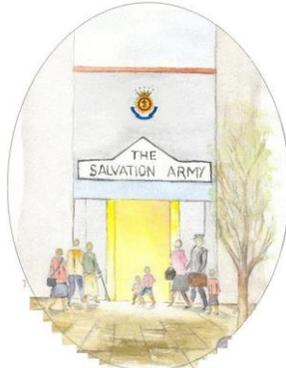




# ***STAPLE DIET*** ***SEPTEMBER 2014***



## **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

When thinking about what to say to you this month my mind turned to a few recent events; Summer Holidays, Territorial Music School and of course Work!

Some of you may know that I was privileged to spend a week on the staff of the Territorial Music School (TMS) held in Bath where I was the Logistics Co-ordinator. Sounds posh, but put simply, it is being on hand when required to do whatever has to be done.

The theme of TMS, and many other Divisional Music Schools, this year was 'I AM'. Looking at Exodus Chapter 3 over the week we discovered who God was, who God wants us to be and who we are. I won't go into detail here as it will spoil what else is to come in this month's edition but perhaps as we embark on a new era for the Corps we could think about these three things:

1. Who God Is
2. As a Corps, what does God want us to be?
3. As a Corps, who are we?

*God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM' has sent me to you."*  
*Exodus 3: 14*

**Neil Baker**  
**Staple Diet Editor**

**From The**



**Officer's Desk**

Dear Friends,

We would like to say a big thank you for the warm welcome we have received since our appointment to Staple Hill. We are blessed to have been appointed to the corps and look forward to journeying with you both individually and corporately over these coming months and years. Please forgive us if our memories are not so good with names, it is not intentional, but there are so many to remember. If you want to know more about us, then as part of our evening worship on the 7th September we are answering questions. Please see Marc if you want to be part of the interrogation!

Whilst January is the start of the year, when many people make resolutions and fresh starts, September is a key time of the year for new beginnings. I'm sure many of you will remember starting school (or will be starting a new school year) with the intention of keeping your exercise books clean, tidy and mistake free. I wonder how far you got into the book before making a mistake? We all make mistakes - I'm sure that we will make loads over the coming months - but Jesus reminds us in the Lord's Prayer that we should seek forgiveness, offer forgiveness and ask for deliverance.

On a more mundane note, September is a busy month, especially with the 'Big Collection'. We appreciate that many do not find this easy, but it does give us all an opportunity to support the social care ministry of the Salvation Army. It would be our expectation that all are involved in this appeal in some form, and so your support would be very much appreciated, especially in this first year - if you do have any creative fund-raising ideas then please let us know. In addition to the Big Collection, in September, we will also be celebrating Harvest. Our Harvest is on 'Back to Church Sunday' and is a good opportunity for us to invite a friend to our celebrations either on the Saturday or Sunday (or both) - we hope that you will take opportunity to do this.

Thank you once again for your welcome.

**Colin, Nicola, Carys & Senan**

# News about People

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

Madge Rickards, Marion Davis, Irene Ackerman, Francis & Ruth Shepherd, Gladys Shellard, 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 Dickens (U.W.E. Hartpury, Glos), Andrew Campbell (Plymouth), Paige Hassard (U.W.E.), Bethany Martin (Bath Spa).

During the holiday season 'Family Life' has continued with the following news:-

Thoughts and prayers have been with Gerald Phillips, Margaret Bessex and all family members following the Promotion to Glory of Edith (Nan) Phillips - We will continue to think of you all.

We are pleased to welcome into the Corps Hilton & Lilian Baker. For those who may not know, Hilton is the brother of Pat Tilling and Hilary Sims. Lilian & Hilton are also the parents of Neil Baker.

Lyn Price has welcomed twin grandchildren - Charlie & Oscar, born to Holly and Chris on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014. Mary and Keith Hitchcock have also welcomed a Baby daughter, Sophia, born on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014, baby sister for Nneka, Dennis and Victoria. Congratulations to both families.

26<sup>th</sup> July 2014 was a special day for Sam Roberts and Emma Pallett who were married here at Staple Hill by Lieutenant Ben Selfe, on what was a beautiful summer day. Many congratulations and best wishes to you both.

