Silver Threads Christmas Dinner

Coming later...

Feb 5th	Self Denial. Launch.
May 26/27	"I'll Fight" Congress. See Page 11

Advance Notice...

June 23rd and 24th 2012 130th Corps Anniversary with
Major Sam. Edgar

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I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year. "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown," and he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be better to you than a light and safer than a known way." So I went forth and finding the hand of God trod gladly into the night. He led me to the hills and the east. breaking of day in the lone east. So heart be still! What need our human life to know if God hath comprehension? In all the dizzy strife of things, both high and low, God hideth His intention."



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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! The Christmas decorations have already been packed away! I felt sad when taking down the lights and putting them carefully away in the box that is kept sealed for eleven months at a time. It caused me to reflect on my faith and how much we as believers may each be a light representing the Light of God to others, or whether there are times when we put our 'light' away for whatever reason. That's not what God asks us to do. The Bible teaches believers to be lights for God's love in a dark world. Luke 8:16 encourages us *'No-one lights a lamp and hides it in a jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light'*. I've been pondering what those words may mean for me and High Wycombe Corps in 2012.



My daily reading topic today was 'Light of the World' in the 'Words of Life' Daily Readings produced by The Salvation Army, and written by Major Beverly Ivany. (This is an excellent resource of daily readings January to April, price £3.99). I read 'God is all about light! Light is life. Life gives guidance. Light reveals wisdom. Light is revelation. Light is transformational. Light assures safety. Light radiates sheer beauty.'

Next I opened up our headquarters prayer letter for January, and the that prayer had been written was called 'Shine for the New Year'. I share this with you:

*Father, Creator of Light, you shine over us in blessing and power,
Jesus, Light of the World, you shine as the Word of Life to guide us,
Spirit, fiery presence of God, you shine on us to bring hope and boldness.
As this new year dawns, with all its potential and possibilities, I invite you to shine in my life, in my community and in this nation,
That all will see the light of your glory and discover your unfailing love'.*

Amen

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The eighth of January is Commitment Sunday. I pray that each of us will commit to communicate Christ unashamedly. May we reaffirm our belief in transformation. May we evangelise and disciple effectively. These are challenges given to us by General Linda Bond, as part of the 'One Army, One Mission, One Message' vision.

Let us thank God that we have opportunity to be lights for him in this area. Let's confess where we have failed God, often when we have been more interested in our own affairs than winning souls. Let's ask God to help us lead holy lives, so that our words may be encouraging, bringing hope and help, not communicating anger or negativity. Let all we do and say reflect God's values, not secular ones. May we shine beautifully this year. After all, a light is for life, not just for Christmas!

May God bless you and may he be glorified in you and by you.

Captain Hilary

Corps Safe and Sound Programme

Every Salvation Army Corps is responsible for the care of every person who attends any activity during its weekly programme of events. It is therefore the responsibility of every corps to ensure that all personnel who work with or are involved with children in any way are aware of the procedures set by the army itself. To this end, on Sunday 15th January a general invitation is given to all, and particularly to those who work with young people, to attend the showing of a DVD presentation of the S.A. Safe and Sound awareness procedures. This will take place following the morning meeting and after coffee, from 12 noon to 1.15 p.m. Please do come, especially if you have not seen this DVD before.

Front Cover. Poem by Minnie Louise Harkins. Quoted by King George VI in his Christmas broadcast in 1939

A quote, some greetings AND.....

A huge apology to the band....no photos of bandsmen who worked so hard throughout- the Christmas season, playing carols, to take the message to thousands of people, some of whom commented that Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the Salvation Army band. We know how appreciative people are when we discover that over £8000 was donated on the streets of Wycombe and also at Marylebone Railway Station.

A Message from Miriam and Peter Riddoch

Peter and I are enjoying the Standard Bearer today. (Nov 21st) We had a lovely time in the corps yesterday morning and lovely to see everyone looking healthy and young!! We have diarised June for Sammy Edgar. We have e mailed him and keep in touch quite often, especially while we were in Dubai for 17 years. Back now living in Sunningdale. Would love to be kept in touch with you all and the corps. Will give you our address: Fulbeck House, Priory Road, Sunningdale, Berkshire SL5 9RQ phone: 01344 621245 We appreciate all you are doing and thank Andy for his work also. Everyone seems to be so dedicated in the Corps. It was great seeing everyone, please thank everyone for their kindness. We must learn where to park when we come again. We just about lost ourselves, how the area has changed. Gladys keeps us informed. We send our love and prayers to all. Miriam and Peter Riddoch

Christmas Greetings were also received from David, Anita, Zachary and Lauren Hunter in Australia. In 2011, David officially became an Australian citizen after 11 years of living and working there. The family are all doing well.

