



STAPLE DIET

APRIL 2016



Staple Hill Corps

- A Good NEWSS Corps for all people

(Nurture, Evangelism, Worship, Service to Corps, Service to Community)

Our Purpose is:

- **To be a vibrant, worshipping Christian community actively introducing Jesus to the people of our area.**
- **To be a place where all can belong and grow in their relationship with Jesus.**
- **To serve the local community.**

From the desk of the Editor

Over the Easter week we had many people entering our buildings, some for the first time, whether for the Easter Crafts or for our Good Friday Worship.

You may not have noticed but each week we hire out the Bradbury Hall to Slimming World, as their promise to their members is that they are open 52 weeks a year. Even on Good Friday, Majors Colin and Nicola still allow them to open their doors to their Friday members at 9.30am and 11.30am. It was during the Good Friday service that I noticed the number of slimming world members who actually stood in the foyer and listened to our worship - it begs the question *“how many of these people would have known they were attending Good Friday worship when they came for their weekly weigh-in?”* However long they were there, let’s hope they would get a taste for the real meaning behind Easter and maybe they even went way with a blessing and something to think about.

On Easter Sunday Major Colin challenged all of us to ‘Come and Listen, Go and Tell’ - I wonder how many Slimming Worlds members went and told other people about our service? How many people went and told others about our open air witness? How many people would have realised that on our Easter Sunday March we were spreading the message of the Risen Lord?

I truly believe this is the start of the new beginning for us at Staple Hill Salvation Army. Our new Mission Plan is about to be launched and it’s the start of something exciting.

Are you ready to

‘Come and Listen...

...Go and Tell’

Neil Baker, Editor - Staple Diet

From The



Officer's Desk

Spring is a lovely time of the year with new life 'springing' up everywhere. As I look around the Corps, it is also good to see signs of spiritual growth, and I hope that, like me, this encourages you. However, we need to be on our guard, because as I look at our flower beds, in between the flowers there are some weeds growing which need my attention. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 *'Be on your guard; stand firm; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.'* As the spiritual flower that is the Salvation Army Staple Hill grows, we submit ourselves to our heavenly Father who is the gardener.

On a practical note you will find some amazing news in from the Treasurer (read the article), or as I inadvertently (maybe) wrote in an email this week, my treasure. Whilst many have enabled this to happen (read the article), I would like to highlight the work of the finance team and especially Paul for this amazing thing to have happened so quickly (read the article). Thank you to our treasure!

On a further practical note, you may be interested to learn that we are slim-lining and renaming the leadership team. We are forming a Mission Council to help drive our mission forward, which will consist of 6 mission makers and 3 mission enablers, covering 9 different purposes. As part of this we are hoping that everyone will have an opportunity to join a group to advise and inform the different areas of our mission. I have devised what was described as a mind map - although others felt that a blank piece of paper would be a map of my mind! Unfortunately, my illness and then preparing for Easter has put us a little behind with this, but we will publish details as they are finalised.

We do hope that you are encouraged by the direction of the corps and in your walk with Jesus.

Major Colin Hylton-Jones
Corps Officer

News about People

Those currently on the 'Wish you were here' prayer list are: Irene Ackerman, Molly Angle, Tom and Ruth Cable, Nancy Cryer, Geoffrey Driscoll, Joan & David Jones, Joyce Lear, Gwen Lear. David & Shirley Nokes, Madge Rickards, Michael Roberts, Valerie Scott, Francis & Ruth Shepherd.

Mother's day was extra special for Rachael & Nathan James, and big sister Poppy, when Alice Ruby was dedicated by Captain Nicola Brooksbank. Family and friends supported the occasion and on the same day, Great Grandad Harry Brooksbank celebrated his 96th Birthday - Well Done & Congratulations.

Owen Chappell was promoted to Glory early in March - his funeral service will take place on 6th April at Westerleigh, we think of his daughter Gillian and all family members with thoughts and prayers.

Malcolm Wiltshire has also lost his mother, thoughts and prayers are also with you and your family at this time.

Congratulations to David & Doreen Slator who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 2nd April and also to Doreen who has recently celebrated her 70th Birthday.

Vivien Wallington

Thank You...

...for the beautiful cards and lovely messages that so many of you sent me following the Promotion to Glory of my mum, Joyce Kendrick. I also received some beautiful floral arrangements which help to brighten the days and very much appreciate the phone calls and prayers that have been a great comfort for myself, Susan & Neville.

Part of my reason for visiting the family in Australia was for mum's 90th Birthday on 3rd February. Sadly she became unwell the day before and was also admitted to hospital where she was for two weeks, returning to her residential care home and sadly passed on Saturday 27th February, just two weeks after I returned.

I feel so blessed and grateful that I was able to spend almost 7 weeks with her, during which we had some special times together. Again, thank you to you all

Vivien Wallington

APRIL SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL – 5PM

FEATURING

STAPLE HILL BAND

SUPPORTED BY

CORPS MUSIC SECTIONS

April Sundays

3rd	11am - Morning Worship	5pm - Sunday Supper
10th	11am - Morning Worship	5pm - Sunday Worship
17th	11am - Morning Worship	5pm - Worship & The Word
24th	11am - Morning Worship	5pm - Sunday Celebration

Coffee Morning Rota

April		May	
2 nd	Kay Willets & Rachel Roberts	7 th	Rachael James & Tash Bennett
9 th	Michelle Dickens & Linda James	14 th	Linda & Rob Hall
16 th		21 st	Kath, Marcus, Trudi & Haydn Brown
23 rd	Jen & Les Palfreman	28 th	NO COFFEE MORNING (Bank Holiday Weekend)
30 th	NO COFFEE MORNING (Bank Holiday Weekend)		

