

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 14th.
Bible Study Weekly, 7.30 at the hall with Major Tony.
next one 7th
- 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

Looking ahead:-

- Mon 7th Sept Start of door to door collecting.
Sat. 12th Sept Wedding of Rob Payne and Kim Thwaites-Simmons.
19/20 Sept Harvest weekend. Barn Dance on Saturday
at the hall.
- Sat Sept 19th Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.
Mon. Sept 28th Divisional Bible Study at Maidenhead.
10.30 to 2.45. with Dr. Kenneth Downie and
Mrs. Patricia Downie
“...More than a Song” (Hearing the Word through
Music).
- Nov 21st Christmas Sale

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High Wycombe Corps

COMMANDING OFFICERS
MAJORS TONY AND SANDRA FROST

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Needs

The Salvation Army!

The Salvation Army

Needs You

Annual Appeal

Door to Door Collecting starts

Monday 7th.

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Dear Friends



Summer is drawing to a close and the nights are drawing in. Very soon the leaves on the trees will be changing colour and dropping. The farmers are bringing the crops from the fields and planting their winter crops ready for next year. All of these things remind us that winter is on the way. For the Corps there is work to be done. Our own harvest needs to be brought in; we need to prepare the ground and plant seeds ready for the next crop; and there needs to be a time of change. Just as the seasons change from one to the other so we need to be ready for our next season of fruitful service in Christ.

There are simple practical things we can do –

The annual appeal starts this month and we have opportunity to go out to the public and ask them for their support of the Army. Unfortunately this is not something that just happens; there has to be involvement of time and energy by everyone who is able in order to get round all the streets. However, the rewards are more than worth the effort. So many people spoken to; so many homes visited; so many new contacts.

We also celebrate our Harvest Festival this month. Here is another opportunity to thank God for the blessings of the past, and anticipate the blessings of the next fruitful year. We each of us will have occasion to give our financial gift to God and the Corps and help to ensure our continued ministry here in High Wycombe.

There is also preparation to be done. For just as a farmer has to prepare his field ready for the seeds, so we have to prepare ourselves and our Corps for the blessings God has in store for us.

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Prayer is vital!

Please pray that God will pour out his blessings upon us.
Pray that we might be ready to receive all that God wants to give us

Pray that we might be able to plant the seed of His gospel in someone's life

Pray that there will be a fruitful harvest in the future.

Pray that He will remove the weeds and the stones from our lives so that our lives will be clear of clutter and debris.

Pray that we will be considered suitable and prepared in our readiness to serve God.

Pray that we might be able to work together to help His Kingdom grow.

We are so fortunate in our Corps to be blessed with musical sections, a good community outreach programme, lots of people coming through our doors. But we can't become complacent. For there to be a fruitful harvest there has to be a time of sowing seeds, clearing weeds, tending and watering. May God give us the desire and the opportunities to see His gospel spread and a fruitful harvest for His Kingdom within our corps.

May God bless us this harvest time.

Major Tony

Divisional Bible Study

With the overall titles of these studies speaking of "Experiencing the Word through the senses", the second of them concerns hearing the Word through music. In their study— "...More than a Song" Dr. Kenneth Downie and Mrs Patricia Downie will explain and enlarge this theme. A light lunch will only cost you £3 if you book for this event to be held at Maidenhead on Monday 28th September, 10.30—2.45. Contact Susan Young at DHQ 01895 208803 .or email susan.young@salvationarmy.org.uk. to book With music playing such a large part in our Corps, this should be an attractive option for any who have time on a Monday.

As an advance notice, the next study is on Wed. November 11th at Dunstable on the theme of seeing the Word through art.

Nancy's Musings from 'The Message'

Matthew Chapter 2 : 11 and 12

"They opened their luggage and presented gifts; gold, frankincense, myrrh. In a dream, they were warned not to report back to Herod. So they worked out another route, left the territory without being seen, and returned to their own country."

As I read that familiar verse this week I was struck by God's particular care for these wise men, after their task was over. They could so easily have fallen into the hands of Herod with dire consequences, so God's warning took them to their homes in safety. Not only did God secure the safety of the Holy Family, but he gave His protection to these strangers from the east.

Some of you may have seen 'The Frankincense Trail' on television this week. It takes 210 days from Oman via Yemen to the Holy Land. The frankincense trees are high in the mountains of Oman. The barks are punctured, the frankincense exudes from the punctures, is left to harden and in a day or two is cut off and carried on camels (800 kgs. On each, costing in Roman times, one year's wages.) The trail has existed for 3000 years and has been the making of wealthy towns along the way.

