

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 on 8th March.
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.
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.
Youth Club 8—11 yrs old. Monthly, 7—8.30p.m.
- Saturdays **Walk** first Saturday every month. Details from
Barrie, Andy or Gladys. All welcome
Coffee Morning on third Saturday each month 10.30 a.m.

Special this month. Mark your diary and don't miss anything.

- Sun 28th Feb **Arrival of Divisional Prayer Baton to the Corps**
See Page 4 for full details of the prayer week.
- Fri 5th Mar Women's' World Day of Prayer at Trinity U.R.C.
- Sun 7th Mar. Self Denial Altar service in both meetings. *See page 9*
- Sun/Mon 21/22 Home and Family weekend.
- Thurs 25 Mar Ladies Retreat Day at Lower Earley. *See Page 4*
- Sat 27th Spring Sale and Coffee
Divisional Celebration at Staines 7.30 p.m.
- Looking ahead Mark your diary and don't double book these dates!**
- Mar.29th—Apr 4th Holy Week. *See page 3*
- April 2nd and 4th Easter. Visit of Major Christine Bailey, D.C.
- Tues. 12th May Divisional Home and Family rally at the Kings Centre
- Sun May 23 Pentecost. Visit of Carol and Ivor Telfor
- Fri June 18th Big Prayer Walk. To cover the whole division.
More details to come.

Your prayers are asked for...
Melinda's mother died on Thursday 25th. Please remember
Melinda and all the family in your prayers.

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Dear friends

We are now nearly half way through the season of Lent. For many people this is a time associated with giving something up. It's an opportunity for kicking an unwanted habit, for going on that long-awaited diet, or for denying ourselves one of those unnecessary luxuries. Sales of chocolate must plummet if everyone who says they are going to give up chocolate for Lent actually does.



These are personal acts of discipline, encouraging us to focus on the spiritual rather than the physical needs of our lives. But whilst giving something up has its place, it actually gives us something of a one-sided view of what Lent really means. Lent should not only be a time of giving up, but also a time of taking something on. That may mean, to use Jesus words, going the extra mile.

Now please don't get me wrong. I'm not advocating that we take on extra work for the sake of it. Rather, what I am suggesting is a resolve, a purposeful focus, to follow Christ more faithfully, a determination to give ourselves fully in wholehearted discipleship.

This might mean a more disciplined approach to our personal quiet times with God. It could be a challenge to us to consider the practical service that we give to God, or maybe a determination to be bolder in our witness for Christ. It could also have an impact on the offering and use of our previously unused gifts. And because of the Salvation Army's focus upon practical help to other territories during Lent – known to us as Self-Denial – it could also be an opportunity for us to look at our financial responsibilities to both the Corps and to the Salvation Army's ministry abroad.

What I'm trying to emphasise is the truth that whilst Lent is a time for giving *up*, it is also a time for giving *back* to the one who gave us his all. When we consider all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus, surely the only response we can make is to ask God what we can do for him.

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Let me leave you with a prayer from Nick Fawcett;
Living God,

forgive us that, too easily, we slip
into a faith of negatives,
imagining that you are more concerned with what
we shouldn't do than with what we should.

Teach us that although there is a very real place for self
denial there is also a place for affirming and
celebrating life in all its fullness.

Help me, then, to use this time of Lent as a time
to grow and learn,
to deepen my faith and strengthen my commitment;
above all, a time to make more time for you,
so that you can work in my life
and enrich my experience of your love,
through Jesus Christ my Lord.

Amen.

God bless you
Major Tony



Easter



Easter will be with us very soon. The Corps programme for this is very similar to what we have become used to over the past few years. The hall will be open every morning of holy week and on the Tuesday there will be an informal service of Easter songs and readings. Each day there will be refreshments provided.

The Good Friday service will be at 10 a.m. to allow for us to join in the Churches Together walk of witness through the town.

In the afternoon there is a 3 mile walk arranged starting at Wheeler End Common at 2.30 p.m.

The Safari Supper, arranged by Helen Selwood is on Saturday evening with fellowship and fun.

Sunday meetings are at the usual time, commencing with the sunrise service at 6.30 a.m. at Hughenden. The Divisional Commander is leading the meetings on Good Friday and on Easter Sunday.

This is such an important Christian Festival, make it a priority and worship the One who gave Himself for us..



