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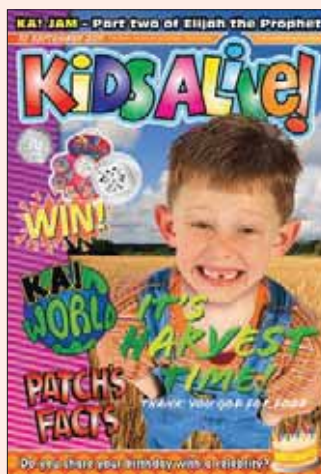
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A PROVERB A DAY KEEPS MORAL DECAY AT BAY

He who steals an egg, steals an ox – as all French children knew until 1969, when teachers were told to remove lessons on proverbs from the national curriculum.

Now primary schools are being told to bring them back as part of a drive to teach moral values to a generation often depicted as lost...

'I'm bringing morals back to school,' said Luc Chatel, the education minister who [has] instructed primary schools to organise lessons on 'the precepts of the honest man' as often as possible; preferably every morning.

'I want children to learn about good and evil, truth and falsehood, dignity, courage and honesty,' he said.

The Times

BISHOP'S YOUTUBE PLEA TO TODAY'S CHRISTIANS

The Bishop of Ely has urged Christians to 'step up to the mark' in order to 'build God's Kingdom'.

The Right Rev Stephen Conway... released a YouTube video entitled *A Christian Life*, declaring journeying and pilgrimage to be essential.

The interview broadcast sees Bishop Conway describe Christian life today as an adventure in which Christians expect a profound encounter with God, who travels with us.

'What we are about really, is going on an adventure, going on an adventure with God and we need to be stepping up to that.'

The film uses the example of Jesus' disciples, who were chosen by him to move around, not just to stay in one place.

The Church of England Newspaper

'SAVE AS YOU PRAY' PARKING COSTS COUNCIL £55,000

A council has forfeited £55,000 by giving free parking to churchgoers under a 'save as you pray' arrangement.

While other motorists have to pay to use public car parks on a Sunday in Woking, Surrey, the council allows worshippers to park for nothing.

The Daily Telegraph

FINES FOR STREET FUNDRAISERS

The Public Fundraising Regulatory Association, which regulates street fundraising, has announced plans to fine charities and agencies that do not adhere to new rules...

Organisations will incur penalty points if their fundraisers commit

offences such as aggressive behaviour or working outside an assigned area.

A trial period for the system – without fines – will run for six months. There will then be a review before the full regime, including fines, comes into operation from April 2012.

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Give yourself a fright



'I got up there – God only knows how – and if any mortal ever did hang on the arm of Omnipotence, I did.'

(Catherine Booth, on the speech that launched her public-speaking ministry on Whit Sunday, 1860)

ELEANOR Roosevelt, former First Lady of the US, once said: 'Do something every day that scares you.' I like this idea because it presents me with challenges – to develop new skills, ditch old habits and ideas or face certain experiences head-on. In short, it means adventure.

Following Jesus is the same – an adventure. It's exciting when you feel God leading you in a certain direction, and daunting when you think you don't have what it takes to do as he asks. And it can be confusing when you can't work out where your spiritual journey is taking you or why. Waiting to see what might happen, how God will work this or that out, is as much an adventure as having everything settled. Less comfy, but an adventure nonetheless.

In this issue, we relate some of the faith journeys Salvationists are finding themselves on. Lisa King tells how she spent three months at the Army's Chikankata Hospital in Zambia, a geographical and cultural relocation that brought many challenges. She experienced sadness at the deaths of so many children but also joy when others survived against all odds. Then in Summer Schools news a delegate says God has been teaching her that 'anything is possible with him by my side'. And in the New Commitments pages we read of people who are stepping out on the adventure of their lives, some for the first time, others picking up where they left off years ago. Either way, we celebrate their ongoing faith journeys.

I'm thankful for the adventure of living in the UK – meeting new people, seeing historical places, putting up with English cricket fans when their team beats the Australians. But there is nothing more exciting than a faith adventure, a willingness to be discontent with spiritual mediocrity, a desire to be God-ready.

In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14–30) Jesus urges his listeners to live adventurously. When the master in the story returns from his trip and asks what the workers have done with his money, he is furious with the one who did little with what he'd been given.

'It's criminal to live cautiously like that!' the master says. 'If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least?... Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this "play-it-safe" who won't go out on a limb' (vv 26–30 *The Message*).

Our Salvation Army pioneers were always prepared to 'go out on a limb'. They did whatever it took by whatever means necessary to win the world for Jesus. I pray that we will continue to be, or become once again, an adventurous Army, living on the edge – doing something every day that scares us.

MAJOR LEANNE RUTHVEN,
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From mayhem to action

Leanne Turner (L'Islet) reports back from Southern School of Christian Arts (SSCA)

ALL the planning and preparation were done and the day had finally arrived! Following on from the Ministry and Mayhem children's camp, youth from across the division – and beyond – gathered at Milton Abbey School in Dorset for SSCA. Once everyone had unpacked and the auditions were completed, we were able to embark upon a week completely devoted to God.

During our first worship session we were taught Matt Redman's song 'Our God'. I don't think anyone would be able to doubt God's presence particularly during the singing of this song.

Our divisional leaders – Lieut-Colonels Graham and Kirsten Owen – spoke during this session. Lieut-Colonel Kirsten Owen, in giving her testimony, shared with us how she came to know Christ and accept him into her life. By way of explanation, she said: 'It was like meeting a rottweiler at a post box' – because when she came home from her first Army meeting her mother knew something momentous had happened to her that night. The Divisional

Commander then brought some thoughts, focusing on Jesus' words in Mark 12 on the most important commandment – by building your relationship with God you will build your relationships with each other.

Each day we spent three hours at our main option – band, female vocal, art or drama – preparing items for the final celebration on Friday. The band rehearsed a number of pieces in a variety of styles, including 'The Dark Side Of The Moon' by Paul Lovatt-Cooper and an arrangement by our bandmaster, John Hanchett (Portsmouth Citadel), of 'Gabriel's Oboe'.

Nearly half the school chose to play in the band – around 50 of us! We practised in the ballroom, which had amazing acoustics; the sound we achieved during some of the louder sections of the pieces was incredible. There were times when we were almost deafened by the sound – we even drowned out the alarm during the fire drill.

The female vocal group enjoyed singing a variety of pieces. One song, 'Always There', was a lovely calm piece that explained that God is there for everybody. In contrast, 'Walking In The Light' was lively and encouraged us to walk in God's light to show his love to those around us.

In art, students started off painting rocks to make medi-

tation stones. They then drew pictures depicting what SSCA means to them. Finally, they began making banners that were put up in the theatre for the concluding celebration, as well as compiling a gallery of their work.

The drama group started their sessions playing games to put them in the right frame of mind. Often these games involved accents – or keeping a straight face. Their main project, however, was a serious script called *Where Is God?* The play was about people going through hard times, such as the death of a family member, divorce and coping with peer pressure. The play taught us how people question God's presence in difficult situations but reminded us that it is important for us to remember God is always present in our lives, no matter what the situation.

Question Of Faith seminars took place every day giving us the opportunity to find answers for any questions on our hearts. We spoke about various topics, such as worship, differentiating between Christianity and soldiership and relationships. The final session took the form of a panel consisting of four staff members who discussed students' questions. This was a wonderful time of fellowship and teaching and a great opportunity to be reminded just how amazing our God really is!

- We were reminded that
 - God has faith in us.
 - God is always facing us – we may turn away but he is always there.
 - You never lose your value to God. This was illustrated with a £20 note, which we were asked if we'd accept. We were then asked if we'd accept it after it had been trodden on and then sneezed on! After all these things had happened, it still had the same value. We considered how God sees us, looking past any bad stuff on the surface and focusing on the good within.
 - God has written down all the wisdom he wants to share with us, so we can have the best life. He warns us of the things that can harm us. But, in the same way as a child might not listen to a warning from a parent, we can choose to take God's advice or to ignore it – the choice is ours.
 - Faith is an action word like love – you have to act on it, not just say it.
- This was my first time at SSCA and I have come away with so many wonderful memories, friendships and, most importantly, I know I have deepened my relationship with God. I've been through highs and lows but know that God has been, is and always will be with me all the way. Roll on next year!

