

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 June 13th
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

Coming up.....

- Friday 10th June The Big Prayer Walk—The Next Step. See Page 11
- Sunday June 12th Pentecost
- Sunday June 19th Celebration of Talents 4.30 p.m.
- Wed. June 22nd Coffee Morning at the home of Penny and Harold.
- Sunday June 26th Y.P. Anniversary with Major Kathryn Woodhouse.
- Sunday July 10th Songs of Praise on the Rye - Churches Together
- Sunday July 10th Afternoon meeting will be the last with Majors
 Tony and Sandra. Starting at 5 p.m.
- Thurs. July 28th Welcome to Majors Paul and Jenine Main -
 our new Divisional Commanders, at Staines. 7.45 pm
- Sunday July 31st Welcome and induction of new Commanding Officer
- Saturday Sept 24th Harvest Barn Dance 7 p.m.
- Sunday Sept 25th Harvest Thanksgiving

Please Read - Buses - Please Help

Local bus companies have adjusted their timetables and several people are finding difficulty in getting to Sunday meetings. Can you help? Can you commit to picking someone up sometimes, even if it means going out of your way? United worship is important to all of us and it would be tragic if it is denied to some because we haven't thought about it. Please speak to Stephen Peddle, or Carol Gibson if you need help, or can give help. Thank you.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This week has been a week of contrasts weather wise. Heavy gale force winds have caused havoc around the country. Bridges have been closed to vehicles and stretches of motorways closed because of vehicles being blown over. Branches have strewn many roads, ferries have been cancelled and aircraft grounded causing disruption and misery for passengers. All this disruption from a force that we cannot see, although we can see the damage it can cause. We can also feel the force of it. We find it difficult just to walk down the street. It blows us along and takes our breath away. It's almost a fight against nature. We cannot control it, we just have to accept it and wait for calm.

In two weeks time we celebrate Pentecost. An important day in the Christian calendar. The Message translation puts it like this 'When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force-no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them'. Acts 2.

When the power of the Holy Spirit enters a person's life there will be disruption, it will be powerful, it will take their breath away, it will mean a change of direction, it will require a change of thought, a change of life and attitude. In effect the Holy Spirit will cause chaos. Not many people like change we perhaps prefer order and calm. Without the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives we can do nothing. The Songsters sing a song written by General John Gowans which say this . "Without you I'll be nothing, My resources are small, Without you I'll do nothing I'll be no use at all. Let the world wish for wisdom, Let the world work for wealth, I am asking for nothing, but some more of yourself. By the power of your Spirit something more , something more, more of your self." In Acts 2 Peter said, "change your life. Turn to God and be baptised, each of you , in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit".



Selwyn Hughes writes this, "The fact that the Holy Spirit is given through Jesus means we need never be afraid to open ourselves to divine power. I have met many Christians who told me they were afraid to ask for the Spirit's power in case they became unbalanced or too emotional and exuberant. The Spirit will always act the way Jesus would act and therefore we can always be confident that like Jesus we can remain balanced, sane and poised and at the same time possess a deep joy and power that can turn the world upside down!"

What does the Spirit say to the churches? What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?

God bless you,
Major Sandra

Joan looks back at her first year as a Salvation Army Soldier

Is it really one whole year since I stood quaking in my shoes at the back of the hall wondering whether or not I was doing the right thing—becoming a soldier in the Salvation Army? Although I had thought long and hard about what I was doing, it was a very big step starting down the path of "working for Jesus." However one year later I am very sure that I did the right thing. One of the biggest gifts is the wonderful caring people I have met in that year. We hear so much about violence, drugs and lack of discipline on the television news and it seems to be all bad news. However, I now feel that all the news is not bad. Whenever there are disasters (and we seem to be getting more of these every year,) the wonderful people of the Salvation Army are there amongst the rubble, helping victims who have lost everything they had in just minutes, trying to get some form of order back into their lives. I like to think of us at home as "helpers". We can pray for them and the victims of disaster, we can help by raising funds to provide money to rebuild homes, schools, and churches to get them back to normal life as it was before the event. God guides us all down the path he has chosen for us, and we have to listen and follow that path to the best of our ability.

Finally I would like to say how much I enjoy going to the services, the music from our band, the songsters and the singing company, our own news magazine, helping at the luncheon club and belonging to the Cameo club. I am very thankful especially for the friends I have made, who have helped me through some very difficult times—and good times too. I will never regret starting down this path and I thank everyone for their continued support, especially the Lord for leading me in the right direction.