The Brass Band That Entertains
The Marlow Town Band
With Holtspur Choir in Concert

Presents

A Springtime Concert
An evening of superb musical entertainment
on
Saturday 24th April 2010
at
The Salvation Army
Frogmoor, High Wycombe

Doors open 7.00 p.m. Music commences 7.30 p.m.
Refreshments available during interval

Tickets £6.50 Family Ticket £20.00 (Group of 4)

For tickets or further details please contact
Sally Marshall Tel: 07950 690775
or Mark Selwood Tel: 01494 818966/07919 241542
Email: marlowtownband@btinternet.com

Proceeds from this concert will go towards providing a much needed notice board outside the hall. The present one is so wet inside, and getting wetter, that posters are unreadable. Not very helpful to passers by.

The last coffee morning and jumble sale together raised £167. Thanks to all those who worked so hard for this.

Celebration of Talent

Andy is succeeding in putting over the message in this series of special meetings in a very different way. On 31st January, the theme was Trust and we began with the song "Standing on the promises of God" Georgina and Ali invited God in with the words of the duet they played, "Bless this house". Stephen Frost sang his final song with the Singing Company - Purpose for Life - and Benedict worked his magic and illustrated trust betrayed, with his media moment, a water bed in a showroom which soaked the customers who, rashly trusting it to be good, tried it out. A cautionary, and humorous tale.



'Bill and Charlie' usually known to us as Claude and Barrie, brought their own philosophy into play as they conversed about trust. Our very own Matthew and William sang a duet, a unique rendering of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Well, no, not exactly on the theme, but so far it's the only duet in their repertoire, and who knows what they might come up with in the future with a little encouragement.

Alan Clouson moved his own personal mountain (a reference to the morning meeting when the theme was moving mountains) and spoke in public for the first time about faith and trust. He left us in no doubt that his faith is in God.



The other photo is of Carol's illustrated take on trust, put not in man, but in God.



We look forward to discovering what Andy will bring us next time.

Incidentally, the Songs of Praise afternoons are proving successful too. Throughout Scripture we read of singing being an integral part of worship and it still is. How interesting to hear why people have chosen the songs we have sung. God blesses us through the experiences of others.

Prayer Baton Week Programme

Each event will make special provision for prayer

Sunday 28th the baton arrives and will be at the meeting/s

Monday 1st March There will be a Prayer Walk leaving from the hall at 2 p.m. In the evening it will be at the Bible Study group at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 2nd The baton will be at Open Door and in the afternoon at the Home League. In the evening it will be at music sections rehearsals.

Wednesday 3rd The hall will be open from 9 a.m.—9 p.m. for prayer and will be set out with prayer stations to aid you. This is an opportunity for everyone to be involved with this week. Bring someone with you, we are open to all, whether from other churches or non Christians.

Thursday -4th The baton will go with the Officers to Shelburne Lodge in the afternoon. In the evening it will be at the open songster rehearsal.

Friday 5th The baton will (hopefully) be at the Women's' World Day of prayer at Trinity URC in the morning, then at the Lunch Club and will then take to the streets again for another prayer walk in the afternoon, again leaving from the hall at 2 p.m. and finally at the youth club in the evening.

The baton has almost reached the end of its year long journey. Let us make this week one that will be memorable. May it be a reminder to us of our dependence on God.

Out of the mouths.....a little prayer I found.
Dear God, I think about you sometimes, even when I'm not praying. Elliot.

Ladies Retreat Day

Thursday 25th March 10.30—3.30
(10 a.m. for coffee)

Special Guest Colonel Rosalie Peddle
Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministry

Reading Lower Earley Corps
£7 for the day, including lunch

Worship. Meditation. Prayer. Singing. Craft.

Details and booking form from Hazel

A really good day you won't want to miss.

Spring Sale - The Big One

Saturday March 27th

10 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Bacon rolls only £1.00

Cakes, Gifts, Jewellery, Toys, Jigsaws, Books, Bric-a-brac

**Most important—Please come
and bring your friends and neighbours**

*See Melinda or Gladys if you can help
either on the day or on Friday*

Can you provide good quality items for sale.

Baking, sewing, crafting, etc.

10% of money raised is for Salvation Army overseas work.

The rest for Corps funds.