Congratulations to Paul and Tracey Heath who celebrate their silver wedding anniversary on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014.

Birthday Greetings to Gordon Stone who will be 80 on 21<sup>st</sup> September - Enjoy this special Day.

Ruby James also celebrated a special birthday in August, We trust you had a lovely day with family and friends.

Our young people will be returning to school whilst Charlie James and Ellen Bessex will be commencing their education. We wish you all well.

We welcome into our Corps family Majors Colin and Nicola Hylton-Jones, along with Carys and Senan: we are already looking forward to your leadership.

Viv Wallington

## Cakes Needed!

Homemade cakes are always wanted for Saturday coffee mornings. If you are one of the growing numbers of people that cannot help on a Saturday morning, why not bake a cake and pass it to Mary White so that it can be frozen and then used on a suitable occasion.

## September Sundays

7 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning Worship
	5pm	Sunday Supper - Meet the Hylton-Jones'
14 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning Worship
	5pm	Sunday Worship
21 <sup>st</sup>	11am	Morning Worship
	5pm	Sunday Study
28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Harvest &amp; Back to Church Sunday</b>	
	11am	Morning Worship
	5pm	Sunday Celebration

## Green Fingers Gardening Club

Why not join us on the second Monday of each month?

Enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat from 10am - 10.30am and then maybe learn something new from a variety of speakers. You would be most welcome

Joan Wallace & Frank Buffam

# Tuesday Toddlers

On the day Germany beat Brazil 7-1 in the World Cup, the Tuesday Toddlers Team washed all the toys and tidied the cupboard. An annual task, much welcomed, as it meant the start of the long summer break.

It has been a fulfilling year to serve many young families in the community and to provide a warm and welcoming place to meet. Most weeks we operate at full capacity and to the uninitiated it might seem rather noisy. Adults chatting, children bombing about in cars, toddlers and mums at the art/craft table, small groups reading in the book corner, bodies inside the play tunnel, city-scapes made out of lego, boys fascinated with the box of dinosaurs, children in dressing-up clothes, prams and buggies, toy garage...the list goes on. It is joyously busy!

At half-time, the adults encircle the children as they eat their snacks and listen to the story. An attempt is made to have a quiet time but there is a limited attention span with such young children. The reader often illustrates the story with pictures, soft toys, puppets and sound effects. News-time follows where a few confident children might announce "I have new boots". The morning is finished with singing time.

Toddlers Groups have been run by the Corps since the mid-1980s and many lady Salvationists have 'done time' in helping. Thank you for your support and a big hug to the present helpers because the mornings can be very hectic. However, there is always time to talk to a parent or child who might need extra support or encouragement. For those involved (as with the other entire ancillary groups the Corps runs) it is an expression of Christian love in action.

**Pat Baldwin**  
Leader

# Territorial Music School

## A Delegate's view on TMS

Territorial Music School, commonly known as TMS, is a very special week of the year for the youth of the Territory and this year was no exception. Special guest for the week was Chicago Staff Bandmaster William Himes OF who was a genuine inspiration to many.

The theme of the week, brought to us by Territorial Youth Secretaries Mike & Lisa Lloyd-Jones, was 'I AM', a reference to the verses from:

- Exodus 3: Moses and the burning bush: 'I AM WHO I AM' Moses says to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you'
- John 10: I AM the Good Shepherd
- John 15: I AM the true Vine

The week was spent in worship together each day, sharing our faith in cell groups, music rehearsals and social time leading to a mid-week festival at the school on the Wednesday and the final festival, at the Forum in Bath city centre, on Saturday.

Wednesday's mid-week festival dubbed 'Himes at all times' was a celebration of William Himes' music. As you heard from Marc the other week, most would have agreed that the highlight of the evening was the narrated, musical depiction of the battle of Jericho (Jericho revisited) which included pom-poms and an American football!