Jam-packed week

Callum McKenna
(Ellesmere Port) reports from Break-a-Way, North-Western Division's summer school at Barnstondale Centre on The Wirral

WHAT'S Your Story? was the question that students and staff journeyed with throughout the week, which was jam-packed with worship, Bible study, workshops and plenty of laughter. The theme was designed to allow students to look at their own story and how they can share that to help transform others. 'You just know that Break-a-Way is going to be a week full of God's word and presence while being surrounded by friends' – these expectations of 14-year-old Sammi Bailey (Birkenhead) outlined at the start of the week were met in abundance.

A particular highlight for many students was the introduction of the Break-a-Day Chat Show each morning (pictured top), which allowed for games, worship and the day's Bible study to be presented in a high-energy, fast-paced way. Each morning, studies were led by guests from around the territory who gave an insight into their own stories, as well as bringing to life a part of the narrative from the Bible. This also meant that both Christmas and Easter were celebrated in one week! Many people commented on how they enjoyed Christmas dinner – complete with party games,



crackers and carol singing – in the middle of August! Discussion from the studies carried on afterwards in cell groups.

Caleb Dolling (Liverpool Valley) said: 'I really got a lot out of my cell group. It was amazing to be able to come together with some really amazing people my own age and to be able to listen, discuss and question things about the Bible and our own stories! The workshops and food were great too, so I will definitely be back next year.'

Each day Break-a-way-ers were given the opportunity to participate in two workshops, which aimed to provide something for every taste. Each of the workshops – art, choral, dance,

drama, multimedia, music and sport – put greater emphasis on worshipping God through the discipline, than working towards creating a performance for the end of the week.

The school's evening programme included worship led by Joe Davison (Raynes Park) and plenty of opportunities for students to engage with and respond to the theme. Many were significantly impacted by Wednesday's Boys' And Girls' night. The girls – after removing all their make-up! – had a photo shoot with a professional photographer and looked at issues around self-esteem and learning how to love themselves like God loves them. The boys enjoyed playing some games,

eating chips 'n' dips and listening to some teaching around how God intended the story of man to look and how, through the story of the cross, God wants to fix us. The evening ended with a time of prayer, which went on for an hour – the guys continually praying for each other.

Dann Bate (Preston) commented: 'For me, it was awesome and a privilege to be able to pray for my mates! It's something I've always wanted to do and I'm so thankful to God for giving me the opportunity to do so at Break-a-Way.'

The week concluded with family and friends gathering to celebrate all that God had done throughout the week. It also included an emotional farewell to Divisional Youth Officer Cor van der Woude, who is leaving with his family for William Booth College to become an officer.

Becci Collins (Prescot) summed the week up: 'Throughout Break-a-Way we have journeyed through the stories of the Bible – from Adam and Eve right through to Jesus' birth, death and resurrection. The important thing is that we didn't look at them just as historical stories from Scripture, but questioned ourselves to discover how these stories affect us and how they inspire us to live our lives as young Christians. Break-a-Way really challenged me to realise that sometimes the challenges that come in our lives are a part of the story God has written for us and how he needs to sometimes break us so we can give our lives to him fully. Since Break-a-Way, God has been teaching me that anything is possible with him by my side.'

In answering the burning 'What's Your Story?' question asked at the beginning of the week, another student said: 'My story exists only because of God's story. My story has a happy ending only because of Jesus' story. More often than not, I've been focused on forging a path for my own story and I forget that I'm not the author. Break-a-Way has challenged me to loosen up a bit and let God help me to write a better story. Then my story will be transformed and I'll be able to help others have their stories transformed too.'



Agricultural show opportunity

Perth

CORPS members and staff and volunteers from the community programme showed great team spirit as they worked together to have a stand at the Perth Agricultural Show for the first time. Displays were put together to demonstrate the work of The Salvation Army in the town, highlighting the charity shop, 3:16 café, furniture project, Skinnergate Lifehouse community workforce and the corps programme.

Many people engaged in conversation over the two-day period and passers-by were delighted by the offer of free cakes from the café. Opportunity was given for children to participate in the Messy Church crafts table which adopted an agricultural theme, enabling volunteers to talk to children about creation and how God looks after them like a shepherd. – J. G.



Family attends for the first time

Paisley

BACK To School With God weekend began with a Free 4 All social evening when around sixty people attended a barbecue and games galore.

Majors Carole and Elwyn Harries (DHQ) led the Sunday

family service reminding people that they were made, loved and chosen by God. The meeting concluded with the presentation of stationery packs and book-marks to the children.

In recent weeks the corps has welcomed a number of new people. One family attended for the first time on Back To School Sunday. – M. L.

Operation Cup Of Tea

Notting Hill

ON the Friday after rioting in London and elsewhere, community groups organised Operation Cup Of Tea from a stand in Portobello Road Market opposite the Army hall.

A mini marquee was staffed by scores of volunteers. People of all ages and backgrounds enjoyed hot drinks and cake donated by The Hummingbird Bakery and prepared at the hall. Local dignitaries gave their support to the event, which brought many people together. – P. S.



Café in the community

Norwich Dussdale

TWO outreach unit members launched a community café for the summer months.

The café, held in a sports pavilion with a children's park and play area nearby, provides excellent opportunities to build relationships and serve the community. The venue has been provided free of charge by Thorpe St Andrew Town Council.

A summer barbecue attracted around 160 people who are linked to the young people's clubs. – K. G.



Malvern SAY group members are pictured with corps officers Majors Margaret and Mervin Baker and the children who attended the Holiday Rock Club; most of the children were new to the Army and a number signed up for Kidz Club

Support for fire evacuees

Southsea

THE corps offered food, shelter and emotional support to 25 people evacuated from their homes to the hall as a result of a fire in a seafront building.

They later transferred to the Holiday Inn where they were accommodated with other evacuees. Corps officer Major Mary Wolfe and volunteers from the corps returned the following day and continued to provide support. – A. S.

Batley: Scout Sebastian Duffy held a sponsored snooker challenge against his dad, corps officer Lieutenant Wayne Duffy, raising more than £200 for the scouts' trip to Sweden. At a car boot sale, held the same day, scouts raised a further £300. – W. D.

Salvation Army supplies water and food as drought takes stronger hold

Uganda

THE Salvation Army is responding to the drought crisis that is developing in some parts of the country. As is being seen across the horn of Africa, people are dying because of a lack of food and water.

In the central eastern area, thousands of families have had poor harvests for the past five years, either because there was too little rain or, at other times, because there was so much rain

that floods destroyed the crops. The Salvation Army has been working in the area, distributing food to families in need. In some places the Army is the only non-governmental organisation providing food.

After recent landslides in a mountainous region, food was distributed to 680 families.

Staff from the territorial headquarters and International Emergency Services visited villages in the Namutumba

district near Mbale to assess the needs of 4,000 families. Projects are being arranged for food and sanitation goods to be supplied. Boreholes will be drilled to ensure water is available to the families in greatest need as the drought takes a stronger hold.

The most urgent need is for water in two medical clinics. Mothers have been bringing malnourished children into the clinics, but more than 80 have

died this year alone. A water bore for the main clinic will help to boost survival rates.

Donations to the Africa Disaster Fund can be made online at salvationarmy.org or by post (cheques should be made payable to 'The Salvation Army') to 'Africa Disaster Fund', Salvation Army International Development (UK), 101 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6BN. – A. R.



Corps members at Gateshead celebrate the third anniversary of their outreach ministry in Birtley with a fancy dress competition raising more than £100 for Bethany Children's Home, Haiti



Corps officer Major Susan Robinson (left) is pictured with Alan, the Mayor and Josie



These are just some of the people who attended a 1940s-style dinner and dance at Waterbeach; the £200 raised at the event was divided between the corps community work and the Royal British Legion

Annual Appeal fundraiser

Filey

THE corps held its third annual garden party in aid of the Annual Appeal at the home of corps members Alan and Josie Lumsdon. The Mayor of Filey (Councillor Richard Walker) attended and the young people had great fun trying on his chain of office.

The hosts' neighbour baked and donated 200 scones for the event which raised more than £700. – S. R.



