

## 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 12th October.  
**Bible Study** Weekly, 7.30 at the hall with Major Tony.  
next one 8th October
- 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—8.30 p.m.
- Saturdays **Walk** first Saturday every month. Details from Barrie,  
Andy or Gladys  
Coffee Morning on third Saturday each month. 10.30 a.m.

### Looking ahead:-

- Wed. 7th Oct Corps Council Meeting 7 p.m.  
Sun 11th Oct Divisional Youth Councils  
Wed. 14th Oct Divisional Over Sixties Rally at the King's Centre  
Sat 17th Oct Coffee morning 10.30 a.m.  
Sat 17th Oct Bowling followed by food at the hall ~ Y.P. only  
Sun 18th Oct Y.P. Annual meetings with DYO Nick Ward
- 14/15 Nov Territorial Congress. Colston Halls, Bristol  
Nov 21st Nov. Christmas Sale  
Sun 22nd Nov. Visit of Majors Paul and Gillian Billard, DHQ

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COMMANDING OFFICERS  
MAJORS TONY AND SANDRA FROST



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Dear Friends,

On Monday of this week I went to Maidenhead to listen to Patricia and Kenneth Downie sharing in Bible Study on the subject of hearing the Word through music under the heading 'More Than a Song'. They shared their testimony and to me it was so evident that they have a passion to worship God, to love Him and to enable others to do the same.



People have been worshipping God through music for thousands of years. Elisha in 2 Kings 3 asks for a harpist to come and play to create an atmosphere to receive the Word of the Lord. In the Psalms the Psalmist says 'Praise the Lord, sing to the Lord a new song'. In Matthew 26 we read the account of the Lord's Supper. Jesus was sharing with His twelve disciples and while they were eating Jesus told them that one of them would betray him. At the end of this meal they sang a hymn.

We can worship God through many ways of course, for instance, through creation, through silence, through art, through reading the word, through prayer, through drama, through dance. The Psalmist in Psalm 150 ends with the final Hallelujah:-

"Praise the Lord, Praise God in his sanctuary praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre.

Praise him with tambourine and dancing; praise him with the strings and flute.

Praise him with the clash of cymbals; praise him with the resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
Praise the Lord."

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On Monday we sang together several songs both old and new and one led by Patricia Downie was

"I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how he could love me a sinner, condemned unclean".

Kenneth Downie has written a beautiful melody to these old words written by Charles H. Gabriel and published in 1905. He has entitled the song "My joy Through the Ages". The third verse speaks of Jesus in Gethsemane

"For me it was in the garden he prayed, not my will but Thine  
He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine".

I pray that you know the God we serve and worship and love;

" How marvellous, how wonderful and my song shall ever be,  
How marvellous, how wonderful is my Saviour's love for me".

God bless you  
Major Sandra

Congratulations to Bob who celebrated his 80th birthday with a tea party at the Home League on Tuesday. Bob has been looking after H.L. funds for a long time and was happy to share with the group on his special day. The food looked good too!

## Divisional Bible Study

Whilst on the subject, the next study is on Wed. November 11th at Dunstable on the theme of seeing the Word through art.

Majors John and Anne Read are the special guests who will bring enlightenment on this subject. It's timed at 10.30 a.m.—2.45 p.m.

You need to book to make sure you are catered for at lunch.

£3 payable on the day.

Contact Susan Young at DHQ 01895 208803 .

or email [susan.young@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:susan.young@salvationarmy.org.uk) to book

Front Cover...

Jerusalem. The prayers of devout Jews, written down and tucked into the cracks in the Western Wall in Jerusalem. There are always people to be seen at this very sacred place, making their requests known to God.



Wycombe's Mayor, Councillor Julie Prichard, called in to the coffee morning last month. She had been visiting the new farmers' market in Frogmoor and took the opportunity, along with her husband, to call in at the Army. It is hoped that many other people will do the same as our doors will be open on the third Saturday of each month, to coincide with the market. The next one will be on 17th October. We're not expecting the Mayor on that occasion but we will welcome you. In November the event will coincide with our Christmas sale on the 21st.

**Y.P. Annual Weekend  
17th and 18th October**

Sunday meetings will be led by the  
Divisional Youth Officer, Nick Ward.  
Saturday is for the young people only -  
Bowling, followed by food at the hall.

This is one of the highlights on the  
Corps calendar. Make sure you don't miss it!

