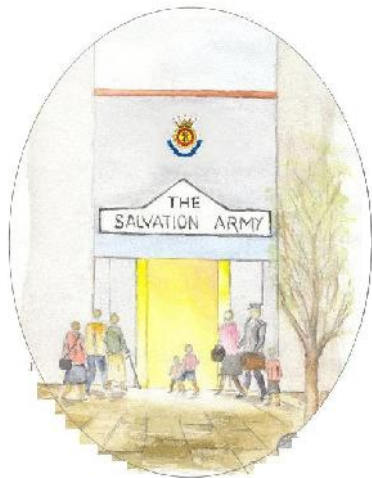




Staple Diet November 2013



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.

Major's Musings

As people will inevitably look back into the history of Staple Hill Corps I wonder what memories will be aroused of the 'good old days'; the early beginnings as passed down through the generations; the early pioneers; various corps officers; the many Blessed times had at the citadel. We all have much to thank God for down the years. We look back, but we must also look to the future by being relevant and true to our mission today.

A quick calculation reveals that we have in excess of 500 people entering the hall building in an average week. Whilst some will be attending more than one event I would suggest that less than 50% of those entering the building would count themselves as being part of the worshipping community. One of the greatest challenges the corps currently faces is making every connection with corps people have an encounter with the Kingdom of God. This doesn't mean introducing in depth Bible study or singing O boundless salvation into every event but it does mean that we all must play our part in ensuring that Kingdom principles are upheld and that all people feel welcomed and accepted at their point of contact.

The Salvation Army in the UK is currently going through a process assessing our structure and processes, are we 'Fit for Mission'? It is probably one of those God inspired moments that the corps leadership team are also at this point where we are beginning to discuss and explore the reality of truly being in the Kingdom of God and what should this look like to people who enter the building or make contact with The Salvation Army at Staple Hill. The future of the corps has its roots in the past, the trunk grown yesterday, but any growth will be on the branches that are being grown today.

Major Ian

Corps Family

During a recent meeting Major Ian Urmston commissioned Sam Roberts as YP Band leader and Philip James as Deputy Songster Leader. As a corps we will prayerfully support these people.

Geoff Pearce celebrates his 60th birthday on November 14th; best wishes and have a great day.

Anne and Dennis lane have celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary (50 years); it was good to see that they were able to be with us during the corps anniversary celebrations.

Those currently on the 'Wish you were here' prayer list are:

Madge Rickards; Edie Phillips; Marion Davis; Mrs Irene Ackerman; Francis & Ruth Shepherd; Gladys Shellard; Frank Snell; Edna Heath; Pam Henderson; Gordon Stone;. Valerie Scott, Tom and Ruth Cable Joyce Lear, Gwen Lear

THOSE AT COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY

Natasha Bennett (Bristol Uni); Esther Kasumba (U.W.E. Bristol); Esther Dickens (U.W.E. Hartpury, Glos); Annalise Thompson (U.W.E. Bristol); Andrew Campbell (Plymouth); Paige Hassard (U.W.E.).

Viv Wallington

Personal Greetings

Barbara Peacock would like to say thank you very much for the lovely cards, phone calls and prayers whilst she was ill. They were much appreciated.

On behalf of Yvonne I would like to express to all our friends at the corps our very sincere thanks to you for the many cards and lovely flowers received. We know all your prayers have been given and this has helped Yvonne through the very difficult days over the last four months.

I would like to tell of one experience of prayer given by me one day. Yvonne had been very ill for a couple of days, so this particular day I needed to separate myself for a while. Taking our dog out along the riverside looking at nature at its best I thought this was a special place for me to pray to the Lord asking for help for Yvonne. Well the next day it was lovely to see how much Yvonne had rallied round.

So although there are many more days before we will be able to share occasions together; our best love and best wishes to you all.

Alan & Yvonne Tilling

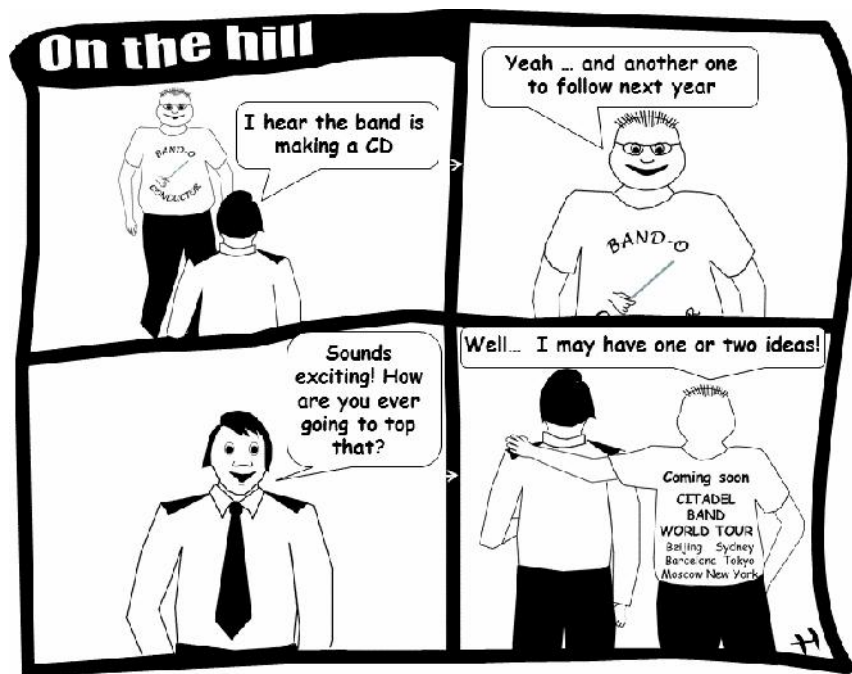
We would like to thank everyone who has sent cards and phone calls. These have arrived just at the right time and have helped us over a difficult patch. We would ask for your prayers as Ray enters hospital for surgery on November 13th.