Here was a gift provided by God through nature, given to his Son. Forevermore, this wise man from the east would be remembered. The gift, although valuable in itself, was only given eternal value when brought to the feet of Jesus.

Aled Jones recalled the Pudsey Bear photo shoot for Children in Need. The director said to the group of children 'Would you all put your Pudseys down over there'. Nobody moved.

'Come on, put the bears down over there.'

So the children went over and put them down, all trying to put them in a different place so they would know their own

'But they are all the same.' said the director.

One little boy said 'Oh no' They are all loved differently.'

The director who had not been a believer in anything before, could not get that out of his head. What gave the bears their value was the fact that they were loved.

As I look at God's individual care of the wise men, I realise again the value of each one of us because we are so loved by Him.

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For your Diary—Other Events Coming Up!

Divisional Over 60s Rally 14th October

King's Centre, High Wycombe

Territorial Congress 14th and 15th November

Colston Halls, Bristol

Visit of Majors Paul and Gillian Billard, DHQ.

They will be conducting our Sunday meetings

November 22nd

Christmas Sale—November 21st.

Spring Cleaning!

Thanks to all who set to with a will to do that extra bit in the deep cleaning of the hall. It's surprising where all the dirt comes from when there is regular cleaning done every week. I understand that the youngest volunteer was Karys, who, I am told, worked very hard. The oldest was.....well let's not go into that!

Answers to last month's quiz

1. 1948: 2. Locusts and honey: 3. a type of rural settlement. 4. Acts 5 soldier and politician. 6. False 7. Mediterranean Sea. 8. False. 9 Both. 10. Anna: 11. David Ben Gurion (14th May 1948) 12. John: 13. John: 14. Jairus: 15. Cana: 16. First five books of the Bible. 17. Mount Nebo. 18. Lebanon. Syria. Jordan. Egypt. 19. False 20. John the Baptist's head.

Wordsearch error.....My apologies for the misspelling of the word Isaiah in last month's wordsearch. I hope no-one spent too many hours looking for the correct word!

A quote from Major Bob McIntyre at the Divisional Brunch Break on Sept 5th. "The power that brought Jesus back to life is the same power that is in you". Now that's something to ponder.

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I also recognise the value of the gifts being so eternally blessed because they were brought to the feet of Jesus.

Out of gratitude to such a loving God, He invites us to offer our simple talents, already given to us by Him, (like the frankincense) so that he can give to them eternal value, and the relationship between ourselves and our God makes it possible for unbelievers to think again.

GSUS LIVE IS COMING TO TOWN

Benedict gives some information



ABOUT GSUS LIVE

GSUS Live is a resource that is available to secondary schools. The aim of GSUS Live is to show that Jesus is relevant today.

There are two mobile classrooms with a fully functioning multimedia computer suite as the core of the hardware. They are designed to take classes of up to 32 Key Stage 3 pupils for a 45 to 60 minute lesson and will provide a stimulating environment in which they can investigate Jesus' teachings on Forgiveness, Fear and Rejection.



GSUS Live is fully compliant with non-statutory guidelines for Religious Education for Key Stage 3 students. Over the last eight years, GSUS Live has visited over 500 schools throughout England and Wales with great success.

WHO IS BEHIND GSUS LIVE?

COUNTIES is a UK based Christian charity. Through its workers, publications and exhibitions COUNTIES provides churches and schools with resources that make Christianity understandable in the 21st Century. The charity also runs LIFE, a mobile exhibition primarily aimed at Key Stage 2 children.

GSUS Live is built on the success of other COUNTIES' mobile exhibitions, which were visited by thousands of pupils.

GSUS Live is available to schools free of charge. The project is funded by individuals, churches and Christian trusts.

HIGH WYCOMBE Sept/Oct 2009

High Wycombe Corps is partnering with COUNTIES to bring GSUS Live to High Wycombe in September/October 2009. Wycombe Youth for Christ are supporting us with the project.

We estimate that 3750 students will hear the message of Jesus Christ (some for the first time) in an engaging and relevant manner.

Please pray that their lives will be transformed.

The timetable and venues for the school visits are as follows:-

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| Sat 12th Sept | - | Fri 18th Sept | Wycombe High School |
| Fri 18th Sept | - | Fri 25th Sept | St Bernard's Catholic School |
| Fri 25th Sept | - | Fri 02nd Oct | Great Marlow School |
| Fri 2nd Oct | - | Fri 9th Oct | The Wye Valley School |

Major Tony and Benedict Mwendwa will be in the classroom as presenters and Alan and Stuart Dobson will be assisting with the setting up and packing up of the facilities each time the classroom is moved.