God bless you all.

The Silver Threads holiday to Torquay Pat Thomas

On behalf of my fellow travellers, I would like to thank Tony and Gladys for making the holiday a great success. We all had a super time, lots of interesting places were visited. The hotel was very comfortable and the food was too good, so we all ate too much! The entertainment had everyone singing or dancing. Our driver Lee was excellent. So thank you again to Tony and Sandra for all your hard work behind the scenes.

Ron Turnock.

The coach departed at 10a.m. on 1st May with 34 members, all in a great holiday mood headed by Major Tony and Gladys, who both worked very hard to organise this happy event. With the weather looking good, our first stop would be Weston Super Mare, where we found the newly built pier services very good. We arrived at the Gresham Court Hotel, Torquay at 5 o'clock and were allocated our rooms. On Monday our first excursion would be to Dartmoor, to enjoy the scenery, then on to Widdecombe for coffee etc. and to visit the well known Widdecombe Church of St. Pancras. Then onto Princetown to view the Dartmoor prison, not a happy sight with a varied historical history, looking very foreboding. A boat trip up the River Dart, was most enjoyable, afterwards visiting Buckfast Abbey. It was amazing what had been achieved since a handful of monks decided to have it rebuilt, and also built it. To the glory of God, and the present day.

Wednesday was a free day in Torquay with a short visit to S.A. Corps where we had a warm welcome and were served coffee etc.

Thursday we visited Sidmouth, a most enjoyable place to be and in the evening had our party and self entertainment, with many contributions, all instant of course. We had a wonderful evening.

Next morning after a good breakfast we were on the coach again and on our way home, with a 2 hour stop for an interesting visit in Bath. We arrived home for 5 o'clock. We gave a big thank you to Tony and the coach driver Lee.

Just to conclude, before we boarded the coach each morning, Tony conducted a short reading and prayers before we set off, which was always an uplifting start of the day. The presence of Tony as leader was a big plus to our well being, in every way. A big thank you Tony and Gladys for an excellent holiday.

Coffee Morning

Penny and Rosemary invite you for

Coffee/Tea and snacks at

Minuet, Coombe Lane, Naphill

(300 Bus stops 50 yds from bungalow)

Wednesday, June 22nd 10.30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Parking available; contact Harold for directions

All proceeds to Wycombe Salvation Army

Big Prayer Walk

How much do you know about the town where you live. O.k. the shops are easy to find, but do they enter your prayer life, and what would prompt you to think about the sick, lawbreakers and enforcers, travellers, homeless, entertainers etc. A prayer walk through the area you live in is a real "Heart to God and Hand to Man" experience. We cannot be insular *and* win souls for God. Discover your town - be a link between it's needs and God's mighty power. We will leave the hall at about 7 p.m. on Friday 10th June to observe, discover and pray. Do come for this short walk through the town.



A picture of a cheerful Reverend John Richey, who came to the Army on May the 8th in an exchange of pulpits. Major Tony returned the compliment at Wesley Methodist Church. Rev. John spoke to us about the disciples who journeyed from Jerusalem to Emmaus soon after the resurrection of Jesus. He reminded us that Jesus is made known in the ordinariness of life when the two disciples became aware of who Jesus was when he broke bread with them. What a good thing that is, for most of us live very ordinary lives indeed! Thank you for coming John. It was good to share fellowship together.

Corps Directory.

Please amend your copy with Shirley Hawes new phone number
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Andy's Column

Majors Tony and Sandra will soon be leaving us for the bright lights of Upper Norwood. We have learned something of their history over the past seven years, but here are a few nuggets which may have been overlooked.

