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NOT WEARY YET

IN April this year in the UK the default retirement age of 65 was abolished meaning that an employer can no longer insist that an employee retires on grounds of age. Out of necessity, or choice, the number of people still in employment past 65 is rising. In time this will not only change the dynamics of the workplace but other areas as well.

Many corps rely upon the services of older people to help run midweek activities. They might be involved in leading a group, cooking a lunch, serving in the charity shop, assisting with administrative duties, or lending a listening ear. These older volunteers through their availability, dependability and experience provide a valuable resource and in some situations, they are a lifeline to others.

Claire and Neil Mayne (page 10) highlight the important role of older people in the Church and suggest that for some people the later years are when God's purposes are fulfilled. The subjects of the September picture caption competition are fine examples: Andy on his 7,900-mile walkathon to fundraise for Salvation Army social services and Mary who organises the meal run for homeless people in the Bournemouth area.

United Nations International Older Persons Day on 1 October is an opportunity to recognise the value of older people in the family, community and The Salvation Army. On page 14 Phil Carey – recently appointed MBE for his work in the community – opens a window on his long and interesting life. We also have news of three centenarians who have celebrated their birthdays (see pages 8 and 9); one regularly attends the home league and sunshine club, one sells the Army papers on the street and one can still play the cornet. However, these three still have a few years to go to catch up with Olive Ashley (page 5) who has just reached 107!

Old age is rarely without its challenges, whether failing health, loneliness, or the need to depend on others. For those who care for older family members Major Martin Hill (on page 19) reviews the book *A Time To Care*. Martin has also contributed the Bible study to highlight generations working together.

Cathy Le Feuvre writes for us on pages 12 and 13 about Exposed 2013. The Salvation Army is joining other partners in a campaign to stand up against worldwide corruption which results in tax avoidance, bribery and other practices that have an adverse effect on us all, but especially on the world's poorest people. The campaign has the support of territorial leadership as it tries to raise awareness and gather a million signatures over the next few weeks.

The centenarians will have seen so many changes in their lifetimes. But some things have not changed. The old song says 'the world is fill'd with woe', there is plenty of evidence of that. Whether you add your name to a campaign, hold a prayer vigil, respond to the General's call to prayer for Syria, or stand up for Jesus just where you are – the fight continues.

*While the world is fill'd with woe
Hallelujah! We'll be fighting yet!
Satan's kingdom to o'erthrow
Hallelujah! We'll be fighting yet!
Oh, Glory! Not weary yet!*

(Gems For Songsters No.5)



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THIS WEEK'S QUOTES FROM THE PAPERS

SEND A COW CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

The livestock charity Send a Cow which was set up by Christian Farmers in the UK, is celebrating its 25th anniversary...

Based on extensive research among African families that were supported by the sustainable farming programmes of Send a Cow, the current report shows that the charity's practical aid has helped to improve nutrition, equality and education in some of Africa's poorest communities.

According to the report, 97 per cent of families helped now eat at least two meals every day outside the dry season, including vital animal protein and vitamin-rich vegetables. Moreover, three times as many children from farming families supported by Send a Cow are in secondary education compared with the national average. The research also showed that in three out of four households women and men are now equal partners when making decisions about family land and sharing workloads.

David Bragg, Send a Cow's senior programme co-ordinator and one of the charity's founding Christian farmers [said] 'When we sent the first cows to Africa in 1988 we did so as a practical way of expressing our Christian faith...

'Our work will continue to be inspired by our unique brand of practical Christianity as we move forward with plans to help even more families leave poverty and inequality behind for good.'

The Church of England Newspaper

SUNDAY WORKERS FOUND STILL ALLEGING DISCRIMINATION

Ten years after the first law barring religious discrimination came into force, new forms of unfair treatment are being reported, particularly by Christians, new research suggests.

Religion and Belief, Discrimination and Equality in England and Wales: A decade of continuity and change highlights more Christians reporting concerns about Sunday-working policies and practices. Some Christians also articulated 'a sense of the marginalisation of Christianity compared with its historic position in society, and spoke of what they felt was a now comparatively fairer treatment of other religious or belief groups compared to Christians'.

The author of the report, Dr Paul Weller, Professor of Inter-Religious Relations at the University of Derby... concluded that since the 2003 Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations came into force, there has been a reduction in the reported experience of unfair treatment on the basis of religion or belief, particularly in criminal justice and employment...

Professor Weller cautions that 'the introduction of new laws has not been a panacea', pointing to 'unresolved tensions in the interpretation and application of domestic law'.

Church Times

LIVERPOOL HEARS OF NEW COMMON GOOD

Churches should work together to make the common good a priority in policy and practice at all levels of society, delegates to a conference in Liverpool agreed...

The 170 people who attended committed themselves to delivering justice for 'the least, the last and the lost'. They agreed to advance the common good by getting involved in projects such as campaigns against the so-called 'bedroom tax', and in favour of debt centres helping destitute asylum seekers and exploring how churches could collectively out-trade payday lenders...

They hoped that a new Common Good movement could be launched in which churches deepened their links with other faiths – and those with no faith – to tackle hardship, exclusion and injustice.

Church Times

FROM THE ARCHIVES – TEN YEARS ON



Evangelist sacked

EVANGELIST, musician and escapologist Yan Nicholls of YWAM (Youth With A Mission) climbs into a sack at HARPENDEN – assisted by corps officer Captain Heather Poxon and Bandsman David Cook – to perform an illusion. Yan presented a number of illusions to illustrate the message.

News in 'Salvationist' dated 4 October 2003

The General and Commissioner Silvia Cox celebrate freedom in Sydney

AUSTRALIA EASTERN

IN his first overseas visit as international leader of The Salvation Army, General André Cox with World President of Women's Ministries Commissioner Silvia Cox, shared with Salvationists at the Freedom Celebration in Sydney.