Festival creates awareness

Llanelli

THE corps participated in the annual Llanelli Festival which is designed to promote positive aspects of the town and allows organisations the opportunity to showcase their particular activities.

Assistant charity shop manager Alan Barnes arranged a display of the corps history and information on the worldwide Army. The band took part by playing hymn tunes and marches. The festival provided an opportunity for evangelism and also created awareness of the Army's presence in the town. – S. H.

Oldham Roundthorn men's fellowship participate in a challenging trek during a camping weekend at Edale in the Peak District; other activities included football, discussion and prayer



Olympic Games volunteering opportunities

London

THE London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG) announced that there will be more than 2,000 opportunities for 16 to 18-year-olds to volunteer at the 2012 Games.

They are looking for recognised organisations such as youth clubs to put forward more than 250 teams of young volunteers to help fulfil vital roles and help make the Games happen. The application process opens on 22 September.

To ensure that Young Games Makers have a fantastic experience, each role is for a team of young people, headed by a team leader who already works with them – such as a teacher or youth leader.

Team leaders will apply for a role on behalf of the young volunteers and will be responsible for them during selection events, training and the Games.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for young people to participate in ‘the greatest show on earth’ while learning new skills, gaining experience and making new friends.

To find out more visit www.london2012.com/get-involved/education/get-set.php – S-J. A.



Band supports RNLI

Swanage

AT the end of Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) week, on a packed seafront, Ringwood Band supported by Swanage corps members led an afternoon open-air service in which corps officer Major Stuart Risdale (Ringwood) contributed gospel illusions.

In the evening the band participated in the RNLI service at the Pier Head where there were more than 500 people. This was followed by community hymn singing. During the service the lifeboat and crew were called out to an incident. – S. R.



Fun day success

Shipley

WHEN the corps held its sixth annual MAD (Make A Difference) week, focusing on community service and fellowship, it included a fun day for the first time and this was opened by Philip Davies MP. Bradford Metropolitan District Council allowed a road closure outside the hall, creating extra space for the event which drew around 300 people. Many came as a result of the corps making contacts and praying for people in a particular area. The band, timbrelists and young people participated during the day.

Other MAD week activities included a KidzKlub pirate-themed summer school, a café, gardening and litter-picking. – R. M.



Move leads to new contacts

Lymington

THE outreach unit celebrated its move to shared premises with the United Reformed Church with songs of praise on the church forecourt.

More than 100 people gathered to sing accompanied by Ringwood Band. Passers-by in the High Street stopped to join in and accepted Army papers and other literature. Many new contacts were made and refreshments were served afterwards.

A collection for the Army’s famine relief work in East Africa raised £500. – M. F./R. B.



Many visit flower festival

Waterbeach

A FLOWER Festival and Photographic Exhibition were held as part of the 125th corps anniversary celebrations. The theme for the flower exhibits was There Is A Time For... (based on Ecclesiastes 3). Various corps and churches contributed exhibits depicting the different verses of Scripture. The Photographic Exhibition consisted of photographs dating back to the early days of the corps up to the present day as well as newspaper cuttings and other memorabilia, including various styles of uniforms from the 1920s to a modern-day polo shirt and beanie.

Many people visited during the three days and several new contacts were made. The exhibition concluded with a capacity congregation attending Sunday evening worship under the banner A Time For Everything. – W. B.

Magic moments

Sheringham

ON Saturday evening Christian illusionist Steve Price captivated a large audience with his unique blend of comedy and magic.

The illusions were interspersed with the gospel message and included the example of a torn newspaper being restored to its original state. Steve used this illustration to draw a parallel with the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Some people, who attended the Army for the first time on Saturday evening, returned the next day for the morning holiness meeting. – A. C.



■ 'Bandmaster' cornet is still amazing

I WAS intrigued by the photograph and letter from Peter Smith, Bangor, Co Down, regarding a 'Bandmaster' cornet (*Salvationist* 13 August).

I have in my possession such an instrument – £12-10s-0d; serial no 22104/4 – purchased in 1936, the year of my birth, for my uncle Bram Blair who joined the RAF in 1943 but never returned following a mission in 1944 aged just 19.

I was honoured to play that instrument in Portadown YP and senior bands and I did so until I transferred to Lurgan in 1968. Lurgan Band purchased a set of new instruments a couple of years later, and the 'Bandmaster' cornet was put into safe storage. I hadn't touched it during many years in Blackpool Citadel Band nor in Belfast Sydenham Band, where I have been for the last seven years, but earlier

this year decided to have another look at it.

After giving it a rigorous 'MOT' and wash-out, it was as good as ever. On a Sunday and at band practice I sometimes swap over from my regular cornet just to keep the old 'Bandmaster' in trim. On their recent visit to Belfast, two front-row cornet players from New York Staff Band gave it a go and both declared the instrument amazing – in condition and sound quality.

My father, Retired Bandmaster Tommy Archer, displayed his dexterity as a soloist on his much-loved 'Bandmaster' cornet until he defected to another make, which, incidentally, he is still playing in Portadown Band at 98 years of age!

I still count it a privilege to have a tootle on this historic cornet. The accompanying photograph (circa 1938) records one of my early attempts at 'I Love Him Better Every Day' – or one of the other cornet solos of that era!

**Gordon Archer,
Bangor,
Northern Ireland**

■ Super support for Clarence

IN the 3 September issue of *Salvationist* the report of the concert in aid of the Clarence Adoo Trust, held in Gloucester, stated that Clarence had led the corps band.

In fact, the band that evening comprised the united bands of Gloucester, Cheltenham and Forest Of Dean augmented by a number of guest players from bands belonging to the Gloucestershire Brass Band Association and other non-Army bands. These players had expressed their wish to take part in the concert in a wonderful gesture of support for a fellow musician.

This same sentiment applies to the evening's superb soloists whose contributions added so much to a most worthwhile event.

**John Stubbings,
Gloucester**

■ Wayward website sent us wandering

MAY I, through *Salvationist*, make a plea that corps websites are kept up to date? Twice this year we have been caught out after reading inaccurate information.

On one holiday, we arrived for a Sunday morning meeting at the address for the nearby corps, as featured on its website, only to find it had moved and no one seemed to be able to direct us to the new location.

Last week, on holiday in Scotland, we arrived at a corps for Sunday worship only to find the starting time had altered almost a year ago from 11 am to 10.30 am. I hate arriving late!

**Sylvia Somers,
Addingham**

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GROWING S·A·I·N·T·S

In the third of a series of short interviews, Claire Anderson asks divisional youth officers and other leaders about ministry in their divisions

DYO: Captain Martyn Watson

Division: West Midlands

Divisional demographic: From Leek in the north to Cirencester in the south, Newtown in Wales in the west and Swadlincote in the east, we cover city, countryside and large and small corps.

Challenges: Some pockets of lots of young people, while other corps have just one or two.

Highlights: Three very active, growing youth sections – a band, Nexus youth choir and a new drama cell – are all a great encouragement. The young people are great ambassadors and have been involved in divisional events. In a short time I've seen the members' spiritual temperature rise and I'm impressed by how important their faith is and by their understanding. I wouldn't say

they all are Christians yet, but they are on that journey.

Once a year for the past four years we have run a young leaders' course. In March we went to The Pioneer Centre for spiritual teaching and team-building activities.

In three weekends over a two-year period, young people are taken through what their skills and giftings are, how to develop them, working in their context and the cost of discipleship, with time to reflect. Each young person is mentored and encouraged throughout the year.

Those in the second year of the course organise, run and front youth councils that year, with assistance from the DYO and other adults. For those aged 18-plus, there's the Growing Leaders course, which they are invited to be part of, looking at what they can give to communities, particularly spiritual communities, as adults.

Challenges: A geographically wide division presents logistical problems, particularly

costs of travelling; young people leaving the division for university or after studying – the 18-plus age is a time of reassessment, so we really need to support them; how to encourage or provide for those not involved in the three youth sections.



Martyn

Future hopes: That discipleship continues; young people's leaders continue to be committed and enthusiastic; we don't just grow disciples but their depth of experience of God grows and we encourage them.