Highlights from the final festival included the girls' chorus who sang a song entitled 'Worthy' which is a song of praise to God. A line that spoke especially to me was, 'Worthy, you are worthy of our praise, hallelujah is the anthem I shall raise' (Megan)

Another special moment from my week in the Gavin Lamplough band, was the piece Everlasting Hope. It is a piece which was written to celebrate the life of Gavin's dad, Graham, and uses the

tune Great is thy Faithfulness. Although you don't hear the full tune at any time during the piece the melody is recognisable throughout. Gavin shared with us one particular line of the song which was a message of strength to his dad during his illness and wanted to leave this with the band as a constant reminder of God's influence on our lives: 'Strength for today, bright hope for tomorrow' (Chris)

If you want to know more about the week then come and ask either of us.

**Megan Brittan & Chris Painter**

## **A Staff member's view on TMS**

As already mentioned at the beginning of this month's edition, I was on staff at TMS 2014; I find it a huge privilege to be on a staff team with the overall aim of leading young people in their walk with God.

One of my many responsibilities is to make sure equipment is provided, especially in the areas of percussion, sound, visual etc.

For me, there is one part of TMS that I feel is important, and that is setting aside a place for prayer. I have created posters with quotes from scripture but also quotations to inspire and make us think about our faith. With a cross, various bibles and soft coloured lighting, in the silence, the prayer space can be a very special place.

This year I started TMS by loading my car and having to re-pack it several times to try and fit everything in. Once that was done, along with my travel companion, Bandmaster Nathan James who is the Pastoral Team Leader at TMS, we enjoyed a full English cooked breakfast cooked by myself, this started the day in the best way possible. (Getting the priorities right from the beginning is so important!)

When we arrived at the school we took time to meet other members of staff, some for the first time but many catching up.

We had our staff meeting running through various aspects of the school, we refreshed ourselves on The Salvation Army child safeguarding policy but also spent time praying for all aspects of the week. Once the meeting was over we all had lunch and then cracked on with setting up the school ready for student arrival. We seemed to be ready quickly this year - it must have helped that we were at the same venue as last year and so we knew where everything was and where everything was kept.

Student arrival is always an exciting time, meeting previous year's students again, catching up and renewing friendships, but also meeting new students or students that hadn't been to TMS for a few years - making sure that they were happy and knew where to go. It was great to see Abi Urmston at TMS for the first time, along with Helen and Ian. After a few hours of registration and auditions we had our evening meal which also gave a chance for people to catch up, renew friendships or get to know everyone.

Our welcome meeting, led by TYS Mike and Lisa Lloyd-Jones, included welcomes to all the staff, our special guest Bandmaster William Himes (OF) and the announcement of the Bands. This was followed by the first rehearsal, however, as a staff member I was busy setting up the sports hall for our games evening /ice breaker. I was the site Key Holder for all the rooms we use so I had to make sure everything was locked up once we had finished which was always a chore as some of the students wanted to stay up in various parts of the school longer.

My alarm was set for 6.15 each morning so I could get up, washed and ready for the day ahead, also all the rooms we were using had to be unlocked and made ready for use so I had to walk the length of the whole site. I also took 30 minutes to practice some songster pieces on the piano in the music block each day which I enjoyed as it was a Steinway! (The Rolls Royce of Pianos!), which turned out to be a pleasant start to each day.

Other daily tasks was to set up the main hall for our Film Themed quiz night, the mid-week festival and the 'formal' on the last night. Whilst it may sound like I was quite busy throughout the

week (which I was), I found plenty of time to relax, chill-out and just be there if needed.

One part of the week, which is always the hardest, is to take a photo of each student: these are used after the week by TYS Mike and Lisa Lloyd-Jones to pray for each student, however, this year we also used them during Morning Worship. The theme was I AM the good Shepherd and whilst Sue Blyth sang the solo Shepherd of my heart each photo came up on the screen, serving to remind the students, whoever they are, that they are loved and have someone leading them in their faith. There was a little laughter with some photos but it certainly had the impact that was expected.

On our last evening together we have a Formal Night where we all get dressed up. There is the chance to have a photo taken with friends, Corps groups etc. and you will see at the end of this report the Staple Hill Group Photo, with Abi Urmston (as she was still part of Staple Hill as her transfer wasn't through at that point).