The General and Commissioner Cox attended a number of events over the weekend, beginning with a seniors' morning tea attended by 240 people. Live music was followed by an interview with the visiting leaders. Territorial President of Women's Ministries Commissioner Jan Condon gave a short Bible message.

A Freedom Carnival followed the seniors' tea, highlighting services offered by The Salvation Army across the territory. Children enjoyed free rides and there was multicultural food available in a massive food hall.

A number of young guards and boys legion members were privileged to be the first to receive their General's Awards in person from the General. Following a short presentation of these awards and the recognition of the long service of some leaders, the General and Commissioner Cox were delighted by the children's musical *Spend Awhile On The Nile*.

The Freedom Celebration was also an opportunity for the General to launch the new



catalogue for Gifts That Keep On Giving' – such as the provision of animals to communities in the developing world (see picture) – as well as highlighting other projects managed through Salvation Army International Development.

An audience of close to 1,200 people attended the Freedom Concert on Saturday night. The atmosphere was energetic throughout an event that featured secular musical artists as well as Salvation Army talent. Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries Colonel Janet Munn encouraged the audience to find freedom through Christ.

Early on Sunday morning the General joined almost 200 young adults from around the territory at a young leaders' breakfast. Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas spoke to the group about finding God's purpose in one's life before the General provided words of encouragement to the young leaders.

The Sunday morning meeting – themed Freedom Through Christ – was attended by more than 2,500 people. There was an amazing time of worship and recommitment as many people responded to the call of God after the General's Bible address.

Freedom Through Salvation was celebrated in the Sunday afternoon meeting. The enthusiastic congregation became fully engaged in praise and worship. Commissioner Cox opened the Word of God and again people made their way to the place of prayer and recommitment.



Boundless website launched

IHQ

THE website for Boundless – the Army's 150th anniversary congress – has been launched. International Congress Co-ordinator Lieut-Colonel Eddie Hobgood says the site www.boundless2015.org is 'the source for all things congress' and recommends that anyone planning to attend the event visits the website at least once a month.

Prospective delegates can also visit www.facebook.com/boundless2015 and follow congress Twitter feeds @boundless2015 for the latest updates. – A. R.



At Dunstable, Olive Ashley, pictured with corps officer Major Carol Evans, celebrates her 107th birthday with tea and cake and a letter of congratulation from General André Cox



At Staines eight band members, with a combined total of 460 years' service, display their long-service awards; pictured with Bandmaster Malcolm Janes are Maisie Wiggins (74 years), Sid Gregory (66 years), John Hebborn (64 years), Andy Musgrove (57 years), Wes Maughan (59 years), Fred Fuller (53 years), Keith Atwill (50 years) and Nigel Gardiner (50 years)

SUMMER SCHOOL NEWS



EAST AND WEST SCOTLAND

DYO Captain Gavin Friday (East Scotland) reports

WITH the theme of Thirsty? the 113 delegates were encouraged to be refreshed by the life-giving water which Jesus offers as they participated in brass, vocal, drama, dance and sports ministry.

An energetic programme

included water challenges at the Sunday Splash and Got the Bottle? – an event organised by the student forum.

One of the highlights of the week was when the staff became the students' waiters for the evening and served them non-alcoholic cocktails at the Café Refresh (pictured below). The students also received information on the Army's drug and alcohol strategy.



Further challenge came with the visit of Matt Oliver (Chief Executive Officer, More Than Gold). He spoke to the young people about how they could get involved with the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

Sports Ministry Co-ordinator for Scotland Bobby Weir commented: 'Matt's visit was so encouraging. To see young people fired up about being involved in mission and outreach was fantastic, even more so because it involved outreach around sport.'

At the Thursday evening devotional meeting, each young person was encouraged to bring the empty water bottle they had been given at the beginning of the week and then fill it with fresh water. This represented being filled with God's Spirit. Many young people responded to this opportunity and considered how God could use them.

The students' families and friends supported the midweek and final festivals. The tone for the final festival was set through the dance and vocal item 'Holy Spirit Rain Down'.

Delegates are pictured at an open-air meeting in Perth which included a dance interpretation of the song 'Your Grace Still Amazes Me'.

BELFAST TEMPLE

Hannah Murray (Belfast Temple) reports

GOING Deeper was the theme for our week at Castlewellan Castle. On the Saturday evening, after an afternoon of unpacking and auditions, we shared in worship. On Sunday we had a busy day of activities including choral, band, dance and sports ministry. In the evening the 'A' band and timbrelists made their way to the seaside town of Newcastle for an open-air meeting.

We all had rehearsals again on Monday as well as our first Bible study and the chance to sing our camp song. Tuesday included an evening of hilarious team games which had everyone in fits of laughter.

On Wednesday, which was an open day, the bands and timbrelists marched to the castle lake and held a short open-air meeting. Later we had a talent night and a time when girls and boys split into two groups for worship.

Thursday morning was brilliant with bouncy castles, sumo wrestling suits and bungee ropes. During worship in the evening we formed prayer circles. On Friday we were due to have a 15 minute testimony time, but that turned into more than an hour. It was a wonderful time shared together.

The final concert began with the band piece 'Shalom' with soloists Daniel Clarke (euphonium, Belfast Temple), Andrew Pentland (bass, Belfast Sydenham) and I played cornet. The choral students sang 'Day By Day' featuring vocal soloist Georgina Harkcom (High Wycombe). The congregation enjoyed the programme which included contributions by staff member Chelsea Pascoe (Belfast Sydenham), Emma Ferguson (Lurgan) and the worship group with 'Seek Me' based on the theme.