Ray & Mary Brown

Christmas on the Hill Saturday 7th December

We will be serving refreshments throughout the day again this year. Mary White is requesting cakes, ingredients for cakes or money to purchase ingredients for cakes. Please see Mary if you can assist in any way.

Thank you!!



Coming Soon!

Christmas on the Hill

A CD of Christmas carols recorded by Staple Hill Citadel Band.
Release date to be confirmed hopefully by the end of November.

Price £5

Raise awareness of the true meaning of Christmas and support the band at the same time by purchasing copies and giving them to family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours.

'If you would like to contribute financially to the costs of the recording we would be delighted to add a note of thanks to the CD insert. Please speak with Chris Painter if you would like to support the band in this way.'

'We' are Knowle West SA Kids Alive! Club.

Could you please save your small cardboard boxes? We want to do a 3D Christmas craft (of Bethlehem, in December) and need Oxo...Lemsip...match...medicine... type boxes. Just 'flat pack' them and I'll collect at the Hall.

Thanks
Peter Belcher

Emergency First Aid Saturday 9th November 9am – 12:30

This training course is designed to introduce the learner to the basic principles of dealing with a medical emergency and will teach them basic life saving skills.

The duration of the course is three hours and includes both theory and practical sessions.

A certificate will be awarded to all learners who successfully complete the course.

The course is open to anybody. Please see Major or sign up for this course. Only 15 Places available



Special Collections

You may or may not be aware that the Salvation Army operates a very strict regime when it comes to finances coming in to the corps, with much of the income pigeon-holed for a particular purpose. The Harvest Altar services are one such area, where the amounts given are restricted for mission and outreach opportunities (75% retained at the corps level, 25% being forwarded to Divisional Head Quarters for wider initiatives). This year, however, we have gained agreement that the proportion usually retained for our own mission and outreach activities can be donated to the Foodbank project based at the Resound church in Mangotsfield to help set-up and run this much needed, long-term facility – a very practical Christian response to meeting a growing humanitarian need in our local community. The Salvation Army will, of course, continue to provide unconditional, emergency food parcels and support for those in need as well. I am, therefore, pleased to let you know that £1,471.98 has been raised this year through the harvest envelopes, and some additional funding (£36.50) has also been donated from our parents and toddlers group – so we are able to pass a cheque for £1,140.48 on to the Resound Foodbank project.

Within the next few weeks, a list will be posted in the hall regarding Christmas Carolling. This year, we have been allocated additional dates at the Mall, including a number of Saturdays. We really want to make the most of the opportunities that we have – so please add your names voluntarily to the list of collectors. Charity Commission rules state that we must put at least 1/3rd of all our Christmas carolling income into local community work. Rather than further increase the reserves held at corps level for this purpose, we have agreed with Divisional Head Quarters that we can take a slightly wider view of the local community – so 1/3rd of our carolling income this year will be forwarded directly to the Chaplaincy Service work carried out by the Salvation Army at LOGOS house in the centre of Bristol. The rest of the money raised? 1/3rd supports our musical sections, and the remaining 1/3rd supports our own children's work and to help repay the building loan that has helped us provide such a great facility for our own, local community work.

Paul Heath, Corps Treasurer



At the Going Down of the Sun

A concert for Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10th November
5pm

The Salvation Army
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Free admission with a freewill offering

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Commander Clive Adams

Sunday Celebration

24th November 2013

5:00pm

Staple Hill Citadel

Musical Sections



With Special Guests



Students from Wells Cathedral School
Leader Dorothy Nancekievill

A Poem to ponder over?

When God's as real as Santa Claus,
And temples are works of art;
When the Bible's living literature,
And the Universe has no heart:
One feels grateful,
But to whom?

When the ritual vestments of faith
Are seen only from outside;
And the strength to live in the void
Becomes a matter of pride:
One feels grateful,
But to whom?

When life seems bursting with beauty,
But everything's accidental;
When calling the noumenal "Thou"
Seems impossibly sentimental:
One feels grateful,
But to whom?

When death is an absolute end,
And pain lets one barely get by;
Prayer's a harmless delusion
And the solace of heaven a lie:
One still feels grateful,
But to whom?

This human urge to say thank you,
Unavoidably orphic,
Requires, just for a moment,
A Creator, anthropomorphic:
So that one can feel grateful
To Whom.

November 2013
Sunday Morning Meetings 11am

3rd To be Announced – Songsters Leading the meeting
10th This we Believe – Sovereign God (Start at 10.55am)
17th This we Believe – Triune God
24th This we Believe – Appraising God

Evening Meetings 5pm

3rd Sunday Supper – Hilary Sims (Hospital Chaplaincy)
10th Sunday Worship – Concert for Remembrance Sunday
17th Sunday Study – Discipleship Explored – Together for Christ
24th Sunday Celebration – Wells Cathedral School

Diary Dates

November

10th 5pm Remembrance Sunday Concert
24th 5pm Guests from Wells Cathedral - Celebration

December

1st 11am Toy Service
1st 5pm Sunday Supper – pre-Christmas fellowship time
7th ‘Christmas on the Hill’
8th 5pm ‘Light up a Life’ in association with St. Peter’s Hospice
15th 5pm Young People’s Carol Service
20th 7.30pm ‘Christmas with The Salvation Army’
22nd 5pm Corps Carol Service
24th 11pm Carols by Candlelight
25th 11am Christmas Morning Service
29th 11am Morning meeting only



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