As I have said, being part of the staff team at TMS for the second year is a privilege and honour. We have one overall aim, whilst ensuring the students have fun and enjoy the week, and that is to lead them into a deeper relationship with God and renew their faith: it was inspirational to hear on our Thursday evening worship, two students publicly giving their lives to God, but also others making commitments to God during the week. We, therefore, feel we achieved what God wanted from us.

Prayer can be very powerful so I urge you all to pray for the young people in our Salvation Army. In this edition you will see a page covered with responses from some of the staff and students of TMS 2014 starting with the words I AM. Have a look, be encouraged and inspired!

**Neil Baker**



*The Staple Hill Group Photo*

There will be a report on the South Western School of Christian Arts  
in October's Edition

## **Harvest 2014: 27th & 28th September 2014**

This year we are holding a Barn Dance and Harvest supper on Saturday 27th September 2014 at 7pm. Tickets are now available from Corps Secretary Linda Hall. Price includes entry and a Ploughman's supper.

Prices: £5 (Adults), £3 (Students) and free for children under 12.

Join us for a Hearty Harvest Hoedown!

# I AM "...BLESSED!!"

"...so overwhelmed with how strong the TMS family are and every year the bond just keeps getting stronger! Can't wait for next year."

"...glad, amazed and happy to be at TMS 2014 but also proud to be a part of a new family and TMS has changed my life, because of the friendship we've made this year!"

"...encouraged by the faith I have seen throughout the week, refreshed in my relationship with our God, and proud to know such an incredible group of people who are dedicated to getting to know him deeper too."

"...blessed!"

"...feeling very blessed that I got to spend a week with such lovely people and to have had the opportunity to be refreshed in my faith. It's great to know that the fellowship that we share at TMS isn't just for one week of the year; that we will all support each other all year round <3"

"...refreshed! It's been a crazy year and TMS is the week of 'rest' (ironically!) that I needed 😊"

"...encouraged, thankful and privileged to share with you all at TMS 2014."

"...blessed to be a part of a group of such caring and supportive people <3"

"...glad"

"...shattered like most but proud of the TMS 2014 Delegates and honoured and privileged to serve them on the Staff Team."

"...grateful for my amazing TMS family! It's amazing to know how many people there are to turn to if we need support."

"...forever grateful that music schools continue to have a massive impact on our young future folks! Build of these life changing experiences - keep each other close - make a difference - be there next year, and take a friend!"

"...completely renewed, secure in the knowledge that God is with me and loves me unconditionally and that his light has taken away all the negatives that were in my 'film', and blessed to be a part of an amazing week with amazing people! Finally, exhausted!!!!!! But it is worth it!!!!"

"...uplifted"

"...immensely proud to know such amazing young people who are not afraid to SHINE for God, incredibly blessed and encouraged by you all and I am grateful for all God has done for us this week and excited for all he will continue to do in our lives!"

"...surprised that I actually stood up and gave my testimony. Something I thought I'd never do!"

"...privileged to have been able to come to TMS this year and spend a week with so many great people. I felt very apprehensive about coming this week, but loved every minute of it. My faith in God has got much stronger this week, and I am very grateful to everyone for that. Can't wait for next year!"

"...only just catching up on my sleep but also, missing the fantastic experience already!"

"...painfully tired, but so thankful to God for making his presence known to me at TMS through the songs we sang, the Bible verses that were shared and the conversations I've had with a bunch of fantastic people. Praying for you all!"

"...humbled and uplifted by what God is doing in the lives of young people in this territory."

"...delighted to know the love of Christ covers all previous sins"

"...inspired to have been a part of so many great young musicians!"

"...renewed"

"...encouraged by the 'youngsters' in the territory and refreshed in my faith!"

"...This week has shown me that I am stronger than I thought I was, I am capable of anything through his strength, I am one of the luckiest people alive to be a part of this incredible TMS family who are all in themselves inspirational!!! Lastly, I am on my way... to finding who I am!!!"

"...grateful"

"...filled with the confidence that this is our year to 'Shine'. I have been so encouraged this week from seeing friendships grow to see how we all work as part of a group - band or vocal!!! Take it all back to your Corps and Shine there so the world will see Jesus lives in us!!!! xxxx"

"...encouraged"

"...energised by the testimonies and passion of our youth! Let's keep it up!"