SUMMER SCHOOL NEWS

EAST MIDLANDS AND ANGLIA

DYO Andrew Whitehouse
(East Midlands) reports

OUR theme looked at some of the encounters Jesus had with water and the invitation he gives 'to come and drink'. Many young people responded to the invitation to have their faith refreshed and took the opportunity to receive prayer and to be refreshed by the Holy Spirit or filled for the first time.

All students had the opportunity to participate in two main options from art, vocal, sports ministry, worship leadership, brass, worship tech and deeper lives discussion. All of them took part in worship and Bible study as well as social activities. Some of the highlights of the social activities included a barbecue, talent night, sports day and a huge water fight.

We also welcomed illusionist Steve Price who gave the school, and visiting parents, a great evening of magic, laughter and the gospel message. Steve connected the

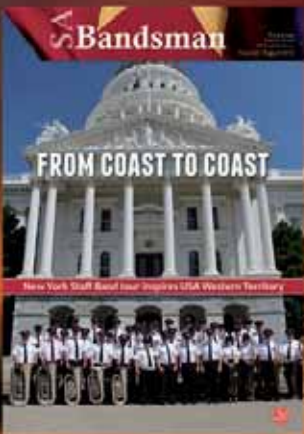


presentation with his testimony and an invitation to meet Jesus for the first time. During the week the young people focused on the topics of relationships, identity and image. They looked at the characters of men and women of God as well as discussing how to make and maintain healthy relationships. On the final day family and friends supported a final celebration. The young people shared verses from Romans 8 and prayed joyfully.



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WEEK 31

Monday 30 September 2 Corinthians 2 – Paul describes Christians as ‘an aroma of Christ’
● v15: to those who want to hear the gospel and to those who don’t, are you aware of your spiritual smell?

Tuesday 1 October 2 Corinthians 3 – Lives that reflect the glory of the Lord
● v18: if your life does not reflect the Lord’s glory, what impact could that have upon others?

Wednesday 2 October 2 Corinthians 4 – ‘We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen’
● v14: do you believe you will be resurrected? On what do you base your belief?
● v18: how can you fix your eyes of what is unseen?

Thursday 3 October 2 Corinthians 5 – God reconciles himself to the world through Christ
● vv1–4: in what ways can our present bodies be compared to tents?
● v10: although salvation may be by faith alone, does this verse indicate that works will also be judged?
● v20: are you Christ’s ambassador with the message of being reconciled to him?

Friday 4 October 2 Corinthians 6 – ‘What fellowship can light have with darkness?’ (v14)
● vv14–18: who is it that Paul is telling Christians not to have fellowship with and in what context – marriage, friendship? And does he mean in the Church or interfaith?

PONTYPOOL: During a Sunday Night Special meeting, Songster Leader Lyndon Bexon (Winton) testified to the love, grace and forgiveness he has experienced from Christ. Corps folk were encouraged to invite friends and family to hear the gospel message through music and personal testimony. – I. B.

WIMBLEDON: New soldiers Hans and Angela Lee helped lead the 126th corps anniversary meeting themed Celebrating Life. A number of worship stations were based on the theme of God’s Banqueting Table. The meeting concluded with ‘I’ll Go In The Strength Of The Lord’. – A. F.



Bognor Regis corps member Nellie Jay receives flowers and a cake from the Mayor of Littlehampton (Councillor Joyce Bowyer) and staff at Sainsbury’s as she sells ‘The War Cry’ at the store the day before her 100th birthday



Gladys Gathergood celebrates her 100th birthday with her daughter, Janice Ott, and other family members and friends at Enfield where she is a soldier and enthusiastic member of the home league and sunshine club

Picture courtesy Victor Gordon, Portadown Times



On his 100th birthday Bandsman Tommy Archer and his wife Gladys are joined by corps members from Portadown and Lurgan; Tommy took part in the celebrations by playing the cornet



At Dunstable, corps officer Major Carol Evans receives a cheque for £4,328 from Sainsbury's after the Army was chosen as their charity of the year for two years in a row



At Kirkcaldy, Retired Corps Sergeant-Major Arthur Roper transfers to the band reserve after 70 years' faithful service, praising God for giving him a wonderful ministry through music

LECHLADE: Cirencester Band joined with members of Oxford Band to provide music for the United Churches songs of praise at The Trout Inn using the theme As Sure As God's In Gloucestershire. The hymns had a Gloucestershire connection through place names, composers or writers. All of the churches in the area took part, as did visitors from the nearby campsite and moored boats. – M. G.



Spirit-filled weekend

GOVAN

THE Holy Spirit was evident throughout songster and singing company weekend.

Afternoon rehearsals, led by Ira Thomas (Music Ministries, THQ), preceded a well-attended Saturday evening festival. The singing company presented 'Every Second' and 'Yes, Jesus Loves Me' and the songsters shared 'I Feel Like Praising Him' and 'The Majesty And Glory Of Your Name'. Both sections united to sing 'Your Grace Still Amazes Me'.

In the evening, Commissioner Keith Banks and his daughter Alison Gillespie presented the Pauline Banks Vocal Award to Singing Company Member Ajay Green for spiritual growth, musical development and family love.

In a tribute to Commissioner Pauline Banks' time as a member of the Joystings, the songsters and singing company sang Joy Webb's 'Follow'. Ira's sensitive piano solo 'Knowing You Jesus' brought a sense of stillness to the evening.

On Sunday Ira brought many challenges, asking: 'How much do we know one another?' Many people knelt at the mercy seat in rededication. The songsters and soloist Matt Ramsay concluded with 'The Lord's My Shepherd'. – C. R.

RUGBY: Ten soldiers and friends of the corps experienced what it is like to sleep outside in a cardboard box, raising more than £1,000 for The Big Collection. – G. J.