Corps Safari Supper

Saturday 3rd April (Easter Saturday)

Plans are well in hand for this event. Make sure you are booked in for this event. £10 (children £5) for a three course meal and good company. All meeting together for the dessert. (Oh yes — if you do have special dietary requirements please make it known when booking your place.

Next Youth Club

March 5th. 7—8.30 p.m. Then March 26th

For children between the ages of 8 and 11

Fun in a safe environment.



Corps Walking Group

Why not join these intrepid walkers on the first Saturday of every month. Enjoy God's beautiful creation. Enjoy the company of this happy band of people. Enjoy the benefits of fresh air and exercise. It's nearly spring—go on, get those boots out!
Details from Gladys or Barrie.

Andy's Column

We sit and watch Trev conducting the Junior Band every week and they always play to such a high standard, but what exactly makes Trev tick?

Ten things you may not know about Trevor Steventon

1. Well he definitely comes from good stock. His Grandfather, William Thomas, was imprisoned for one week in Reading jail for causing an obstruction when he was the Salvation Army Officer in charge of an open-air service at Sunningdale.
2. Trev was born at Maidenhead in 1930. He became bandmaster at the age of 22. Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, who was instrumental in forming the band, and his father was bandmaster for many years.
3. Trev makes no claim to be a sportsman, however it was when he was turning out for a Maidenhead band in a football match one Easter Monday against Wycombe band, that he met Hilary. Being shy by nature he persuaded his sister to write to Hilary asking for a date.
4. If you give Trev any number between 1 and 400 he would be able to tell you the name of the corresponding hymn tune in the old Salvation Army tune book. A skill that he honed in competing with his Father when he was a boy.
5. Which suggests that he would have little difficulty in choosing a favourite song. He narrowed it down to any of the Albert Orsborn songs before selecting

“Saviour if my feet have faltered on the pathway of the cross,
If my purposes have altered or my gold be mixed with dross.
O forbid me not Thy service, keep me yet in Thy employ,
Pass me through a sterner cleansing, if I may but give Thee joy.
All my work is for the Master,
He is all my heart's desire;
O that He may count me faithful
In the day that tries by fire.

I must love Thee, love must rule me, springing up and flowing forth
From a childlike heart within me, or my work is nothing worth.
Love with passion and with patience, love with principle and fir,
Love with heart and mind and utterance
Serving Christ my one desire.”

6. No-one can be good at everything and Trev's singing has suffered criticism over the years. When he first arrived at Wycombe Claude asked him what he sang? Trev answered “Terrible”.

7. Trev first started conducting our Junior Band in 1965 when he first arrived at Wycombe and at one time had 44 players (including 13 very young second cornet players). Literally hundreds of young people have been led by Trev, both musically and spiritually. A high percentage of these youngsters have been tutored by Trev in his own home (and no Hilary does not wear ear plugs.)
8. Another of his talents is his astonishing ability to play just about any song or chorus on the piano by ear, changing the key if necessary to accommodate the singers.
9. Roast pheasant is Trev's favourite gastronomic delight
10. There was no hesitation in Trev's choice of favourite Bible passage - the Beatitudes.

Selected verses from Matthew Chapter 5: 5 — 9

Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

This month's quote, from The War Cry of 4th September 1886.

£5000 urgently required for the Foreign Work, the Sick and Wounded Officers, the National Training Homes, the Prison Gate Brigade, the International Headquarters, and for poor struggling Corps who, through depression in trade and other causes, are unable to pay rents and other liabilities.

HOW IS IT TO BE RAISED?

The answer is a very simple one. By joining the Self-denying League and during the week commencing today—4th September, deny yourself some little luxury, some pleasant article of food, some ornament, some pleasure. In short, sacrifice something which, without inflicting bodily harm, will get some money, send the money thus saved into this Fund, and the effort will be completed right off. Every reader of 'The War Cry', rich and poor, can join this Self-denying League.

Would that £5000 was sufficient for today's need. In 2010, the money given in our altar service is all for overseas. From the UK it goes to Bangladesh, Mozambique, Pakistan, Zambia, Argentine, Paraguay and Uruguay. People are getting saved, the Salvation Army is growing, and they need money to help in this expansion. We have the opportunity to give on 7th March. Keith will provide you with an envelope for your gift. We can join the 'Self Denying League' and encourage and help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

London Central Fellowship Band Concert

A report from our Music Correspondent

Claude Peddle

The London Central Fellowship Band was greeted by a near capacity audience when they came to our Corps to present a most enjoyable concert in aid of the Rosehill Evangelical Mission.