Advice: Simple: encourage our young people, they are our future; listen to them, there are a lot of things they can teach us. It's not enough just to appreciate them – get to know them so you know where they're coming from and journey with them. ■

Associate DYO: Lieutenant Nicola Brooksbank

Division: London South-East

Divisional demographic: Very large, diverse division that includes Czech and Korean congregations, with a couple of new plants reaching into quite deprived areas and larger more established corps. Youth ministry is led by Divisional Youth Officer Captain Lynne Clifton with ADYO Lieutenant Brooksbank.

The young people: At summer school they want to do more worship and more teaching so we're setting up regional

worship, teaching and prayer activities. One started in the Croydon area after a request from the young people, who were fired up by summer school and youth councils, and others on the east coast and in central Kent.

Highlights: Lots of amazing stuff! Ashford is working closely with the council and is taking over the running of a new youth centre. Redhill started a new youth club as a result of young people from the community asking what the corps can do for them – the younger children now need one too! Brighton Congress Hall youth worker Emma Heal is on board with schools' work, through which the corps

has started an after-school drop-in once a week with up to a hundred young people, some of whom have started going to youth club. A girls' self-esteem group has commenced – Ashford and Folkestone are also working in this area. They have seen a need and met it.



Nicola

Canterbury does a lot of work with students, offering meals and a cell group specifically for them. Sutton has a great football ministry and we've got strong B-P sections, particularly down at Eastbourne

– some families are interested in Sunday worship and the Church's wider work through these sections.

Youth councils 2011 brought 300 young people together for a really significant day, with person after person standing up declaring their decision to live as an apprentice of Jesus. I believe divisional activities help these decisions but it's through the week-in, week-out commitment of youth leaders in forming relationships that a lot of this happens.

We're focused on investing in the leaders we have – running events, using ALOVE takeaway events, retreat days for youth leaders, the What Every Volunteer Youth Worker Should Know training course and meeting with officers and leaders to see how best we can support them. Each corps is completely different in what it does and how it serves its community.

DYO: Jason Tasker

Division: Northern

Divisional demographic: Spread out over six areas – Northumberland, Teesside, Yorkshire, Cumbria, Co Durham and Tyneside – it comprises different cultures, different expressions of Salvationism and different ways of 'doing' church. A rural division that lost its industry in coalmining, shipbuilding and steelworks.

Spiritual temperature: In the past few years I've seen young people become young Christians and continue to see what God's doing in their lives, being challenged, growing in faith, making decisions and also struggling on with their faith.

Challenges: Cultural differences between the rural communities and the cities. Many families have lived in an area all their lives – what they see is what they've always known for work, life and The Salvation Army. There's also the geographic challenge and finding a programme to 'fit all'. While many young people are journeying with God, there is a challenge of what to do for non-uniformed young people.

Highlights: The youth genuinely seem to love and care for each other – no cliques. They want to make a difference, so, as a division, we are working out how we can

Challenges: It's early days for us so we haven't come across many yet. Perhaps, supporting, encouraging and sustaining youth leaders. Also, lots of places would like and would benefit from a paid youth worker, but funding is a struggle.

They want to do more worship and more teaching so we're setting up regional worship, teaching and prayer activities'

An aim: To get into people's minds the importance of youth work and supporting youth leaders, even stepping up to be

help them. They are picking up the sense of mission, particularly having talked about the Transitional Movement and mission at summer school. Some students went to Durham with a band to give out water and chocolate to the public as part of their witness. I'm hoping they continue to think how they can make a difference on returning home.

Although it has sometimes been difficult organising events because of people dropping out at the last minute, these young people are asking for support; they want to see a change, they want to see a difference. They are also excited to think

'There is a challenge of what to do for non-uniformed young people'

about how they can use the 2012 Games to impact their communities.

There is a thriving, 50-strong youth chorus; the youth band is going to minister in the Netherlands; youth councils continue to attract around 180 people; and summer school is always a highlight.

This year students visited Sanctuary 21 – a house of prayer in the old Durham hall – and they have not stopped raving about the effect on their lives.

The division's Essentials made a great

impact at Southwick Community Project, at local schools and at Sunderland Monkwearmouth Corps. It's the first time Essentials have linked to a community centre but it has been very beneficial.

Future hopes: To keep encouraging our leaders to have Jesus at the front of all their youth work. Their success and effectiveness comes because their work is centred on the gospel and the good news of Jesus. That youth leaders will train up young people to take up leadership. We're also trying to invest more in our young people aged 18-plus – generally there is a lack of provision for this age group, not just divisionally but around the territory. We'd like to see a better programme for our 18-pluses and to teach, train and disciple them. ■

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Jason

Future hopes: To see more mission in corps; young people initiating events for the 2012 Games – planning, preparing and taking ownership; a clear, division-wide focus on discipleship; young people 'on fire', encountering God in a way they haven't before; to grow as young Christians and not just young Salvationists; older youth as spokespeople for younger generations on corps councils; young people strong in their faith and comfortable in sharing it with their peers, discipling younger people and bringing them to Christ.

Also, to follow up students' requests for divisional Alpha courses, weekend retreats, a newsletter/prayer list, to engage in more evangelism at summer school, that every corps would have a youth club open to everyone and to meet with other corps and cell groups.

Although the division is going through massive changes – in personnel and among the young people – the future is bright! ■

While little children go hungry...

The Salvation Army has long been known for its internationalism and for its work among those who, through no fault of their own, often are unable to help themselves; Lisa King recalls some of her experiences in Africa



EARLY last year, I had the wonderful opportunity of spending three months in Zambia with The Salvation Army at Chikankata Mission Hospital. This was my second visit to the hospital as I had travelled there some five years earlier. On that occasion, however, I'd stayed for only two weeks. Even though that previous visit was short, I had been 'bitten' by the African bug and wanted to return.

My first experience of Africa was around seven years ago when I travelled to Uganda to visit our previous corps officers, Majors Di and Goff Payne. They had been appointed to Uganda to work in the capital, Kampala.

There, my most vivid memory was of standing in the heart of one of the largest slums in the city and seeing for myself, for the first time, poverty in its most extreme form. I learnt quickly the reality of life for so many people: a family of seven living in a house of just one room; a community with no sanitation; diseases spreading throughout because of an absence of fresh water; poor living conditions; HIV/Aids killing hundreds upon hundreds. That was Uganda. That was Africa. Those images stuck in my mind.

Returning from Uganda, I continued with my studies in the UK but always focused on and prepared myself for my next trip to Africa. I trained as a children's

'Nursing in Zambia is so very different – the facilities, the diseases and the climate!'

nurse and qualified two years after my trip to Uganda. Chikankata Salvation Army hospital seemed to present the perfect opportunity for me to put my new skills into practice.

The hospital is 31 kilometres from the nearest tar road on the edge of the Zambezi valley and 60 kilometres from the nearest town, so 'rural' is the word!

The hospital serves a catchment population of 90,000 people living in the surrounding area. The compound consists of the hospital itself, a nursing school, a biomedical training school and a high school, as well as many other projects run from the hospital.

I spent my time on the children's ward, which is what I loved, as well as travelling to rural clinics in the 'bush'.

Nursing in Zambia is so very different – the facilities, the diseases and the climate! All of these are relevant factors and impact the Army's ministry. Also, there were many power cuts, stocks of medication continually ran low, often we ran out of milk for malnourished children and frequently had no fuel available for

children would recover against all the odds.

Zackary, for example, was a 15-year-old boy who came onto the ward one afternoon looking very unwell – face gaunt, ribs showing through his thin layer of skin, his legs so fragile that he was unable to walk, his body so tired and frail he was carried in on his father's shoulders. This teenager was, like so many, severely malnourished.



Lisa and Zackary

'They were saved from almost certain death, and for that we thank God'

He was fed specialised milk, but it seemed to have little effect. We began to wonder if he would ever be strong enough to walk again. After weeks of perseverance, and with determined assistance from the hospital's physiotherapist, Zackary

became stronger and stronger. He did indeed walk again and became well enough to go home six weeks later.

Miranda's mother is HIV positive and everything was done to prevent transmission of the

virus from mother to baby. Antiretroviral medication was given, and at delivery all was put in place to reduce the risk. Miranda was fed on formula milk. Still, though, despite these efforts, HIV was transmitted. HIV from mother to baby can be transmitted during pregnancy, labour, delivery and breastfeeding, even with all precautions in place. The photo of Miranda (with her mother, below) shows her one year on, having spent weeks at Chikankata as a patient. She is gaining weight and keeping well.