At Colchester Citadel, two young people, helped by corps member Paul Garnham, wash a car as part of the youth-run carwash event; the fundraiser secured £126 for the Watershed appeal

OLDER PEOPLE AND SPIRITUALITY

Claire and Neil Mayne share the good news that God's vision is not age dependent.

DO you ever try to picture the kind of person you might be in 10, 20, 30 or even 50 years' time? Do you believe that God will have as much of a purpose for your life then as he does now?

The good news is that God's vision is not age dependent – whether you are 5 or 50, 9 or 90, God has a vision for your life. The gifts we have to fulfil this vision may change over time – as we grow older, the physical energy of youth can give way to a wisdom born out of experience. The Bible says 'everything has a season' and for some people the later years are the time when God's purpose is fully realised.

“THEY DID NOT SEE THE INCREDIBLE MINISTRY A GROUP OF THE OLDER MEN HAD IN REACHING OUT TO THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY”

That it should be this way isn't new. The Bible is full of examples of God trusting key tasks to older people. Moses was 80 and Aaron 83 when they were chosen to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Joshua and Caleb were both 80 when they led the conquest of Canaan. The prayer warriors Anna and Simeon, both of advanced years, were chosen by God to recognise and witness that

Jesus was the Messiah. As it says in psalm 92: 'The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green.'

So, given these examples and this promise, why should I be surprised to discover that a group of older people living in a care home where I visit meet on a regular basis to pray for the staff and for the local community? Why should I marvel at the group of older people working with young people excluded from school, helping them to rebuild their self-esteem and develop new ways of coping?

The problem is that societal attitudes around age and ageing can sometimes blur our vision. Take, for instance, one member of a thriving church who, rather than celebrating the number of older people in the congregation, lamented that they had only a handful of younger people attending services. This person ignored the bigger picture. They did not see the incredible ministry a group of the older men had in reaching out to those in the community who were recently widowed or the value of the older women's group who were sharing their culinary skills so that young mums could learn how to cook cheap, healthy and nutritious meals for their children.

The ministry of older people in this church was wide-reaching; the older people in the church set up a group for others who were asking searching questions about the meaning of life

as can so often happen as people begin to confront their own mortality. One of the group said: 'This is our mission field.'

And a mission field it is. There isn't a week goes by that we don't read about our ageing demographic and the figures are, indeed, extraordinary. Incredibly there are 10.8 million people aged 65 and over in the United Kingdom and more than 1.4 million of those are aged 85 and over. To put this into perspective, there are now more people in the UK aged 60 and over than there are under 18 and more pensioners than there are children under 16. It is estimated that a third of children born today will live to be 100. Imagine that!

There is much to celebrate here, although we also need to recognise that growing older presents many challenges. Older people are more likely to experience chronic health problems, physical frailty and loneliness. Society problematises these aspects when it describes the oldest old, pointing to increased dependency on others. Yet, as Christians who are part of the Body of Christ, we do not see dependency in such a way. Rather it is an opportunity to serve and be served, bless and be blessed. Are we not all dependent on God? Perhaps frail old age is a reminder that we are all reliant on God and that with God all things are possible.

Old age is a wonderful gift, underpinned by an incredible promise that God will never leave us or forsake us. As Isaiah 46:4 (*New Living Translation*) says: 'I will be your God throughout your lifetime until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you.'

What an amazing promise!



NEIL AND CLAIRE,
G21 MOBILE, GOLDTHORPE

MISSION MEANS...

DOING THE MATHS

Chick Yuill presents the third in a six-part series entitled Mission Means...

A CORPS officer once told me that every year, after Christmas, he would make a point of individually thanking people in his corps. He did so because he was conscious of the fact that they had devoted long hours to maintain the carolling programme and helping with the distribution of parcels to families in need. He went on to say that often they would reply with the same words: 'I'm glad to do it. That's my service for God.' And that response began to worry him.

'It wasn't that I doubted their sincerity,' he explained. 'It was simply that their words implied that their service for God was concentrated almost exclusively on what they did "at the Army", and that the rest of their life was simply "stuff" that had to be done, "stuff" that had little to do with their Christian service.'

My corps officer friend was definitely on to something. He was, in fact, identifying one of the biggest challenges to thinking clearly about discipleship – the widespread tendency among Christians to divide life into two separate and distinct compartments. There's the 'sacred' bit, which is all about our private spiritual life and our church commitments, and then there's the 'secular' bit, which is the rest of life where faith and discipleship have little if any part to play. When we think like that, it's all too easy to assume that the only relationship of our 'secular' activity to our life as followers of Jesus is to provide us with enough money and allow us sufficient free time so that we can financially support and be fully involved in the ministry of our corps.

But the God we encounter in Scripture is the God who created everything and who sustains it by his love and power. There are no no-go areas for God! As we read in the Psalm: 24:1 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.' When we turn to the New Testament that trust is proclaimed even more boldly. Those early disciples were persecuted, not because they had embraced a private belief in Jesus. What got them into trouble was their fearless assertion that 'Jesus is Lord', that he rules over every area of life – finance, business, politics, entertainment and the rest – just as much as our own personal world.

One of the most powerful antidotes to the spiritual malaise of the sacred-secular divide is to do some simple arithmetic. There are 168 hours in a week. Subtract 48 hours for sleeping time; that gives us 120 waking hours. Surveys show that, on average, Christians spend a maximum of 10 hours a week in church-based activities, that leaves 110 hours that we spend doing the 'stuff' of life – earning a living, raising a family, doing the shopping, engaging in leisure pursuits, etc.

Even if we believe that Salvationists spend 15 or 20 hours at the corps, that still leaves us with an unavoidable conclusion: if our service for God concentrated exclusively or even primarily on what we do 'at the Army', then we've reduced discipleship to a leisure-time pursuit that happens mainly on Sundays and weekday evenings. That's not for one moment to suggest that the time spent at the corps is unimportant. It certainly isn't.