Ten things you may not know about Tony and Sandra Frost

1. Sandra Irene Lack was born into a fourth generation Salvation Army family in the town of Wellingborough. When the local corps was opened it was still the Christian Mission and was number thirteen on the list. Anthony Patrick Frost was born into a good upright Roman Catholic family at the General Hospital in Northampton with a Salvation Army band playing outside the labour ward (an early influence no doubt).
2. As a conscientious catholic, Tony was elevated to the role of altar boy, dressed in his colourful cassock and cottar (surplus).
3. Meanwhile Sandra, who lived her earlier years on her Grandfather's farm, donned her singing company uniform, complete with delightful designer hat and tie. She also played in the junior band and when she transferred to the seniors, became the first female to be commissioned as a senior bandsman(?) bandswoman(?) bandperson(?).
4. How did these complete opposites ever get to meet? On a blind date. With great trepidation they met each other for the first time at the Salon Dance Hall, introduced by mutual friends. A band called "The Real Thing" was playing "You to me are everything".
5. Three weeks later, Sandra plucked up the courage to invite Tony to a Salvation Army musical "Glory", where she was playing one of the major parts, that of Mrs. Captain Campbell.
6. How could Tony possibly resist such glamour? They fell in love and felt the call to go into training at the Salvation Army Training College in London. They were members of the "Servants of God" session (1982—84) which was the same session as Viv Peddle. Future general, Bram Tilsley, was the principal, Dick Krommenhoek their sergeant.
7. On their wedding anniversary, during their first year in training, they starred in an open air service at Hadleigh Temple Corps. Tony was the front end of a pantomime horse, Sandra the rear half of the same horse. An exhilarating experience.

8. A touch of sweet and sour on the subject of favourite food, Tony liking nothing better than an extra large dish of curry, Sandra on the other hand loves anything with chocolate in it, particularly profiteroles.
9. Tony's choice of song is 520 in the S.A. Songbook:
*Precious Jesus, O to love Thee!
 O to know that Thou are mine!
 Jesus all my heart I give Thee
 If Thou wilt but make it Thine.*
 (Francis Bottome)
 Sandra chooses No. 40 from Songs of Fellowship
*Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here,
 Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear
 In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
 Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.*
 (David J. Evans)
10. Galatians 2:19 NIV is Tony's chosen Bible verse.
"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."
 For Sandra it is Romans 8:28 NIV.
"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

June 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.

May
Answer

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Home and family week-end

What a start! First we were looking forward to being led by Joy Topping but because of illness she was unable to come. We then asked Major Gill Billard (DHQ) if she would be able to come and share with us, which she readily agreed to do, but once again things did not go to plan and she was called home as her father was very ill. Major Sandra and myself then knew that we would have to take the reins, and with the help of Major Gill's notes we tried to keep the theme she had planned.

During the Sunday morning meeting we were blessed with a prayer by Armintha and blessed and touched by Joan's testimony (thanks Joan) The Singing Company sang Standing in the Need of Prayer - well done all and especially Mr. T (Takudzwa) Great blessings too were received from the contributions by the band and songsters. Major Sandra spoke about the Lord being our Shepherd.

The Sunday afternoon meeting was café church style. The Cameo group sang two songs, "The Living Lord" followed by "The Lord is my Shepherd" by Commissioner Keith Banks. We were also blessed by Pat's testimony, (thanks, Pat) and once again the band and songsters played an important part.

On Monday at the rally, it was good to see a good number in the congregation and again the Cameo group sang the songs they had used on the previous day, as well as a song which was written with the recent royal wedding in mind, and was sung to the tune "My favourite things". A timbrel display to the march "Heroes of the Combat" by the Cameo group was well received by the congregation. We then went to the Y.P. Hall for a delicious tea. Thanks go to Major Sandra for stepping in at the last minute to lead us in our week-end. We know that the Lord was in all that took place.



Will you please remember in your prayers....

Stewart Christie, who is far from well. Please pray for Gladys and their family too as they face a difficult future.

Commissioner Helen Clifton, who entered St. Christopher's Hospice in London on Thursday.

Major Margaret Porter, who is still struggling with health issues and finding life very difficult.

May God's blessing be on them and on others who need Him in a special way in these days.

A Brass Band Career!



There can't be too many people who have played a brass instrument on the same Salvation Army Corps platform for so long as has Bryn Bennell. Sixty nine years all told, man and boy. Following an accident a couple of years ago, Bryn was forced to take a break but true to form he was soon back in action. Now, however, he feels the time has come for him to take a more permanent break. On the occasion of Bryn's retirement we were intrigued by the anecdotes we heard from Claude concerning incidents in long ago years, Major Tony presented him with his retirement certificate and Alexandra (the

youngest musician) presented him with a gift in recognition of such faithful service.