**Annual Appeal Collecting  
Harvest Altar Service**

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Please ensure that all monies from collecting and your own personal giving are handed to Barrie as soon as possible. He is unable to complete the necessary paper work until 'all is safely gathered in'. Every pound is vital for the ongoing work of the Salvation Army. If you were away when the altar service took place, there is still time to hand in your gift.

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Thank you.

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**Seasonal Connections**

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Autumn	blossom	buds	calendar	Christmas
cold	creation	dawn	dusk	Easter
frost	fruitfulness	furrow	harvest	heat
hibernate	holidays	leaves	migrate	mist
moon	nature	new life	new year	Pentecost
plant	rain	ripe	seasons	snow
spring	summer	sunshine	trees	warm
windy	winter			

## Nancy's Musings from the Message

Psalm 119 v. 105 "By your words I can see where I'm going, they throw a beam of light on my dark path."

(A.V. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.")

We have been so delighted to have Judith worshipping with us now for a year, and I asked her to share this with us:

*"I had lived in London for fifty years, and had never thought of leaving. hen some accommodation in Princes Risborough suddenly came up, and I knew I had to go there. I didn't know anything about the area or any one that lived there.*

*When I was reading the Bible at that time, I read the passage in Genesis 12, when God asked Abraham to leave his country and go to the land He was to show him. When I went to Church the next Sunday, the service was based on the same passage, and there was even a picture on the Service Sheet of Abraham following a star into the unknown!*

*So I had to trust the Lord for what would happen. Everything I needed was provided, and I am very grateful that I came here."*

Note the leading from Scripture.

Similarly, for almost a year I have felt we were in the wrong house! It was time for redecorating, and I knew we should not do it! So we looked in every area here, including Marlow and nothing seemed right. In March, as we drove through West London (where our sons are) we both suddenly realised that that was where we should be.

June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Received a DHQ letter about our "One Move in Retirement" and telling us that we had one year to find a house. As you know we were both still working when we came here.

June 24<sup>th</sup> had a ride to West London and went into the first Estate Agency we came to and visited the only property they could offer. It is in a green belt with horses all around – couldn't believe it.

Between us, Bert and I have quite a few Daily Reading books and we certainly needed God's seal on this decision.

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June 25<sup>th</sup> "Daily Bread" Numbers ch.14v.8 "**If the Lord delights in us, then** He will bring us into this land and give it to us."

June 25<sup>th</sup> My ongoing reading of The Message had brought me to 2 Samuel ch.2v.1 I did not get beyond the first verse: "**David asked God, "Shall I move... and God said "Yes, move"**"  
But do we have the courage to make the phone call for such a life changing decision?

Still June 25<sup>th</sup> Daily Reading from CH Spurgeon ( which has guided me so much in the past) Isaiah 40 v.9 "**Get thee up into** the high mountain" and the comment included not seeing **why** until you got to the top and experienced the view.

As I read over these three Daily readings again this little poem was on one of the pages:

*Don't put off for tomorrow  
What you can do today;  
Postponement may bring sorrow,  
Prompt action is the way.*

So we made the phone call to Headquarters believing that God would block it if necessary, but within 24 hours the house was ours.

We have no idea which corps we shall be attending. Bert will still be involved in Prison Chaplaincy, which brings him so much joy and satisfaction, and I am wondering what God has in mind for me. That should be interesting...

### A Surprise

What a surprise when Nancy first spoke to me about moving away from High Wycombe. Looking back at a Standard Bearer article when she and Bert first came to the Corps in 2001, they felt then that this was where God wanted them to be for their retirement. We cannot know the whole mind of God, and now they believe that He has new things in store for them. To date, Nancy has written 34 'Musings', (I counted) which she began following a period of illness in 2006. As editor of Standard Bearer, I shall certainly miss these thoughts when Nancy has finally packed her bags and left us, though there is no date set as yet. They will be missed!

## Christmas Sale—Sat. 21st November

How quickly the months fly and already the world is getting geared up for Christmas. The first Christmas event at High Wycombe Salvation Army is the sale, to be held on Saturday November 21st. Melinda and Gladys need your help, first and foremost, to bring your family, friends and neighbours along to buy their Christmas gifts and to enjoy the world renowned bacon rolls, for a mere £1, and also the delicious home made cakes. There will be something for all ages, toys, books, crafted items, etc. Try to think where you could display a poster, at home, work, club, surgery and so on. Have a few leaflets with you when you are out and about to give to people you meet. Can you donate home made cakes, scones, pies, crumbles, jam etc, or new gifts. (Please, no second hand items—we have enough of these.