It's vital that we meet together for worship and teaching; it's essential that, as a company of God's people, we serve our local community through the various programmes that go on throughout the week.

But it isn't an end in itself. Those ten hours or so spent worshipping and working together should also equip us and inspire us to go back into our everyday lives and live well for God. That's where we'll have most contact with unbelievers, and that's where our presence and witness are most needed. Our Salvationist parents and grandparents grasped that truth when they referred to their buildings as 'barracks' – not places in which to settle down comfortably – but places where soldiers are trained and equipped to march out to battle.

So, do the maths and get marching!



CHICK IS A FREELANCE WRITER AND SPEAKER



by Cathy Le Feuvre

CORRUPTION – it's not a word that most of us think much about. It doesn't have anything to do with us, does it? None of us have ever taken or given bribes. Few, if any, of us will have been involved in secret deals with corrupt officials to get business contracts or been involved in price fixing, or deliberately evaded paying our taxes. Although we might never have been personally involved, as Christians, corruption in all its various forms is something about which we should all be concerned. Why? Because corruption is one of the leading causes of poverty across the world!

Exposed is an international coalition of Christian churches, businesses, individuals, agencies and organisations who are 'shining a light on corruption' wherever they find it. The Salvation Army UK Territory, IHQ and the International Social Justice Commission are all partners.

'Bribery, secret deals, nepotism, abuse of public influence, greed – whatever its name, it amounts to corruption. Corruption is found in government, business and even the Church and it is the poor who suffer most,' says Joel Edwards, International Co-ordinator of Exposed and director of Micah Challenge, one of the Exposed global partners.

'Billions of dollars go missing every year from economies because of corruption – bribes, tax evasion, price fixing and more. If this money were invested in the country's infrastructure, or spent on providing jobs and hospital treatment, educating children and

supporting the poorest of the poor, the fate of many millions of people who struggle to survive day-to-day would be vastly improved,' Joel explains.

Across the world Exposed is engaging with millions of people, encouraging them to speak out against corruption in their communities, government, local business and churches. People are being encouraged to set up 'bribe boxes' in their churches to declare bribery in their communities, to write to politicians and take action. Since Exposed was launched in October 2012 the momentum has grown. Governments are responding, businesses are being encouraged to be more transparent and individuals are becoming aware of the need to change their own actions and operate without corruption.

'For some, speaking out on corruption will be dangerous because their governments and communities won't want the boat to be rocked and certainly won't want their wrongdoing exposed. But if we really are to solve the problem of world poverty, we have to tackle corruption,' says Dion Forster, chair of Exposed.

'While we are pleased that in recent months there is evidence that some governments, including the UK, are beginning to put strident regulations in place to prevent deliberate tax evasion by multinational companies and to ensure the due tax is paid into the correct coffers, there is still so much more to do. We, as a Christian community, can play a huge part by putting pressure on the world's governments and businesses to commit to fight corruption and,

most importantly, to ensure the money is ultimately spent on the poor. At the end of the day it's a matter of God's justice!' Dion Forster says.

Exposed's main focus this year will be its Week of Action from 14 to 20 October, and the campaign will culminate at the G20 next year.

VIGILS

During the Week of Action the campaign aims for 2,000 Vigils – events that will highlight the need to tackle corruption. During these events there will be prayers and readings and an emphasis on the phrase 'Shine a Light'. On Thursday 17 October staff prayers at Territorial Headquarters in London will take the form of an Exposed vigil.

BECOME ONE IN A MILLION

By November 2014 Exposed aims to have gathered one million signatures on its Global Call To End Corruption – a petition that will be handed to the finance ministers of the world's major economies at G20, in Brisbane, Australia – is intended to be a strong call for a commitment to fight corruption and support the world's poor.



CATHY IS A WRITER, BROADCASTER AND MEDIA CONSULTANT AND WORSHIPS AT STAINES



“MY JUSTICE WILL BECOME A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS (ISAIAH 54:1)”

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Hold a vigil in your corps or community. Consider making your weekly prayer meeting a vigil. Resources are available at www.exposed2013.com/globalvigil and please register your vigil on the Exposed interactive map.
- Become One In A Million and sign the Global Call To End Corruption. You can sign online at www.exposed2013.com or print off petition forms for signing in your corps, school, home or workplace.



SHINING A LIGHT ON CORRUPTION

- Keith works at Malaysian Care, a Christian project in Malaysia. In July last year two close friends died in a road accident. Keith supported the families. When the hospital asked for a bribe to release the bodies, Keith resisted because he had just received training about Exposed. Miraculously, the bodies were released. Keith and his colleague Joyce are actively uncovering cases of corruption in their community. Joyce recently acted as an election monitor to help stop corruption during the national vote.
- Transformemos Honduras (Let's Transform Honduras) is an anti-corruption, citizen-action movement. It exposed wrongdoing in the educational system that had resulted in poor children losing out on education.
- Micah Challenge India successfully championed the cause of children in very poor areas of districts in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh who were denied entrance to school even though education is free. They also exposed the activities of a corrupt headmaster who pocketed funds intended for free school meals and paid bribes to others to ensure his wrongdoing did not come to light.
- While working in The Gambia, German national Gisela resisted paying bribes for essential medication as she strongly believes this is what God expects from his people and that it is worth the effort in the long term.
- In South Africa, price fixing in the construction industry was exposed by Michelle, who blew the whistle on these corrupt practices.



Pictured from top: Christians campaign in Nepal, and Malaysia, International Co-ordinator Joel Edwards

Window on my world

Phil Carey MBE (Boscombe) tells *Salvationist* about going the extra mile in service to the community

Picture: Daily Echo Bournemouth



TELL US ABOUT...