There is so much suffering in our world and we hear so many tragic stories that we can become a little disheartened – the problems are so immense. But the likes of Zackary and Miranda remind me it is all worth it. They were saved from almost certain death, and for that we thank God.

Global poverty is a massive issue, but Jesus taught about the importance of what we do for individuals, one at a time.

As we approach the centenary of one of William Booth's most powerful speeches, given shortly before his promotion to Glory, it is fitting to remember Africa with his words in mind: 'While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight; while little children go hungry, as they do now, I'll fight... I'll fight to the very end!' ■

■ Lisa is a children's nurse and worships at Felixstowe

Buying oxygen concentrators in Lusaka



the ambulance. The Chikankata team regularly contended with these issues.

The medical conditions the children suffered were also in some cases very different from those I'd seen before: malaria, malnutrition, tuberculosis and, of course, HIV/Aids and the complications that go with it. In some cases, the problems were similar to those encountered at home: asthma, chest infections, broken bones and illnesses such as epilepsy.

There, in the heart of Africa, children died from their ailments. They died because their conditions became too severe for recovery, even with care and medical intervention.

To these people, death is a daily occurrence and it was so very sad to witness. However, I would console myself with the knowledge that each child had received all that was available and the nurses and doctors had fought for them, doing all that could be done.

There were a lot of sad times but there were also some great times when



Emblems of grace

Retired Songster Leader Fred Crowhurst explains some Army awards and insignia

BADGES, medals and the like have long been associated with Salvation Army uniform. Although gradually falling out of fashion, many are still worn and often denote years – even decades – of service or special achievement.

Some badges, or sew-on patches in various colours, display initials denoting responsibilities held by local officers.

Some people hold the view that such badges have passed their 'sell-by' date and convey little meaning to anyone except those closely connected to the Army.

But there is also a feeling, among some, that they still are of significance and might even be helpful to newcomers – albeit with the proviso that they are explained! One badge that puzzled me when I first spotted it bore the letters 'OSCS' for over-60 club secretary.

Nowadays, name badges are popular and some even carry a rank and a job description.

My grandmother wore the letters 'LBS' with her uniform. That might well puzzle some of today's Salvationists, but it indicated her position of light brigade sergeant, responsible for the collection of

the old Grace Before Meat collection tins. Years ago, families were encouraged to drop a coin into such a tin before starting a meal, and my grandmother's job was to distribute them and then collect them back in.

How many are familiar with the long-service badge for local officers? The original insignia consisted of a silver metal

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bar with a crest, from which hung a short piece of red cloth. To qualify to wear this, a person had to have been a local officer for 25 years. In recognition of 30 years' service, another silver bar was attached. For those who managed 50 years' service, five silver bars could be worn!

A scene in one performance of the Gowans and Larsson musical *Take-over Bid* features the ultra-conservative census board (now the PCC – pastoral care council) wearing long-service badges of exaggerated length adorned with

numerous silver bars. The idea was to convey the very great age of the census board members in question!

The newly designed long-service badge is not unlike a military medal ribbon – a narrow enamel strip depicting the Army flag.

If a loved one had been promoted to Glory, an embroidered red cross surmounted by a crown, set against a black background, was sewn onto one's uniform and worn for about three months. For traditional Army funerals of yesteryear, it wasn't uncommon for the platform to be draped in purple and white, with ribbons in the same colours hanging from the flags. Male soldiers wore white silk armbands with red motifs, similar to the insignia of mourning. Female soldiers wore large white sashes diagonally across their uniforms, indicating their comrade had gone to Heaven.

The Silver Star is awarded to parents whose children are officers. If an officer dies while on active service a gold star replaces the silver one. Such stars were first awarded in the USA in 1930, when Evangeline Booth was Commander-in-Chief. In January 1936 the Order of the Silver Star became worldwide. 'The kind words of appreciation you have spoken to me are my mother's influence,' said an American officer to his commander. 'When I was promoted to the rank of adjutant [this discontinued rank was indicated by a silver star worn next to the 'S' on a tunic] I said: "Mother, this silver star is yours!" The souls whom God has enabled me to win will be among the jewels in my mother's crown.'

In 1917, five years after the promotion to Glory of his father, Bramwell Booth inaugurated the Order of the Founder to recognise distinguished service. The first presentation was to a military soldier, Private Herbert Bourne, for outstanding Christian witness during the First World War. Awards are made sparingly and fairly equally between officers and soldiers.

Last, but by no means least, I make mention of the Order of Distinguished Auxiliary Service, instituted by General George Carpenter in 1941 to mark the Army's appreciation of service rendered by non-Salvationists.

All of these, of course, point towards the greatest emblem of all – the old rugged cross. ■

■ **Fred is Editor of *Citadel Scene* at Birmingham Citadel**

Mending broken lives

Major Hilarie Watchorn presents the second of two studies linked to the Annual Appeal

STUDY PASSAGE: MARK 5:1-20

HERE is no denying that George Best was one of the most talented footballers ever to have played the game. Even those who have little knowledge of football would agree the Northern Ireland and Manchester United star had tremendous natural ability, which enabled him to succeed as a player. He became an icon in football, amassed great wealth and had an army of adoring fans.

But, even with all this, his life ended prematurely. He was still adored, but he had spent many years fighting addiction and poor health.

Too often we hear of people who have 'gone off the rails', struggling to cope with the pressures that surround them in family, work or health. To ease the tension, they turn to something that seems to make coping easier – something that dulls the pain but which, in turn, can become a burden and cause greater stress. As a result, some choose to run away and leave behind all they know. Others are sent away because of problems they have caused.

Alongside addiction, mental illness is another result of ongoing stress. Depression, paranoia and other serious conditions cause isolation and distress to individuals and their families.

Research has shown that a large number of people who find themselves homeless have addictions or mental health issues. Some are trying to deal with both.

The record of Jesus encountering the man in the region of the Gerasenes is a story of someone who 'had an evil spirit in him' (*Good News Bible*). I am not belittling the idea of demon possession, but would like to suggest that this man was mentally ill. He possessed what is described as

'A large number of people who find themselves homeless have addictions or mental health issues'

super-human strength; no one could bind him. His behaviour was uncontrollable. He was not able to live in the town, and was left in the caves where the dead were buried. He was also prone to self-harm; he cut himself with stones (v5).

Mental illness is misunderstood in a number of ways. Some would believe it is purely psychological and that such people

just need to pull themselves together. Today, there are cultures where some believe that those who suffer from epilepsy are demon-possessed. However, mental illness is a serious medical condition and its effects can be devastating to the individuals and their families.

The man whom Jesus met was tormented and believed he was possessed by many demons. He probably heard voices – a symptom of schizophrenia – or possibly suffered with a personality disorder. This proved too difficult for his family and community to deal with, and the result was that he lived outside the town in an area that made him ritually unclean to the Jews.

He recognised Jesus from a distance and was aware that Jesus was the Son of the Most High God. He believed that his illness was caused by evil spirits, and – knowing that Jesus was from God – understood that he was capable of punishing his evil spirits.

Jesus did not punish the man; he removed the cause of his illness. People came from the town and saw him 'sitting there, dressed and in his right mind' (v15 *New International Version*).

Those who are trying to live with mental illness or addictions need people to understand their situation, to empathise with them and assist them to defeat their 'demons' – they don't deserve punishment.

In our Lifehouses and corps drop-in centres we see numerous people who are affected in these ways. Many have been abandoned by their family and have no one to help them. Our responsibility is to give them the understanding they need and provide stability so they can address their issues.

In the past few weeks, a resident from one of our Lifehouses was recognised as an adherent member at the Army. He had suffered a difficult childhood and became an alcoholic. He was estranged from his family and friends. Now – with the support of staff at the centre and new friends at the corps – he is transformed. He has found that in the fellowship of God's people he can be safe – he can be restored.