Sunday Evening Coffee Rota

April		May	
3 rd	Viv, Pauline & Bob	1 st	
10 th	Jen & Kay	8 th	Margaret Belcher
17 th	Pat & Arnold	15 th	Rachel Roberts & Laura
24 th	Heather	22 nd	
		29 th	

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**“Wireless communication is nothing new.
I’ve been praying for 75 years!”**

BUILDING FUND - NOW CLOSED

At long last, I am able to finally say that we have done it! The final £14,000 payment has now been made to Divisional Headquarters on the £200,000 building loan that we required to enable us to complete the refurbishment of our suite of buildings here in Staple Hill - a project that cost £1M back in 2008. When we started the building project, we christened the fundraising effort under the banner HIS, standing for Hall Improvement Scheme but reflecting the reason why we were doing it. Now that we have come to the end of that phase in the corps history, let us return to that original thought as all that has been achieved is for the glory of God - these are HIS buildings, for HIS work, and we need to praise and thank Him for HIS providence towards us.



One of the key contributors to this success has been the impact of Gift Aid donations that have steadily increased year on year as more and more people signed up to the Gift Aid scheme. On the 2nd March, we received into our account the gift aid payment for the 2014/15 tax year, which amounted to £12,633. This is basically free money from the government which allows us to reclaim 25p back on every £1 donated by those who pay tax on their income. As a corps, we have a very large number of people signed up to the Gift Aid scheme, and we can claim against any donations (cartridge, sectional subs, donation envelopes, etc.) made to the corp. If you are a tax-payer and haven't already signed the Gift Aid Declaration form (or if circumstances have changed since you did and you no longer pay income tax), please have a chat to me - it makes a huge difference.

Paul Heath, Corps Treasurer

**What's the range
of a Cornet ?**

**Depends how far
you can throw it !**



**The deadline for entry in
April's Newsletter is
Sunday 17th April 2016,
Please email stapledietnewsletter@gmail.com**

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Corps Weekly Activities

Monday

Greenfingers	10.30am (2 nd Monday of each month)
Home League Fellowship	2pm (3 rd Monday of each month)
Rainbows	6pm to 7pm
Brownies	6.30pm to 7.30pm
CAMEO	8.00pm (last of each month)

Tuesday

Tuesday Toddlers	from 9.30am
Young People's Band Practice	6.45pm to 7.45pm
Senior Band Practice	8pm to 10pm

Wednesday

Baby Song	from 9.30am
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Thursday

Hall open for coffee from	10.30am
Lunch Club	12.30pm
Friendship Club	2pm to 3pm
Community Care Ministries	7pm (3 rd Thursday of each month)
Singing Company Practice	6.45pm to 7.45pm
Songster Practice	8pm to 9.30pm

Friday

Friday Club	6pm to 7.15pm
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Saturday

Coffee Morning	10am to 12pm
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Sunday

Primary, Lighthouse Club & Youth	9.45am - 10.45am
Morning Worship	11am
1 st Sunday - Sunday Supper	5pm
2 nd Sunday - Sunday Worship	5pm
3 rd Sunday - Worship & The Word	5pm
4 th Sunday - Sunday Celebration	5pm
5 th Sunday - Simply Sunday	5pm

Corps Calendar 2016

APRIL	
15 th /16 th	Flag Day at Morrisons, Fishponds
Sunday 17 th	<i>Divisional Youth Councils</i>
Saturday 23 rd	Senior Band at Yeovil
MAY	
Friday 6 th	Band League Festival
Sunday 8 th	Candidates Sunday and Beaufort Court visit
11 th	<i>Divisional AFM Rally</i>
Sunday 15 th	Pentecost and Page Park Praise
Sunday 22 nd	<i>South Western Divisional Celebration</i>
JUNE	
Sunday 19 th	Father's Day
Saturday 25 th	Armed Forces Parade Kingswood
25 th / 26 th	Young People's weekend
JULY	
Sunday 3 rd	C in the Park
Sunday 3 rd	Sunday Supper with Wes & Cath Maughan
16 th /17 th	Summer Festival/ Page Park Praise
AUGUST	
1 st -5 th	Junior Camp
20 th -26 th	SWSCA
Mon 29 th	Hannah and Nick's wedding
SEPTEMBER	
10 th -24 th	Big Collection
Sunday 18 th	Page Park Praise
Sunday 25 th	Back 2 Church Sunday
OCTOBER	
15 th /16 th	Harvest Festival Weekend
NOVEMBER	
5 th /6 th	Youth weekend
Sunday 13 th	Remembrance Sunday
DECEMBER	
Saturday 3 rd	Christmas on the Hill



*Christ alone,
Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the savior's love
Through the storm,
He is Lord,
Lord of all!*

Corps Leadership Team

Laura Baker, Tash Bennett, Margaret Bessex, Margaret Boxell, Liz Brewer, Mark Dickens, Linda Hall, Paul Heath, Majors Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones, Nathan James, Les Palfreman, Marc Willetts.

Pastoral Care Council (PCC)

Margaret Bessex, Margaret Boxell, Liz Brewer, Linda Hall, Majors Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones, Kelvin James, Rachael James, Hilary Sims, Marc Willetts, Gerry Wiltshire, Malcolm Wiltshire.

Worship Team

Michael Baker, Tash Bennett, Jon Dickens, Michelle Dickens, Nathan James, Les Palfreman (Leader), Jenny Palfreman (Sec), Viv Wallington, Kay Willetts.

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