Quote of the month:-

We sometimes need saving from ourselves, God sent into our world a unique person, neither a philosopher nor a general.....but a Saviour with the power to forgive. ...it is in forgiveness we feel the power of God's love.....It is my prayer that on this Christmas day we might all find room in our lives for the message of the angels and for the love of God through Christ our Lord.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II ..Christmas day broadcast

December Sudoku - "My Saviour"

Place a letter from the words 'My Saviour' into each empty cell so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains all letters. No letter should appear more than once in any row, column or 3 x 3 box.

December Answer

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"I'll Fight" Congress

May 26th and 27th.

With General Linda Bond

To mark the 100th anniversary of

William Booth's 'I'll fight' speech,

Corps Sec. Keith has 30 tickets for the Saturday meeting at the Royal Albert Hall. A coach is being booked to leave the hall at 3.45 p.m. (tbc). If you want to attend this great event, you will need to purchase your ticket, at a price of £22 per person including coach travel. Closing date for this offer is Sunday 12 February. You won't want to miss this so speak to Keith soon.

Gladys, Melinda and Carol Peddle send greetings for a happy and healthy new year to all. They did not send cards for Christmas, but made a donation to McMillan Nurses instead.

Festival at The Hexagon, Reading.

Claude Peddle, Music Correspondent

Our songster brigade was privileged to unite with Reading and Maidenhead songsters, (and others) at Reading's huge Hexagon Theatre to form the chorus at the annual carol concert, sponsored by Reading Festival and Festival Republic, and hosted by Reading Central Corps of the Salvation Army. Reading Central has been involved in this extravaganza for over thirty years and although not all tickets were sold on this occasion, there were still very large crowds at both the afternoon and evening performances.

For us Wycombe folk it was a long day, starting with a rehearsal at 10 a.m. in the Reading S.A. hall, after which tea and coffee were provided for those of us who had brought packed lunches. In the interval between the two performances, most of us elected to eat out at one of the many 'eateries' nearby, although we were pushed for time, which meant the meal had to be fairly 'instant'. Personally I found this part of the day quite wearying and I was quite relieved when it was time to resume my place on the platform for the second concert.

I can only speak for myself, of course, but I found the prospect of singing in a large group rather exciting. My enthusiasm was slightly tempered by a feeling that lack of rehearsal time could detract from the actual performance. In our own practices during the weeks prior to the event, we were having problems, mainly because the poorly presented photocopies didn't always tie up with the practice tape. Helen just isn't the type to start pulling her hair out, but even she couldn't hide her frustration at times. The assurance that it would be alright on the night did little to boost my confidence.

Our first rehearsal with the band, conducted by Reading bandmaster Paul Mortlock and songster leader Karen Smith, took place on Friday. It went very well and the aforementioned problems were well and truly sorted. The Saturday rehearsal wasn't without its technical glitches—mostly to do with the sound system and lights. Paul and Karen are very experienced conductors and no time was wasted, but sadly, no time was available to achieve a performance that was anything other than technically secure.

One problem remained unresolved however, namely the balance between the band and the choir. The combined forces of the three brigades (and others) amounted to less than a hundred voices which proved woefully inadequate against the weight of the band. *Cont.....*

*Cont....*Ideally, there should have been at least another 100 or more voices.

Every last detail of the concert was meticulously planned and carried out with military precision. The scheduled running time was 124 minutes. Clearly nobody had explained this to the two very gifted ladies who, between them dominated the show. Anne Diamond, star of television, author and musician, was a superb compere. Her wit, her warmth and her encouraging comments throughout were a source of inspiration to young and old. Then Barbara Allen, a magnificent performer whose pure voice, evocative charm and deeply expressive singing, captured the hearts of everyone present. I doubt if anyone complained that the programme ran 45 minutes over schedule.

Haydn Brown did much to raise the status of the tenor horn as a solo instrument in his two items which featured a delightful arrangement of 'Ding Dong Merrily on High', and the perennial carol by Adolph Adam 'O Holy Night'.