Just as Jesus healed the man with demons, so still he has the power to mend broken lives and bring them back into relationship with him and his people. ■

■ **Major Watchorn is Regional Manager, London Region Homelessness Services, THQ**



Gayle Wilkinson
Adherent member

Abby Wilkinson
Beth Wilkinson
Junior soldiers

OLDBURY

ABBY and Beth have been going to Kidzklub for a long time. Gayle took them each week and, after a time, inquired whether there was anything she could do and started helping out on the team. She has also started singing with the corps community choir. Gayle accompanied Abby and Beth to junior soldiers classes. At the end, she knew she could not be a junior soldier but wondered what there was for her.

During the Sunday meeting when corps officer Major Susan Pereira enrolled Abby and Beth as junior soldiers, Major Amaro Pereira also welcomed Gayle as an adherent member. Family members were present to witness the ceremonies. – R. S.

Danni Smith
Katie Rendell
Soldiers

ISLE OF WIGHT

DANNI and Katie, who were both junior soldiers, are members of the Southern Divisional Youth Chorus. When corps officer Major Keith Wallis enrolled them as senior soldiers, they sang 'You Are The Centre Of My Life' as their testimony, with the help of a couple of friends from the chorus. Family and friends travelled from the mainland to support them. – A. W.

Jane Murrell
Soldier

GILLINGHAM

AFTER 20 years away from the Army, Jane started attending Cameo and the Open Doors Drop In. She realised that she wanted to worship the Lord again and began going to Sunday meetings. After some time she felt called to become a soldier. She testified that the chorus from song 386 in the Army songbook summed up her faith journey.

During her farewell meeting, corps officer Captain Lyn Hargreaves enrolled Jane as a soldier. – L. H.

Jessica Douglas
Tegan Butcher
Junior soldiers

STAPLEFORD

JESSICA and Tegan are from Salvationist families and were very well supported by family, friends and corps folk when corps officer Major Richard Crowe enrolled them as junior soldiers during a young people's celebration day. – E. S.

David Jackson
Soldier

CONSETT

DAVID used to go to the Army but left when he was a young man. However, he continued to live a Christian life and worshipped at other churches. Over the past two years, he has been attending Army meetings and band practice. When corps officer Captain Mark Sellers enrolled him as a soldier during an open band practice, David testified to having been on a long journey. He said that his continuing interest in Army banding was instrumental in his decision to complete his journey and come home. – H. K.

Claire Spivey
Rachael Spivey
Soldiers

LEEDS CENTRAL

FAMILY and friends witnessed corps officer Major Andrew Spivey enrol his daughters, Claire and Rachael, as soldiers. Claire spoke about losing trust in people and in God during her teenage years. However, her Christian friends always stayed in touch during those challenging times and this eventually led Claire to dedicate herself to God again at Roots. Rachael has been part of the worship band since moving to the corps and so her testimony was given in song. The words of 'The Potter's Hand' confirmed her knowledge that all her life is in God's care. – M. B.

Margaret Thake
Iris Bennett
Adherent members

HOXTON

MARGARET and Iris returned to the Army about eighteen months ago. Margaret works as a volunteer in the drop-in/coffee shop and also in the day centre, helping with lunches. Iris is a volunteer in the Employment Plus resource centre, where she gives advice and computer training. Corps officer Major Sheila Smith welcomed Margaret and Iris as adherent members. – M. S.

Andrew Pomeroy
Michael Morwood

Jonathan Clark
Junior soldiers

REGENT HALL

ANDREW, Michael and Jonathan all come from Salvationist families and are carrying on long family traditions. They have progressed through the under-sixes Sunday school and are now taking part in the junior music sections. Corps officer Major Pat Brown enrolled them as junior soldiers. – J. A.

David Brown
Soldier

CARLISLE CITADEL

WHEN David was born, his parents were told that he would struggle to survive into infancy and certainly would not reach adulthood. Thanks to the dedication and skill of doctors and nurses, the love of a devoted mother and his own determined spirit, David has reached the age of 60. He became an adherent member some 20 years ago but, as he has recently become more involved in corps activities, he wanted to become a soldier.

Corps officer Major Katerina Lennox enrolled David and he is now proud to wear his Army uniform. – C. S.

Sue Burger
Adherent member

RUSHDEN

SUE started going to the Army again, with her mother, on Back to Church Sunday after several years' absence. She has been a regular attender since then and corps officer Captain Mike Smith welcomed her as an adherent member. – M. S.

Jean Hall
Margaret Forrest
Adherent members

OLDHAM CITADEL

MARGARET has been attending the fellowship for a short time and Jean is a long-standing member. They both wished to express their desire for a deeper commitment to God and corps officers Captains Lynley and Stephen Oliver welcomed them as adherent members. – L. O.

Caitlin Thomas
Junior soldier

CAMBORNE

CAITLIN started attending the corps when her grandfather became a soldier some years ago. She enjoys reading the Bible and learning about The Salvation Army. Corps officer Major Ken Bartlett enrolled her as a junior soldier. – K. B.

Thomas Williams
Katie Arden
Hannah Arden
Junior soldiers
STAPLE HILL

WHEN corps officer Captain Helen Urmston enrolled Thomas as a junior soldier during an all-age worship meeting, his family, who attend the corps, and friends shared in the occasion. Captain Ian Urmston enrolled sisters Katie and Hannah as junior soldiers in the evening meeting. Their parents and grandparents are Salvationists. Junior Soldiers Sergeant Brenda Bray prayed for their growth within the corps. – V. W.

Rayna Hastings
Soldier

SOUTHAMPTON SHIRLEY

RAYNA first became a soldier at Basingstoke when she was 14 but left the Army in her late teens. A few years later, when she had moved to Romsey, she accepted an invitation to a songster reunion and met up with Brenda Dickinson, who had been enrolled as a soldier at the same time as Rayna but had later transferred to Southampton Shirley. Brenda invited her to meetings and it did not take long for Rayna to become involved in corps activities, including helping with the singing company and primary. She is thrilled that her sons, Scott and Blake, are working in the corps and her husband Gary is attending meetings.

Corps officer Major Alan Hill enrolled Rayna as a soldier. – J. W.

Jean Coombe
Charlotte Hassman
Adherent members

CARDIFF CANTON

JEAN decided to go to the corps when the bus she was on passed the hall. Appreciating the warm welcome she received, Jean immediately felt at home and took the decision to make the Army her place of worship.

Charlotte started working at divisional headquarters in Cardiff as part of the finance team. She was invited to attend the corps and, settling in quickly, decided to make the Army her spiritual home.

Corps officer Major Graham Willetts welcomed Jean and Charlotte as adherent members. – G. W.

Katie Shortt
Junior soldier

BANGOR

KATIE has been going to the corps for 18 months, attending Sunday school and the timbrel group. She made the decision to become a junior soldier after receiving encouragement from her close friends at the Army; going to Belfast Temple's 2010 music school also played a part. Corps folk and youth leaders support her and pray for her. Captain Susan Betts (Reading Lower Earley) enrolled Katie as a junior soldier. – E. M.

Eric Gladwell
Adherent member

TAVISTOCK

ERIC'S parents and grandparents were staunch Salvationists and he remembers going to the Army when he was five years old. During the Second World War he made contact with the Army in Bombay (now Mumbai), India, and attended meetings there. After repatriation, he helped in the luncheon club at Herne Bay. Now 91, and fully retired, he lives in Tavistock.

Corps officer Captain Penny Sullivan welcomed Eric as an adherent member. – J. W.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARMY PEOPLE

LOCAL OFFICERS APPOINTED

RS Steve Williams, Leek; **SCL Rachel Horwood**, Chatham.

MARRIAGES

James Vincent to **Emily Whetton** at Burton upon Trent by Major Rudi Pilsel; **Nathan Coles** to **Emma Smardon** at Bristol Citadel by Major Ian Mountford; **John Mills** to **Joan Page** at Gravesend by Major Patrick Carton.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Golden: **Daniel and Mrs Joan Crombie**, Brighton Congress Hall (9 September); **Kenneth and Mrs Joan Gamblin**, Watford (16 September).