This project has meant hours of preparation by Major Tony and Benedict. Your prayers are asked for them and for everyone who will be working with so many young people during these weeks.



Please pray for Hilary, who has undergone surgery last week. Let us pray that she will make a speedy recovery.

Corps Directory—Correction

Brian and Shelia Luff's telephone number is 01494 524011

News for and about Young People

Our Y.P. music sections are going to be at Maidenhead on Oct. 3rd . Divisional Youth Councils are on 11th October and our Y.P. Annual will be on 18th October. Divisional Youth Officer Nick Ward is coming for that

Summer School

A number of our young people went to the Divisional Summer School. Sophie Anderson, who very recently came to High Wycombe with her family has written this article to give the rest of us some idea of what happened.

The theme of the week was 'Forward: What Happens Next?' where we discussed and reflected on where God was calling us to go in the future. In Bible study we discussed the theme of 'Discipleship' and focused on living, loving, learning, losing and leaving in order to follow Christ. We spoke of the disciples who gave up their lives in order to follow Jesus and how we can aim to be more like them in our own lives.

Summer School consisted of 5 main options: band, vocal, drama, worship support and sports ministry. I chose to do vocal and enjoyed it thoroughly. We sang some truly moving and powerful songs whilst also being able to have a good time. Every night we would have a late night worship which would involve us singing and worshipping in various ways. The week also included two themed evenings: a 50s night (looking back) and a 'what you want to be in 10 years' night (looking forward) where we dressed up and took part in numerous activities, including a campfire (with no actual fire but a lake in it's place) and a treasure hunt. Overall I made lots of new friends and gained a lot from the week. It was inspirational.

Sophie Anderson

Some of our young people have been involved with exams over the past few months. I understand that results received during the summer have been pleasing. Congratulations to them all, they work hard at school and they work hard at the Army. God bless them in all their endeavours!

Harvest Celebrations

Saturday September 19th
Supper and Barn dance
Tickets available from Hazel

Sunday Meetings
10 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.
Led by our own
Commanding Officers.

There is also going to be a
Coffee Morning on
Saturday 19th at
10.30 a.m.
Volunteers needed.
Please speak to Tony or Sandra



Congratulations to Gwyneth and Stuart Dobson on the arrival of their grandson Charlie James Moore. Mum Hayley and Dad Dave, along with Charlie are all doing well. Charlie arrived on Friday 21st August at 2.24 a.m., weighing in at 8lb 1oz.. The picture shows him arriving home.

What did you do this summer?

A Songs of praise in July. A not very good picture of Karys singing a beautiful solo and of Tristan and Trevor making beautiful music together.



Thanks to all who took responsibility for meetings during the C.Os. Holiday, including Captain Bainbridge who came from Lower Earley

Less than perfect weather did not dampen the spirits of those who picnicked at Wendover Woods in July, some of whom are pictured here, although threatening rain may have shortened our visit. A traditional

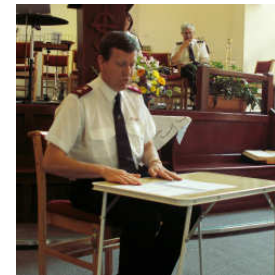


English cream tea with home made scones and strawberry jam was enjoyed by everyone present.



A good number of people from all the town centre churches met together for a Praise in the Park one Sunday afternoon. The band and singing company were both on duty and along with participants from the other churches, sounded out the message of Jesus. Scripture was

read and prayer was made. The park was very busy and people were walking past and taking some interest. We can only pray that someone was blessed and brought closer to God because of what they saw and heard. However simply to share with other Christians must be pleasing to God



Major Tony being Matthew, sitting at the table with Jesus as his guest and being amazed, that Jesus wanted him, the lowest of the low, to be his friend. It was a powerful presentation.

And then on the same theme of disciples, a circle of people who put their names down as testimony to their desire to be His disciples. The names may not be legible in this small format, but I was struck by the variety of people who wanted to be

identified as belonging to Jesus. Some knelt to write their names, others could not kneel and lifted the paper up. Still others had the paper brought to them where they sat. One wrote in his mother's name and one was still learning how to write. God's church is made up of all sorts of people, and all are loved equally by Him.