"...thankful"

"...In awe of the blessings that have been a part of our week - I am mulling over a concept called 'winter school' 😊"

"...so grateful to God for such an amazing week. So much fun, so many positive experiences, so many moments when God has done great things, lots of new friends and reconections with 'older' friends. Such a great week. Thank you all."

"...renewed! Thanks to everyone who has made TMS incredible! Such an amazing week and opportunity to grow stronger with the help of amazing staff!!"

"...so so proud to have been part of an amazing girls chorus and A chorus that are so passionate to be singing for God."

"...once again proud to be part of such an amazingly talented group of individuals who are eager to use their talents to spread the Lord's message to all people"

"...proud"

"...overwhelmed. TMS 2014 was honestly one of the best I have experienced. I know I said the same thing last year but it honestly just keeps getting better! The fellowship that we have had over the past week has truly inspired me and I thank The Lord that we can share weeks like this together. I can't wait to see you all again next year! Xx"

"...exhausted, after one amazing week with the TMS family."

"...overwhelmed"



TMS 2014

# Update from the Media Team

## Projector Update

As you know the Corps has been looking at upgrading our current Projector. The process is coming along nicely with consultations taking place with Audio Visual Companies regarding our options to get various quotes. We have now had some quotes in with one more to come. The Costings are better than we first thought but it will still be expensive. There are various options we can go for but we are looking to go forward with our best option to future proof for at least the next 5 years and beyond. If you have any suggestions on ways we can raise the much needed funds or would like to donate funds towards the cost of a new projector please see Mark Dickens or Neil Baker.

## Website Update

Once again, the website has been updated as we continue to improve what people see. The Recordings of our meetings continue to be published online and we have many people 'listening in' which is making our congregation even bigger. We know it has been useful for those who can't get to the hall for various reasons such as illness or transport issues.

The Media team would also like to thank Gary White & Gary Matthews for covering the Tech Desk during August.

**Neil Baker**

## Relationship

“Every Salvation Army corps must demonstrate by the way we worship and work together, by the way we stand for justice, by the way we serve those in need and by the way we welcome others, just what true family and genuine community look like. There is no more powerful demonstration of the reality of Pentecost than that.”

*(Salvationist: 7 June 2014)*

# A Spotlight On...

## ...Neil Baker

**What is your job within our corps?** I am the Band Librarian & part of the Media Team

**What is your day job?** I work at Tesco in Keynsham in the role of Community Champion which is representing the store in the community of Keynsham along with organising events in-store. I also work on the checkouts two days a week.

**Favourite Music?** When I listen to music it is usually Christian music. Surprisingly, I don't very often listen to Army Band Music. It is normally vocal such as the ISS or the modern worship songs.

**Favourite food?** Well this is very hard to answer! Most of you can tell I like my food. Too much really! But if I could pick one meal it would be Lasagne made by my Mum.

**The Worst Trait? (Be Honest)** Acting before I think is one thing - I sometimes wish I would think before acting.

**Your Best Trait? (Don't be modest)** I believe I am a caring and compassionate person; I care about others and am always there for those who need a chat. Already in my short time at the corps I know this has been of use to various people I have come into contact with and I believe this is God working through me.

**Your most embarrassing moment?** There are lots but a recent event in a Sunday morning meeting in August. Won't mention it here but for those who were there will know!

**What do you most dislike about your appearance?** I believe God has made me the way I am so why would I want to change it? But I would like to have the will-power to lose weight and be thinner.

**What newspaper do you prefer, and why?** I don't really read newspapers

**What about books? Do you have a favourite author?** I don't really read books but I have read some of the Harry Potter books so I don't really have a favourite author.

**Have you a favourite TV Programme?** I watch much TV. Apart from the main 3 Soaps, I watch religiously Top Gear and Casualty. Also I watch Storage Hunters and Lizard Lick Towing on the Dave Channel.

**Favourite TV Personality?** I would say I like watching Richard Hammond on Top Gear the most

**What activity do you most enjoy?** I don't do a lot of activities apart from being on my Laptop, watching TV or sorting band music but I do create visual presentations for various people on Worship songs, Band and Songster Pieces.