DEDICATED TO GOD

Grace Louise, daughter of Jamie and Rebecca Deans, at York by Lieut-Colonel Ray Kirby; **James Michael**, son of Robert and Sharon Greer, at Bangor by Captain Gordon Tucker; **Grace Eleanor Charles**, daughter of Christopher and Naomi Kelly, at Edinburgh City by Major Alison McCaffrey; **Grace Louise**, daughter of Mark and Alison Dearlove, at Hemel Hempstead by YPSM Lee Herdman; **Simbarashe Anesu Alexio**, son of Collis Mapuranga and Constance Chambisha, at Welling by Captain Peter West; **Luke Andrew David** and **Oliver Benjamin**, sons of Wayne and Sarah Saunders, at Lye by Major Shirley Knight; **Grace Wendy**, daughter of Lynne Carter, at Norwich Mile Cross by Major Sarah Murray.

BEREAVED

Major Irene Williams, Enfield, and **Jackie Dewar**,

Chelmsford, of their sister Muriel Blair; **Lieut-Colonel Geoff Perry** and **Rtd BM Cliff Perry**, Swindon Citadel, of their brother Major Phillip Perry; **Winnie Fripp**, **Alf Wileman**, both Sheffield Citadel, and **Geoff Wileman**, Lymington, of their sister Barbara Ashmore; **June Wait**, Chatswood, Australia Eastern, of her father Lieut-Colonel Laurence Sutton; **Bandsman Colin Lowe**, Boscombe, **S/Reservist Audrey Mynott**, Birmingham Citadel, **Wendy Horwood**, Bexleyheath, **Marion Trumper**, **Pauline Clarke** and **Rosemary Walker** of their mother Brenda Lowe.

RETIRED OFFICERS

Birthday congratulations: **Major Miriam Dodds**, [REDACTED], Newry [REDACTED] (80 on 15 September); **Major Alexander Hyndman**, [REDACTED], Ingleby Barwick, Stockton-on-Tees [REDACTED] (80 on 16 September); **Colonel Edward Cotterill**, [REDACTED], Beckenham [REDACTED] (85 on 17 September).
Retirement addresses: **Mrs Major Eileen Moffat**, [REDACTED], London SE6 [REDACTED]; **Majors Lynda and Maurice Hunt**, [REDACTED], South Shields [REDACTED]; **Brigadier John Thompson**, [REDACTED], Wellingborough [REDACTED].

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Myatt Smith, Edinburgh Gorgie (formerly Hawick).

Lieut-Colonel Laurence Sutton from **Maidstone** on 25 August.

A son, Mr David Sutton, lives at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Rochester [REDACTED].

Mrs Lieut-Colonel Emmie Bailey from **Edinburgh** on 28 August.

A daughter, Major Christine Bailey, lives at [REDACTED], Prestonpans [REDACTED].

Major Joyce Edwards from **London** on 31 August.

A sister, Mrs Mavis Butterworth, lives at [REDACTED], Gossops Green, Crawley [REDACTED].

Major Philip Perry from **London** on 31 August.

Mrs Major Stephanie Perry lives at [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Chislehurst [REDACTED].

TRIBUTES



KEITH SALVAGE, BRIGHTON CONGRESS HALL

KEITH was born in 1940, and spent all his life at the corps, from being a junior and senior soldier to serving as young people's sergeant-major. Many people remember him from New Horizons, which he attended every year. He was well known for his all-night queueing at SP&S sales there – being first in line for a new uniform for his wife, himself and also for a cadet about to go into the training college.

Keith's health deteriorated rapidly after last year's New Horizons and he was buried with his NH bangle.

He is sadly missed by his wife Diana and their six daughters, his grandchildren, extended family and friends. – D. S.

ENGAGEMENTS

GENERAL LINDA BOND:

USA Eastern, Th 8 Sep - Sat 10; Sunbury Court (General's Consultative Council), Mon 19 - Th 22; Mozambique (Africa Zonal Conference), Fri 23 - Fri 30; Malawi (commissioning), Sat 1 Oct - Mon 3

THE CHIEF OF THE STAFF

(COMMISSIONER BARRY SWANSON)

AND COMMISSIONER SUE SWANSON:

Sunbury Court (General's Consultative Council), Mon 19 Sep - Th 22; UK, West Scotland, Fri 7 Oct - Sun 9

THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER

(COMMISSIONER JOHN MATEAR)

AND COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH MATEAR:

Northern (installation of divisional leaders), Sat 10 Sep; London Central (installation of divisional leaders), Sun 11; Caribbean (80th anniversary celebration), Mon 19 - Tu 27; William Booth College (rededication following refurbishment), Fri 30; William Booth College (public welcome of cadets), Sat Sun 2 Oct

THE CHIEF SECRETARY

(COLONEL DAVID HINTON)

AND COLONEL SYLVIA HINTON:

Kilbirnie, Sat Sun 11 Sep; William Booth College

(rededication following refurbishment), Fri 30; William Booth College (public welcome of cadets), Sat Sun 2 Oct

Commissioners Larry and Gillian Bosh:

Chelmsford, Sat 10 Sep; Boscombe, Sat Sun 18

Commissioner William Cochrane:

Sunbury Court (General's Consultative Council), Mon 19 Sep - Th 22

Commissioner Kenneth Hodder:

Sunbury Court (General's Consultative Council), Mon 19 Sep - Th 22; Brazil, Sat 24 - Mon 26

Commissioner Christine MacMillan:

Sunbury Court (General's Consultative Council), Mon 19 Sep - Th 22

Commissioners Amos and Rosemary

Makina: Mozambique, Sat 24 Sep - Fri 30

Commissioners Robert and Janet Street:

France (public welcome of cadets), Sun 11 Sep; Switzerland, Austria and Hungary (installation of territorial leaders), Sun 18; Sunbury Court (General's Consultative Council), Mon 19 - Th 22; Italy and Greece (welcome to cadets and installation of command leaders), Sat 24

OFFICIAL GAZETTE

UK Territory

RETIREMENTS FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

Effective 1 September:

Major Carol Ainsworth out of Oswaldtwistle in 1969 and last appointment Pastoral Support Officer, Personnel Service, THQ.

Commissioner Robin Forsyth out of Edinburgh Gorgie in 1968 and last appointment International Secretary for Programme Resources, IHQ, with

Commissioner Shona Forsyth (née Leslie) out of Edinburgh Gorgie in 1968 and last appointment

IHQ Chaplain and City of London Liaison Officer.

Major Catherine Knott out of Shotts in 1994 and last appointment Lochgelly.

JOHN MATEAR,

Commissioner,
Territorial Commander

ON THE AIR

BBC Radio 2 (88-91 FM and online at

bbc.co.uk/radio2): A documentary, *Faith And 9/11*, on Sunday 11 September (6 pm, repeated at 10.30 pm) will include a contribution by Major Molly Schotzberger, who was the Salvation Army Grief Counsellor stationed at Ground Zero.



**BANDSMAN
NORMAN CLARK,
CARLISLE CITADEL**

NORMAN was born into a Salvation Army family. After gaining his MA in Business and Administration, he worked in local government in various parts of the country, including Newcastle, Chelmsford, Hull and, finally, back at Carlisle, where he became an advocate with Mencap.

Wherever he lived, Norman linked up with the Army as an active bandsman and songster and also held a number of local officer roles.

Norman's wit brought laughter and fun into many a band practice. He was particularly proud of the trombone 'wall of sound'!

He is missed by his family and friends, who remember him for his positive and cheerful disposition in every circumstance. – K. L.



**RETIRED
BANDMASTER
JOHN DUCKETT,
WREXHAM**

JOHN'S parents were both Salvationists and he spent the majority of his life at Wrexham. He also served at Northwich and Connah's Quay. The bandmaster for 46 years, he set high standards for the musicianship and deportment of the band at all times. John had a gift for keyboard harmony and acted as songster pianist for many years. A feature of his Army service was his role at divisional music schools, where he was a brass tutor on many occasions.

He displayed loyalty and faithfulness throughout his Christian service. Deteriorating health curtailed his participation in corps activities.

He leaves a son, Chris – the corps bandmaster – and two grandchildren, Stuart and Joanne. – C. D.

Annual Appeal concert

Willingham

A SATURDAY evening concert led by Snettisham Band and its corps leader Territorial Envoy Colin Hanover included drama, vocal contributions and the timbrelists, who challenged the congregation to play an impromptu item.

The evening raised £100 towards the corps Annual Appeal total. – E. K.