YOUR FAMILY

I come from a Christian family. My mother was a lifelong member of the Evangelical Church. My father, an Evangelical minister, opened three churches in North London during the mid-1930s. I became a member of Edmonton Corps as a scout and YP band and singing company member. It was through the singing company that I met a beautiful young lady by the name of Olive Jipps. We became close friends and courted, leading to our marriage in 1941. We have two sons. Terry and his wife Pamela are Salvationists at Boscombe and Graham, along with his wife Hélène, is a divisional leader in Moldova, Eastern Europe Territory. I am blessed with five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren – the Lord has given me a wonderful Christian family.

YOUR SERVICE TO THE SALVATION ARMY SO FAR

My service to the Army began when I attended Edmonton and got involved in various YP activities. In 1936, aged 15, I began working at International Headquarters. From 1957 onwards, I have had local officer commissions as corps secretary, corps cadet guardian, organising secretary, young people's sergeant-major and stewardship secretary at various corps; I was also a divisional envoy.

YOUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OVER THE YEARS

I have been involved in many community activities over the years, but I believe the most helpful for local residents has been my willingness to visit and talk to people, ensuring swift solutions to various problems, irrespective of their background or political beliefs. Other than that, my service included owning ten fruit stores to provide good produce to the community, wartime service, 20 years as county councillor, 30 years as a Rotarian and governor of Royal Bournemouth Hospital and University NHS Foundation Trust. I have accepted various government appointments over the years, organised numerous charity concerts and collections for the *Daily Echo Bournemouth* Annual Toy Collection (see picture) in addition to being a trustee of the Butterfly Foundation and Older Person's Forum. I also have managed to be an active member of Boscombe Corps offering help and advice to the community at the same time. In 2010 the Mayor of Bournemouth (Councillor Beryl Baxter)

presented me with a special award for dedicated service to the community of Bournemouth.

AN ACHIEVEMENT YOU ARE MOST PROUD OF

Without doubt, my greatest achievements happened in the years I was corps cadet guardian and YPSM at Southend Citadel. It was the greatest opportunity and challenge I had received to serve the Lord in this unique way. During those years, I endeavoured to teach young people the manifold ways of evangelism. It was essential that they truly had no doubt that Christian living benefited us all. Training included weekly worship, Bible study, learning how to speak clearly when testifying, quiet times and practical activities. A total of 15 young people out of Southend Citadel became officers, and many others became local officers and envoys. Most are still Salvationists today, including five divisional commanders. Praise the Lord!

A MAJOR CONCERN

That we no longer encourage corps cadet activities.

YOUR GREATEST HOPE

That Christians become more active in encouraging folk to understand the benefits of Christian life.

WHAT DO YOU STILL NEED TO LEARN

How to use a computer and send emails, etc. Perhaps 91 years of age is too late to learn!

Jethro and Moses: mature mentoring

A study to highlight different generations
working together by Major Martin Hill

STUDY PASSAGE: EXODUS 18:1–27

MOSSES longed to see his family again. He had sent them away, reckoning they did not need to be embroiled in matters of state, witnessing him coping with the strains and stresses of leadership. Trying to run an emerging nation without an administration required space and a clear mind without domestic responsibilities.

Jethro, his father-in-law, sent word to say the family were on their way to visit. Moses went out to meet them, longing to see his wife and two sons and to show esteem towards an honoured guest like Jethro. When they came into view their steps quickened. Their eyes warmly met. They embraced. Husband with wife, father with sons, son-in-law with father-in-law, bowing in respect.

Back at camp they shared a meal. Moses told them of the incredible things God had done. They laughed, celebrated and praised God together.

The next day, Jethro looked on with a leader's experience and a father-in-law's eye of loving concern. Moses, the awkward confident youth, had become his daughter's husband, father to Jethro's fine grandchildren. Then he had been thrust into unexpected leadership. Jethro felt proud, yet protective.

What Jethro observed was Moses totally committed to his God-given task of serving the people. They crowded towards him pleading their case, seeking justice, wave upon wave. Jethro could see the physical demands, mental pressure and emotional tiredness that threatened. Moses could not go on like this.

Jethro needed the right occasion and appropriate time to have a word. It came late in the evening, back at camp. Just the two of them – man to man, leader to leader, soul to soul – relaxing and reviewing the day.

They talked together, the younger man respecting his elder's life experience, hard-won wisdom and God-crafted character. Moses was humble enough to realise he did not have all the answers and had built up a good enough relationship with Jethro to listen to him. The better he knew Jethro, the more he valued and respected him. The feelings were mutual, otherwise Moses would never have opened up to Jethro. Uninvited opinions are coldly received, swiftly rejected and their authors impatiently dismissed.

Jethro wisely started with a question rather than a statement: 'Why are you doing it all yourself?'

'The workload is overwhelming and they ask for me,' was the gist of Moses' answer.

Jethro's response: 'You're heading for a breakdown' (see vv14–16).

His advice went like this. 'First, clarify your role. Your main purpose is to be the people's representative to God. If you teach them God's laws they will know what right is and how to act. Secondly, delegate. There are plenty of capable, godly people for different levels of responsibility, leaving the most important decisions to you.'

Moses welcomed Jethro's wisdom, putting his plan into action.

God had saved the people of Israel, but Jethro saved Moses' leadership. The successful change in his management rested on several things:

each recognised and respected the other's abilities and experience; they warmed to one another; they were open enough to share successes and failures; they knew the value of listening; they both had a deep awareness of God. As a result, both felt valued.

Two generations working together, playing their different parts, made the community of God's people a better place to be. Different generations working together still do.