Liam Parker who, like Haydn, is a product of the Reading Corps, demonstrated his undoubted ability as an actor, to capture the imagination of an audience with his passionate oratory. To some, his two items would have been the highlight of the evening. Others may have found them rather too intense and not strictly within the spirit of the occasion.

Being one of the elite on the platform meant I didn't have to pay to get in. Unfortunately it also meant I couldn't see the children present the nativity. But it was evident, from the oohs and aahs and the chuckles from the audience, that the toddlers were casting their usual spell of childish innocence on the proceedings.

The whole event was a spectacular success and the Reading Corps can be justifiably proud of the outcome. There was so much to enjoy. What made it even more enjoyable for the Wycombe contingent was the presence of Karys, Georgina, Haithe, Sarah and Sarah's mum Nicola, all looking resplendent in their uniforms. Perhaps they were the 'and other' Anne Diamond kept referring to. Apart from that, the highlight for me, as a member of the chorus, was the deeply satisfying setting by John Rutter of his own words in the song 'Candlelight Carol'. One line in particular remains with me—'Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Saviour, but Mary will hold him...and sing him to sleep.'

The Great (?) Christmas Quiz Answers

1. Who said "Behold a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son" **B. Isaiah.**
2. What does the name Emmanuel mean? **B God is with us.**
3. What did the prophet Micah say about Jesus' birth?
A. He would be born in Bethlehem.
4. In what month of Elisabeth's pregnancy did the angel appear to Mary?
C. sixth.
5. What was the name of the angel who appeared to Mary? **D Gabriel**
6. Who sang. "My soul doth magnify the Lord"? **C. Mary.**
7. The angel said to Mary that Jesus would reign over the house of which Old Testament character? **C. Jacob.**
8. What was the name of the old prophetess who saw Jesus in the temple when he was presented to the Lord after his birth? **D. Anna**
9. Who said, "A light to lighten the gentiles, and glory of thy people Israel", when he saw Jesus? **B. Simeon.**
10. Which prophet said, "Out of Egypt have I called my son" **A. Hosea .**
11. Who told Joseph that Jesus would save his people from their sins?
D. Angel of the Lord.
12. How long did Jesus remain in Egypt? **B. Until the death of Herod.**
13. What sacrifice did Mary and Joseph offer when the days of purification were complete after Jesus' birth?. **D. Two turtledoves or pigeons.**
14. Who succeeded Herod after his death? **A. Archelaus.**
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- 16.

New Territorial Leaders.

Commissioners John and Elizabeth Matear, the Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries for the U.K. and Republic of Ireland, are retiring soon. The new leaders will be Commissioners Andre and Silvia Cox. This appointment will be effective from May 1st. Your prayers are asked for these leaders and for our territory.

Prayer List: Will you please add Malcolm Mounsher and Avril's husband to your prayer list. Both have health concerns at the moment..

For Your Information Corps Council and Pastoral Care Council.

Corps Council. This group (including sub-groups) is an advisory body only, for the purpose of assisting the commanding officer on matters concerning the day to day running of the Corps and it's progress and well-being. The council will meeting on the following dates:-

Wednesday Jan 18th. April 18th. July 18th Oct. 17th.

Council members for the coming year are:- Captain Hilary McClintock, Keith Morris (Sec.) Barry Oliver, Carol Gibson, Hazel Morris, Helen Selwood, Kevin Bennell, Harold Richardson, May Mounsher, Andy Peddle and Stuart Dobson.

The secretary/CO shall prepare an agenda which shall be given to each member at least one week in advance of the meeting. The agenda to include items submitted by members of the council and issues raised by corps members.

Pastoral Care Council. This group meets to discuss the concerns and well-being of the membership of the corps. The PCC will meet on the following dates:-

Wednesday Feb. 22nd. May 16th(tbc) Sept 19th Nov. 21st.

Corps Diary

If you are approached by anyone regarding dates or bookings at the hall, or wish to suggest a date for an activity or event not in the existing current corps diary, please discuss with the C.S/C.O. to check if dates are available before any preparation work or publication of notices. It is great to have people interested in doing things as long as it fits in. Thank you.

First Aiders

Are you a qualified first aider and is your qualification up to date? We would like to have a team of people who could be called on when necessary. Please make yourself known to the Corps Officer or Corps Secretary if you can help in this way.

Notice has been received that there is to be another clothing collection, by black bags in our district shortly. Any enquiries you or neighbours may have, can be made to 08454581812. This will be charged at local rate.



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