Can you help on Thursday or Friday (19th/20th) to bring boxes from the cellar and to set up and price goods.

Can you sell ice to Eskimos? We need you on the day as well.

And of course there will be clearing up to do afterwards. Speak to Melinda or Gladys to offer your services.

Money raised will be for Corps funds.

### The Deceptive Cake

Alice baked a cake for the Corps Christmas sale, but having left it till the last moment she did not have time to make another when it collapsed in the middle. Looking round the house for something to build it up she found it in the bathroom - a roll of toilet paper. She plonked it in the indentation and covered it with icing. It looked beautiful. Alice then instructed her daughter to be at the sale the minute it opened to buy the cake, but disastrously, when she arrived, it had already been sold.

Alice was beside herself, particularly a day or two later when she went to a coffee morning at a friend's home and spied the cake taking pride of place in the centre of the table. She jumped out of her chair, ready to tell the hostess all about it, but one of the other guests pre-empted her words and commented on the beautiful cake!

Alice sat back in her chair with relief when she heard the hostess say "Thank you, I baked it myself"



Kim and Rob

It was such a happy occasion when Kim and Rob were married. A full hall of friends and family shared this very special day with the happy couple. Kim is one of the people who quietly gets on with her 'job' at the toddlers group, and both she and Rob have been a part of the Bible study group, bringing a lively presence. It's not so long ago that Rob was baptised, so he has taken two life changing steps this year. We congratulate them both and pray that God will bless them as they make their new life together.



The GSUS Live mobile classroom has already been in High Wycombe for three of its five weeks. Each week about 600 children, of all faiths and none, have benefited from its facilities and have learned about Jesus and how He is relevant to their lives in 2009. Benedict has spent two days and Major Tony has spent one day each week, working with the youngsters. Two more schools will be visited over the next two weeks. Let us pray that the young people will be drawn to seek further about the truth of Christianity and to want to know Jesus for themselves. Pray also for Benedict, Major Tony and their colleagues from Wycombe Youth for Christ who are putting so much physical and spiritual energy into this enterprise.



## My Path

It was an exciting part of the Harvest meetings when Denise made her promises to God at her enrolment as a soldier in the Salvation Army. Denise testified to the way God has led her thus far as she made her commitment to Him. We are glad that she has made her spiritual home with us. Please uphold her and the boys in prayer as she continues to follow where He leads.

The week leading up to my enrolment turned out to be one of very useful reflection for me. As I looked back over the last 15 or so years, I realised that the key turning points in my life were largely down to the decisions I didn't really get to make. I went through a difficult time during the sixth form at school, and as a result, I had to let go of all the plans I had made for higher education. Having to then go through the 'clearing' process - when universities try to fill any left over places- I ended up studying in High Wycombe, quite expecting to leave after graduation. I moved here 12 years ago, and did graduate, but by that time William was already on his way and so High Wycombe became a more permanent home. The toddler group here re-opened following the building renovations just at the time I was looking for somewhere to take William, so I brought him and then Matthew for about 2 and half years. I grew up going to church every week, and wanted to do the same with my children, although I did find this a somewhat daunting prospect when they were very young. We started coming to meetings in September 2005, and as you know, William was enrolled earlier this year (Matthew's turn next year!).



When Carol approached me on the subject of enrolment, I was a little reluctant. Not through a lack of desire to enrol, but more because of things going on in my own life. I kept thinking that as soon as I had got my life organised, I could concentrate my energies on what God wanted me to do. Of course, I had got this completely wrong, and it did eventually sink in that I don't need to try and fix everything that is wrong in my life before I can give it to God. He will take it as it is, and fix it far better than I ever could. I do not know what path God has in mind for me, but I have realised that it doesn't start from here. I have in fact been walking on it all along in order to be here now. This feeling of being guided and directed brought me a great deal of comfort, as well as a sense of privilege that God could take so much time and care over someone who so often gets it wrong. If God can get me here, then I am reassured that whatever future He has planned for me, He will get me there.

*A quote worth reading...*

*We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.*

*It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.*

Archbishop Oscar Romero.