Club attracts youngsters

Pontefract

A HOLIDAY club at the corps attracted many children who had connections with the parent-and-toddler group.

They enjoyed the various activities which included crafts, games and Bible stories about Daniel and Jonah. – A. B.



Tenby Band participates in the Pembrokeshire County Agricultural Show after an invitation recognising the 125th corps anniversary; corps members contacted many people, distributing leaflets and sticks of Tenby rock

CAPTION COMPETITION



At Mountain Citadel, Hamilton, during Birmingham Citadel Band's tour of Canada, Gavin Lamplough plays a cornet solo accompanied by the band, conducted by Andrew Blyth (Music Ministries Unit, THQ).

Send in your suggested captions for this picture by email to Salvationist@salvationarmy.org.uk with the subject line 'Picture caption competition', or by post to *Salvationist*, 101 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6BN.

A selection of the best captions will be printed in *Salvationist* next month.



CD OF THE WEEK

Principal trombone of the London Symphony Orchestra, Bandsman Dudley Bright, Regent Hall, reviews *Enfield Connections* by Enfield Band

One might approach reviewing a CD by Enfield Band with caution, so enormous is its reputation. The present recording, in part, illustrates how and why that reputation has been formed and maintained, being made up of music written especially for the band or composed by former members.

Peter Graham's 'Ad Optimum' ('To The Highest') features an all-too-brief lovely central section ('There Is Beauty In The Name Of Jesus') framed by an energetic opening ('When Morning Gilds The Skies') and a suitably grand conclusion ('O For A Thousand Tongues'). This is not a new piece but one hopes its appearance here will stimulate the exposure it deserves.

The fact that four out of the thirteen tracks carry Latin titles is of less interest than that two of them provide much of the weighty fare in this well-balanced compilation. Steven Ponsford's deservedly popular 'Turriss Fortissima', written for Enfield in 2007, here receives yet another very fine performance, as does Edward Gregson's classic 'Variations On Laudate Dominum' – this time, with two recently added variations. It is interesting to learn from the programme notes that, although this work was originally written for the composer's brother Bram (another Tottenham alumnus) and the London (Ontario) Salvation Army band, the new variations were added as a tribute to Black Dyke Band 30 years later and 40 years after Gregson severed his official connections with the Army. The new music sits slightly uneasily within the original structure but is, nonetheless, attractive and engaging.

As the band prepared to visit Canada in 1964, Leslie Condon offered his newest work 'The Call Of The Righteous' to Bandmaster James Williams. The tour was not only a huge success, as was Condon's new work, but also a disaster when 14 of the bandmen later heeded 'the call' to migrate to Canada. History confirms that the bandmaster pulled off the astonishing feat of rebuilding this band to even greater things. That Condon himself prematurely heard the call to eternity still leads many to wonder how different might have been the subsequent history of Army music. His was

an extraordinarily original, natural, creative talent which is never better confirmed than in this work: structurally and dramatically perfect, thrilling and spiritually uplifting. Of note is the Enfield tradition of retaining two bars of solo timpani that were deleted by the composer for publication. However, this performance is at least equal to the splendid rendition by this band on the LP *Kaleidoscope* (now available on CD) – perhaps a little more spacious but nonetheless thrilling.

'Prayer Gently Lifts Me' is a carefully considered meditation from Chelsea Pascoe that augurs well for her future creations.

Although he is not a Salvationist, much of Philip Wilby's brass band music is possessed of a profoundly spiritual dimension. His vocal setting of Isaac Watts' words 'When I Survey The Wondrous Cross', now published for Salvationists, brings new insight into these timeless words. This sensitive and sympathetic performance of the brass band version, made at the suggestion of Bandmaster Jonathan Corry, underpins the message of the whole disc.

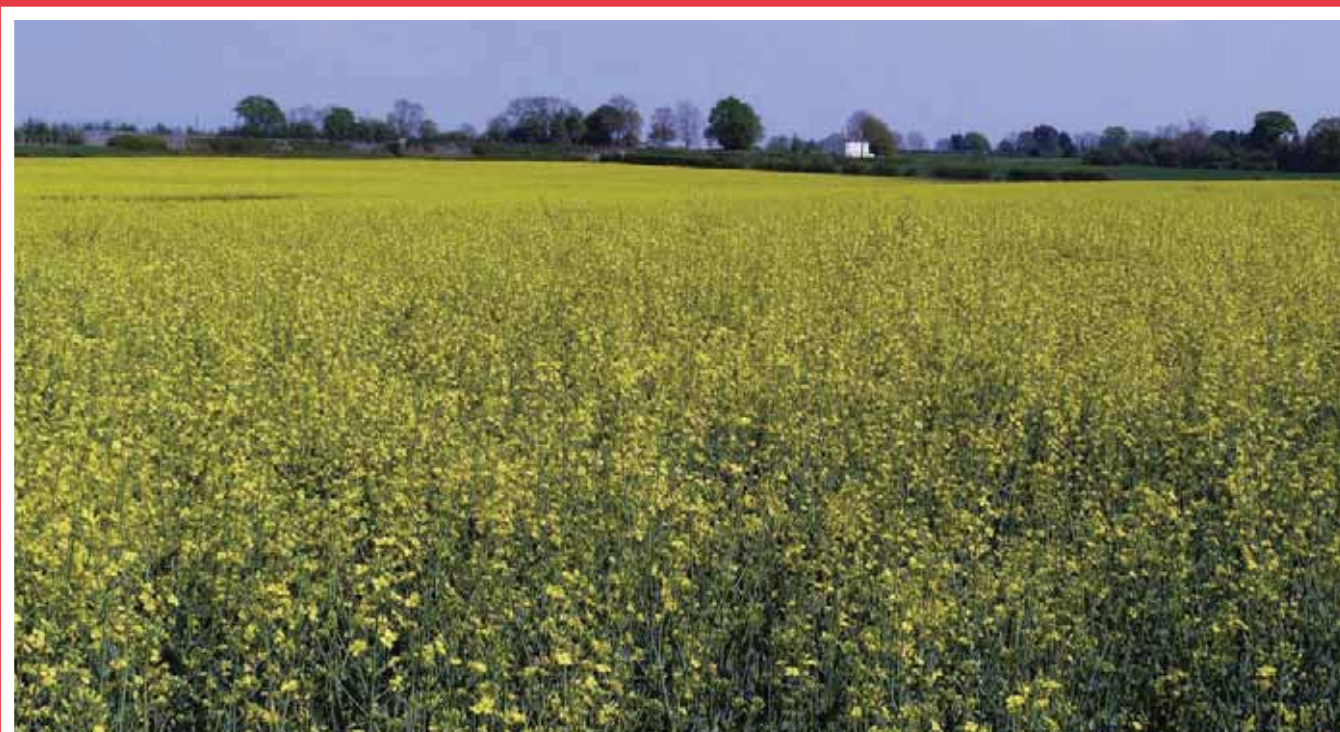
This CD has something for everyone and abounds in controlled excitement, sensitive phrasing and magnificent climaxes. ■

■ *Enfield Connections* is available from SP&S priced £13.95 (plus £2.95 postage and packing) or can be downloaded from spstunes.com for £9.99

TRACK LIST

- 'Battle Ready' – Roger Trigg
- 'Spirit Of Life' – David Catherwood
- 'The Call Of The Righteous' – Leslie Condon
- 'Ave Verum Corpus' – Elgar arr. Pearce (cornet soloist Maurice Patterson)
- 'Fugue In D minor' – Bach arr. Farr
- 'Ad Optimum' – Peter Graham
- 'Prayer Gently Lifts Me' – Chelsea Pascoe
- 'Knowing My Failings' – Andrew Mackereth (trombone soloist Andrew Justice)
- 'Variations On Laudate Dominum' (Revised) – Edward Gregson
- 'The Veterans' – Ray Steadman-Allen (cornets Chris Avison, Paul Williams and Maurice Patterson)
- 'Wondrous Cross' – Philip Wilby
- 'Anthem from *Chess*' – arr. Andrew Blyth (euphonium soloist Paul Baker)
- 'Turriss Fortissima' – Steven Ponsford

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Bignor, West Sussex. Picture: AMANDA GREENWOOD