The programme provided a wide variety of styles and catered for all tastes with an interesting mix of army and non-army music. The classic march *Hadleigh Camp (Steadman-Allen)* got the evening off to a flying start. Played at a brisk tempo, as were all the marches on the programme, the six basses very soon made it quite clear they weren't there just for show, providing a very firm foundation to a well balanced sound and blending well with the six trombones who, in turn, matched the quick precise tonguing of the cornets. This was followed by an arrangement by Gordon Langford of *All Through The Night*, in which the middle of the band was heard to good effect. Next, another march, *Bandology (Osterling)* was polished off in fine style. Ray Bowes, the composer of the hymn tune *Bowes*, was actually present in the congregation to hear his well loved setting of the words, *Yes, Jesus Loves Me*, played with great sensitivity. Sadly, Lieut. Col. Bowes was promoted to glory just one week after this concert took place.

At this point the first of our two guests for the evening, Chris Deacon, an S.A. Bandsman from Regent Hall Corps with an impressive CV as a professional musician, displayed his virtuosity in the cornet solo (another classic) *Wondrous Day (Leidzen)*. This was the first real test of the band in a piece notoriously difficult due to its thin scoring and awkward interaction with the soloist. It wasn't perfect, but considering the limited rehearsal time, it was very well played. Later in the programme Chris featured the solos *Song of Exultation (Bearcroft)* and *Blessed Assurance (Bulla)*. Both were received with enthusiastic applause from an appreciative audience.

The second of our guests, Debbie Crane, was once a singing company member at our corps when she, with her family, (the Ketteringhams) moved to High Wycombe about 35 years ago. Debbie has since developed in a very fine soprano soloist and her three solos, which included Gershwin's evocative *Summer Time*, were beautifully sung. The name Ketteringham cropped up again with two arrangements by Debbie's uncle Ken who also contributed a rather clever re-arrangement of Eric Ball's march *Star Lake*.

Shout Salvation (Redhead), a suite in three movements which included the song *Amazing Grace*, was the most extended work of the evening. This was in no way 'heavy' and was as enjoyable to play as it was to listen to. The band's final item was a selection, *The Front Line*, a further example — this time by Leslie Condon - of a simple, but beautifully crafted set of song arrangements with a clear message.

During the course of the evening, Trevor Austin, in his own inimitable way, and with the help of pictures on the screen, gave a very interesting talk about the work of the Rosehill Evangelical Mission with which he is very much involved. The Rosehill Orphan Children's Home in the Andhra Pradesh area of South India, looks after 156 orphan children and 39 widows, providing housing, food, clothing and education. It was a privilege to support such a worthy cause. We are also grateful to Trevor for arranging the concert.

Major Paul Kingscott was a very able compere for the evening. The Bible reading and the thoughts he brought us were, I think, particularly appropriate. He suggested that every item throughout the evening contained a message, not just the Army music. He then quickly reviewed the programme item by item and, in a quite masterful fashion, revealed something about God's love in each one. Not surprisingly I've forgotten most of what he said, but that doesn't matter, I just know that he made me feel rather ashamed of my own (slightly) negative attitude regarding some of the items we had heard. The expression 'to cater for all tastes' is a cliché we sometimes use as an excuse for including something



we personally regard as less worthy. Major Paul's wise words did much to dispel that idea for me. I must look for the sacred within the secular.

Fellowship bands are an avenue of service open to bandsmen who have the energy and desire to prolong their active service to God through their love of banding. The rules of engagement (if there are any) seem fairly flexible thus allowing men (and women) from outside our ranks to participate. It's all about opening doors and building bridges. The London Central Fellowship Band was an excellent example, with many excellent musicians quite happy to sit alongside others who, perhaps, had never before had the opportunity to play in a band of more than ten or twenty members.

I almost forgot to mention that during the evening David Daws was commissioned as the new bandmaster of the LCF Band. Yes, *the* David Daws.

Of course whenever you come to hear an Army band, you're bound to find humour somewhere along the line. This occasion was no exception. Whenever I hear the work *chalk* mentioned ever again, I'll just have to stop whatever I'm doing and have a good laugh!

Trevor Austin was happy to receive a sum amounting to £550 for his mission.