**What is your most memorable moment?** I have many moments which I like to remember. Obviously one of them is my wedding but others are Watching General Linda Bond on the Royal Albert Hall Stage reciting the 'I'll Fight' speech and the moment I was asked to be on staff at Territorial Music Staff.

**Is there anything about your life so far that you regret?** There are times in all our lives we would like to change but I believe everything happens for a reason so why would we regret it.

**If you weren't you, who would you like to be?** Why be someone else. God has made us all different but if this means what gifts would I wish I had, well I would like to have the skills and gift to write music to bring people closer to God.

**Is there a particular talent you wish you'd had?** See above

**How would you like to be remembered?** As a person who has used his God-Given gifts to bring people closer to God.

# Traveller's News

Due to technical issues, the May and June traveller's news was missed off July's Staple Diet so here it is, with the latest news received from Mike Dickens

## May - June 2014

Perhaps this edition should be called "Expedition News", for during May I was busy in Slovakia and then rode back a new Harley from there across Europe.

It certainly was a great ride covering almost 3000 Kms to home. Departing from Presov in Slovakia I travelled over the mountain ski region in falling snow and then rain to Ostrava in the Czech Republic: on the way passing through some very old villages and towns. Some 850 Kms later I was able to rest the night and get warm and dry for the next section to Germany. The start of the next day was delayed as I renewed acquaintances with staff and the owner of H-D Ostrava who had kindly stored the bike safely over night for me. Once under way the day proved cold but with less rain as I travelled towards Prague and then eventually through over the border into Germany. As the bike was now easing up I was able to cruise on the highway at 120-140 Klm/Hr and make better time. My target was to reach Heilbronn near to the E50 motorway I was using across Europe. Eventually I arrived but the directions to the overnight stop hotel were very scant and it took some time to find. It was to turn out to be the German version of Basil Faulty and his staff but for just one night it was a good resting place. Early the next morning I headed for Metz -Rheims -and eventually Calais to again stop the night and take the Eurotunnel train the next morning.

The train proved almost empty and a great improvement over the older ferries, and after 35 minutes, I arrived smoothly in Folkestone. The ride in the sun to Bristol proved a better and warmer one than all the others during the past week.

A great experience and the bike behaved perfectly all the way.

Now I leave for Japan for all of June and then across to Shanghai - China - and eventually to Singapore to complete lecturing and training of both Dealers and Staff in the various countries .I get back in the middle of July before starting the next work period.

It is interesting to again join with the comrades of Kanda Corps in Tokyo and Ken Rose has provided me with some new music for a small band of 6 to 8 players for me to try out in band practice. With the diverse languages in the band it is not easy leading them and training to improve the sound and standard of playing.

Our band practice today consisted of only six players but we had good fellowship and some humour over the translations that were taking place. Some of you may remember Kanda Corps Secretary Sugi San visiting our Corps some years ago: I am sad to say his wife has passed away after a very long illness and next Sunday we will have the memorial service at the Kanda Corps.

We had a morning prayer meeting at 10:00 and this was followed by the morning meeting at 10:30. The theme was based around the power of Baptism and the Cleansing Flame of the Spirit. Many of the songs included the theme of cleansing burning flame. We sang the well known song "Burning Burning" - number 206 in our SASB.

The sermon was based on Paul's sermon about Baptism, outlined in Acts 2 vs. 37-42. At the conclusion of the sermon we again sang the chorus "Burning, Burning, always Burning, Holy Spirit stay with me, to your will my will is turning, what you will, I want to be."

This day, and in those ahead of us, I hope and pray you will join with me in the dedication those words echo - that we will all respond to God's will in our lives.

Greetings from Kanda Corps and the JSB - God Bless and see you all later in July.

**Mike Dickens - Shinjuku -Tokyo**

## July 2014

Today was the last Sunday at Kanda-Tokyo Corps as next weekend I fly to Shanghai and then to Singapore.

The Sunday was very busy with an early start prayer meeting for 15 minutes and then the morning meeting at 10:30. Today the meetings were led by the DC for the 13 Tokyo Corps area, Major Ishikawa.