All this happened during a very special Sunday afternoon, when the platform was filled with players of all ages from Slough, two bandsmen from Banbury, and one from Wokingham along with our own band. It was a real treat to hear some of the old music and to have them accompany the singing as well. Our own Harold Richardson, Eddie Young, bandmaster at Slough, and Claude all took turns to conduct. It was unbelievable that a short rehearsal in the afternoon produced such wonderful results. The Psalms often encourage us to praise God with musical instruments and voices and that is what took place that afternoon, because the songsters too benefited from extra voices from Slough and Banbury. It was a great time of praise and worship, thank you Harold for arranging it and can we do it again some time?



Quote of the month..... *Jesus paid a debt He did not owe
We owe a debt we cannot pay.
Dr. Steve Brady. From DVD used in Bible Study.*

EVELINE (Evangeline) BOOTH

Born Hackney, Middlesex 25th December 1865

Died: New York, July 17th 1950

The Final Episode of Claude's Series about The Booth Family.

The seventh child and fourth daughter of William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, Eveline (who later changed her name to Evangeline), was to have a critical role in the evolution of the Army during the period leading up to 1929 when radical changes were made in the Army's constitution, replacing the autocratic method of leadership with a more open and democratic leadership. Crucial to this was the method by which the general would be chosen.

Of all William Booth's children, Evangeline was most like him. She had flair, drive and passion, was a born leader and could hold an audience spellbound with her dramatic oratory. At the request of her father, she never married. He felt that such a strong personality as hers could best serve the cause as a single officer.

From her early teens, Eveline, (or Eva, as she was then called) was going about in the slums with her sisters, preaching and identifying with the poor. At the age of 18 she was an assistant at the training home for women, giving oversight to the Cellar, Gutter and Garret Brigade, and in 1886 she was appointed corps officer at Marylebone. She was promoted to Field Commissioner and became responsible for all the Army's work in London, including the training homes. While still only 30 she was sent to take command in Canada to replace her brother, Herbert. For nine years she travelled and preached in the frontier areas of the north, such as the Yukon and Alaska where gold prospectors had formed unruly boom towns, in what she later called "one of the most arduous toils in my experience".

In 1896, Evangeline was sent post-haste to America to thwart an attempt by her brother Barrington, to persuade officers to join him in forming a breakaway movement called Volunteers of America. She gate crashed the meeting and, despite efforts to prevent her, gave a passionate speech and succeeded in winning back the loyalty of most of those present.

In 1904 Evangeline returned to America as Commander of the United States, to replace her sister, Emma, who had been fatally injured in a railway accident. Evangeline felt intimidated at the prospect of replacing her sister, who had created a solid foundation for the Army in the US and was herself regarded as one of the country's greatest citizens. Evangeline more than justified the faith her father placed in her.

On arriving in New York, Evangeline immediately addressed the extreme poverty amongst immigrants. She established bread lines and programmes to feed school children. She also undertook emergency relief during disasters, aid to hospitals and help for the elderly. In the wake of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, she led a mass meeting in Union Square, New York, and raised over \$12,000 for Salvation Army relief work amongst the victims of the disaster. During this period she became an American citizen.

It was her initiative to assist soldiers in World War 1, that won the Army the lasting respect and appreciation of the American people. The first of 250 Salvationists left New York for the front line of the war in France. These people came to symbolise the work of the Army. Money poured in to expand the effort. Salvationists were excused from military duty so they could be free to continue the work.

In 1927 Evangeline visited her brother, General Bramwell Booth, with a memorandum which set out proposals to change the way in which the Army appointed its general. Bramwell refused to alter what he believed to be his father's intentions. Finally, after a long and expensive legal battle, the issue was resolved when Bramwell became too ill to continue in office. Almost certainly, Bramwell's chosen successor would have been his own daughter, Catherine, who, under the old constitution would have remained as General until she died at the age of 104, a period of 58 years.

Evangeline Booth became the Army's fourth general in 1934, when she succeeded Edward Higgins as its leader. She never lost the zeal and enthusiasm of the early years and took particular interest in the soul-saving activities of the musical sections of the Salvation Army. She retired in 1939 and spent the remaining years of her life in America where she had served for so many years.

With the constitutional reforms resulting from the 1929 crisis and the ongoing reforms since then, the scene today has been transformed out of all recognition from what obtained pre 1929. However, the foundation principal that the Army should always be under the 'oversight, direction and control of one person' has been retained. This enables swift and decisive action to be taken when needed. The Army is not led by a committee but by a General. Yet the foundation principal has been supplemented by wise safeguards against the frailties of human nature and by the establishment of formal channels for input from a much wider circle to inform the decision making process.