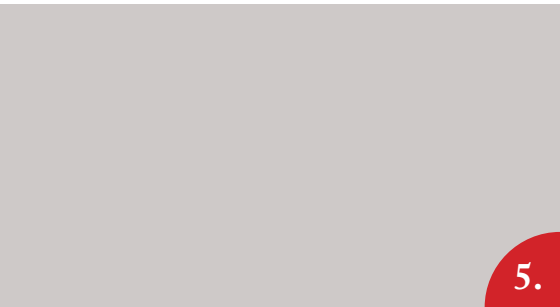
FOR REFLECTION

- Have you ever received advice from someone of a different generation? Who? When?
- Were you receptive or unreceptive? Why?
- Have you ever offered advice or been asked for it by someone of a different generation?
- How did you feel? Why?
- Who do you turn to for spiritual guidance?
- What are this story's implications for The Salvation Army and your corps or centre?



**MAJOR HILL IS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
AND PUBLISHING SECRETARY, THQ**

NEW COMMITMENTS



1. BETHANY SANTUS Junior soldier **HARPENDEN**
BETHANY was enrolled as a junior soldier by corps officer Major Maxine Walker. – R. W.

2. LAUREN CORBETT, DANAI MUSHANGWE, CONNIE MYEZWA, AGNES MUSHANGWE Soldiers **ASHFORD**
GUESTS, family and friends witnessed the enrolment of the new soldiers, who all testified to God’s work in their lives and how they want to live out their faith.

Lauren was a junior soldier at Folkestone and has recently returned to Jesus and the Army with her own family. Danai, Connie and Agnes were part of The Salvation Army in Zimbabwe before coming to the UK.

The new soldiers are pictured with Fungai Kaseke (second left) who has transferred to the corps. – T. S.

3. JEAN WHITLOCK, MARGARET WRIGGLESWORTH Soldiers **LEEDS WEST HUNSLET**
MARGARET and Jean returned to the Army after an invitation to a reunion of former Leeds New Wortley songsters at Leeds West Hunslet. As a consequence, a number started attending meetings. Margaret and Jean felt it was the right time to renew their soldiership. They were enrolled by corps officer Major Peter Kendall. – C. K.

4. SUE SULLIVAN, DEREK SULLIVAN Adherent members **FALMOUTH TEMPLE**
DEREK and Sue started attending the Army after Derek found out he had a sister he didn’t know about, Captain Penny Sullivan. Their reunion led to Derek and Sue attending Penny’s corps, St Ives. They now attend the corps in Falmouth and help in many ways. During an Alpha course they decided to make a further commitment. They were welcomed as adherent members by corps officer Lieutenant Mark Godwin. – C. G.

5. NENG PORTER , JULIE THOMPSON Adherent members **BRAINTREE**
IN front of friends and family, Neng and Julie were welcomed as adherent members by corps officer Lieutenant Robert Davis. They testified that they are where God wants them to be and look forward to finding out what he has planned for them. – R. D.

6. RAY MURRAY Adherent member **COALVILLE**
RAY has been connected to the corps for many years, but has only recently been able to make further a commitment of his time for worship and service to the corps and community. He is pictured with corps officer Major Cathy Roe. – C. R.

7. DENNIS WILLIAMSON, BARBARA FLYNN Adherent members **BIDEFORD**

DENNIS and Barbara were recently welcomed as adherent members. Corps folk are pleased they are part of the mission team. – M. C.

8. AUDREY CLOSE Adherent member **SUNDERLAND MONKWEARMOUTH**

AUDREY was brought up in the corps but moved away after getting married. She recently returned and, as well as worshipping regularly on a Sunday, helps at the home league and coffee morning, where her joyful Christian influence is clearly evident. Audrey was welcomed as an adherent member by corps officer Major Graham Daniels. – J. D.

9. DEMI HALL Soldier **CLAPTON**

DEMI was enrolled in the same meeting that her son, Kai, was dedicated to God. Demi came to the corps through the parent-and-toddler group and now volunteers in the charity shop. – D. H.

10. TRACY O’LEARY-WILKINS, CHIKE NKEME, IFEOMA NKEME Soldiers **CHELTENHAM CITADEL**

TRACY first attended the thanksgiving service for Major Joan Welch. Tracy has felt the influence of Major Welch throughout her spiritual journey.

Chike and Ifeoma are deeply grateful for the atoning sacrifice of the Lord.

Tracy, Chike and Ifeoma were enrolled by corps officer Captain Steve Smith. – R. G.