Today we missed the Corps Officer's husband who is the TYS and the head of the Army's disaster relief team. He was away doing meetings for the Japan Territory Youth.

During testimony time the officer in charge of the Tokyo Social services hostel 'The New Light Centre' spoke of a man I met at the meetings and saying he had recently become saved. The social centre work continues to be an essential part of the Japan Salvation Army's work in the country. It was announced that in recognition of the Army's work in the Fukushima disaster area of the Tsunami the local community has decided, as a gift, to rebuild the SA Hall so they would have a new building.

The DC's sermon was centred on Paul's letters to the Galatians and challenges us to "Bear One Another's Burdens," Galatians 6 vs. 1-10.

After a Corps sushi lunch, complete with green tea, we will be having a Corps memorial meeting, during which there will be photos of those departed over the years and a roll call of all 130, so it looks like being a long meeting.

It went well and we had good fellowship over the meal and as my friend Sugi San, the Corps Secretary, had lost his wife very recently it was good to be with him for the day along with his family.

Arriving in Singapore was a shock as the temperature was considerably higher than Japan. What impressed me the most was the very diverse mix of nationalities and faiths that appear to live

in harmony together: a good lesson for many other countries. Ramadan started whilst I was there so many of the taxis stopped working and the city appeared much quieter. At the end of the week, I fly back taking some 12 hours to get home.

I plan soon to retire from the band and it remains in my mind the first Sunday evening piece I played as a young 15 year old bandsman “My All is on The Altar,” - the words are in our song book, number 511. The first verse outlines “My body, soul, and spirit, Jesus I give to thee. A consecrated offering Thine evermore to be”.

There have been times when my faith has taken a shaking during the 56 years as a bandsman, but always Christ has supported and guided me back to Him.

Read the song through and take its message as your own today.  
“My All is on the Altar”

Mike Dickens - Singapore

## **A Message from Gerry Wiltshire**

If anyone who has any Gardening, Racing, Bird, Flowers, etc. & People’s Friend Magazines laying around at home (In good condition) that you no longer want, Gerry would like them to use in her work with Dementia Residents. Thank You

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# Corps Weekly Activities

## Monday

Home League	2pm (1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month)
Home League Fellowship	2pm (3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month)
Rainbows	6pm to 7pm
Brownies	6.30pm to 7.30pm
CAMEO	7.45pm (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

Luncheon Club	12pm
Thursday Fellowship	2pm to 3pm
Singing Company Practice	6.45pm to 7.45pm
Songster Practice	8pm to 9.30pm

## Friday

Junior Club	6pm to 7.30pm
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## Saturday

Coffee Morning	10am to 12pm
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## Sunday

Primary	9.45am - 10.45am
Lighthouse Club	9.45am - 10.45am
Youth Group	9.45am - 10.45am
Morning Worship	11am
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday - Sunday Supper	5pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Sunday Worship	5pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Sunday Study	5pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday - Sunday Celebration	5pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday - Simply Sunday	5pm

# Corps Monthly Diary - September 2014

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Supper & Barn Dance
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest and Back to Church Sunday

# Corps Monthly Diary - October 2014

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	`SHC Band In 'Worship'
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Corps Anniversary
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Songsters at Reading Central

# Corps Annual Diary (2014)

Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	INTO AFRICA! (POSTPONED))
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Toy service - 11am Light up a life Service - 5pm
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	YP Carol Service - 5pm
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Corps Carol service - 5pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning meeting only

Further dates to be added in the coming month

The deadline for entry in  
October's Newsletter is  
**Sunday 28th September 2014,**  
Please email  
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## **Corps Leadership Team**

Laura Baker, Margaret Bessex, Tim Bessex, Margaret Boxell,  
Liz Brewer, Mark Dickens, Linda Hall, Paul Heath, Majors Colin &  
Nicola Hylton-Jones, Kelvin James, 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  
& a Youth Rep.

## **Worship Team**

Michael Baker, Tash Bennett, Jon Dickens, Michelle Dickens,  
Nathan James, Les Palfreman (Leader),  
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