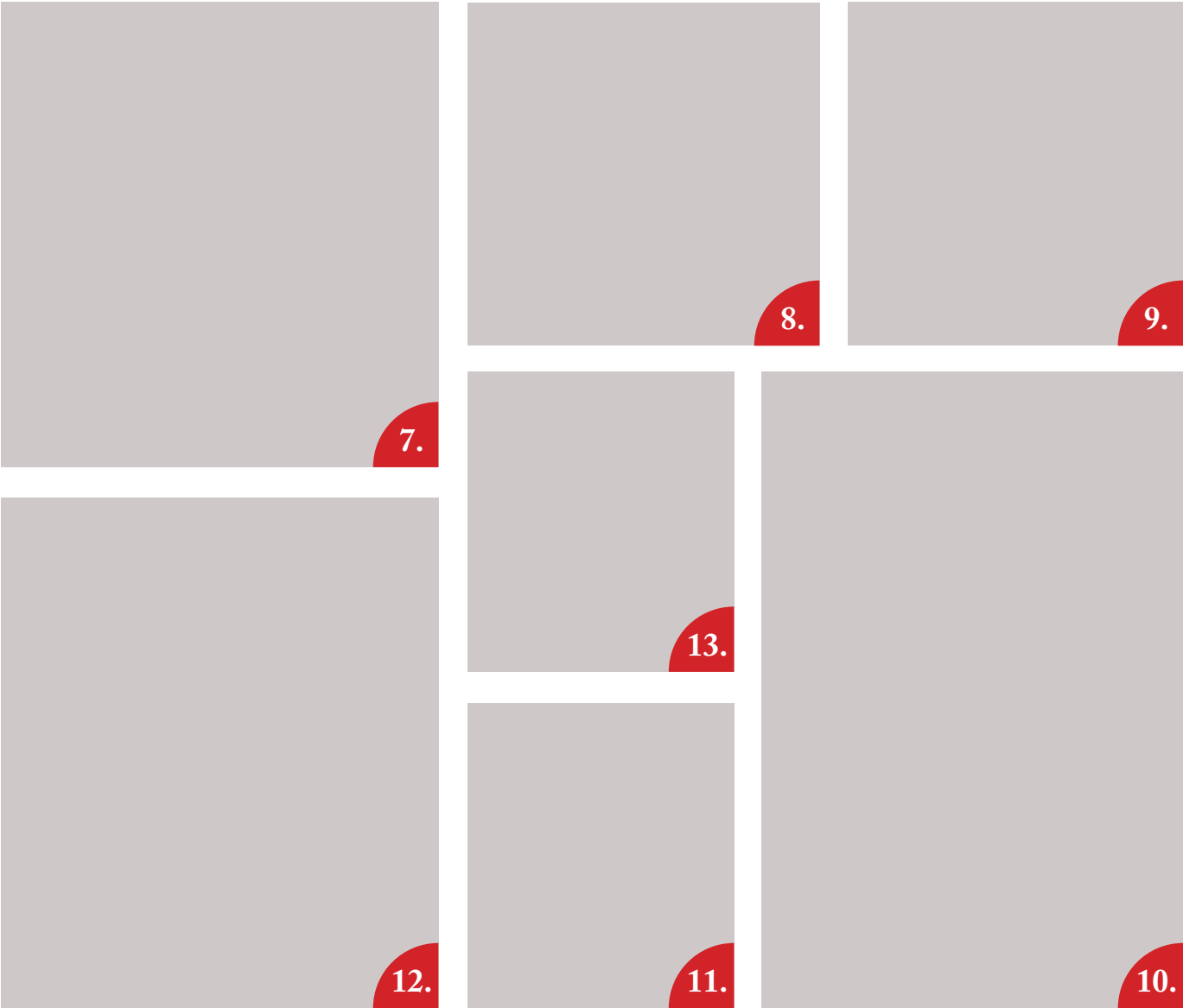
11. & 12. YVONNE TAYLOR, BRIAN WOOTTON Adherent members **SKEGNESS**

YVONNE, pictured with corps officer Captain Penny Palmer-Taylor, spoke about how she never felt worthy enough to attend church. However, when she started attending Cameo, home league and, eventually, Sunday worship she felt welcomed and loved by corps folk and by God. Supported by her mother and daughter, Yvonne was welcomed as an adherent member.

Brian was welcomed as an adherent member by divisional leaders Lieut-Colonels Mike and Wendy Caffull. He testified to God working through his life and to his total dependence on Jesus. Brian is flanked by the divisional leaders. – P. P-T.

13. STAN HALL Soldier **CONSETT**

CORPS officer Captain Heather Alston enrolled 94-year-old Stan. Although he had been a soldier and envoy for 22 years he decided to leave the Army and worship at a Methodist church where he became a lay preacher. Recently he felt that God was calling him back to the Army. – H. K.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARMY PEOPLE

APPOINTED

Effective 1 August:

- **Major Dorothy Crosswell**, Chaplain, Villa Adastra Care Home, Hassocks, Social Services, Programme Service, THQ

Effective 5 September:

- **Major Ian Woodgate**, Divisional Personnel Officer, London Central

Effective 13 September:

- **Major Anna Ward**, Chaplain, Holt House Care Home, Prestwich, Social Services, Programme Service, THQ

Effective 3 October:

- **Lieutenant Catherine Dodd**, Cortonwood
- **Territorial Envoy Beverley Waring**, Wath-on-Dearne

Effective 7 November:

- **Captain Karen Cardy**, Catford
- **Major Diane Steadman**, Potton

Effective 21 November:

- **Territorial Envoy Norma Phillips**, Whitby

Effective 1 January 2014:

- **Colonel Sylvia Hinton**, additional appointment, Secretary for Personnel, Personnel Service, THQ
- **Lieut-Colonel George Pilkington**, Secretary for Programme, Programme Service, THQ

LOCAL OFFICERS APPOINTED

- **CSM Malcolm Janes, BM Rob Howe**, Staines
- **CS Caroline Morrison**, Southsea
- **CT Major Phyllis Martin**, Burton-on-Trent

- **CSM David Clack, SL David Cobb, BM Ashley Simons**, Gainsborough

MARRIAGES

- **Andrew Ellis** to **YPSM Cheryl Morris** at Southsea by Major Mary Wolfe
- **CSM Andrew Williams** to **Leona Freeman** at Cardiff Ely by Captain Dani Mayo
- **Mark Winsborough** to **Kathryn Jones** at Kirkcaldy by Major Katrina Greetham
- **Assistant CS Simon Little** to **Songster Alicia Gray** at Felixstowe by Captain Allister Versfeld

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Diamond:

- **Les and Hazel Thompson**, Chester-le-Street (24 October)

Golden:

- **John and Jill Taylor**, Coventry City (5 October)
- **Bandsman Melvin and Olga Biggs**, Chester-le-Street (12 October)
- **Arthur and Cameo Ldr/Bandswoman Joan Barron**, Southampton Shirley (12 October)

DEDICATED TO GOD

- **Leo-John Keith** and **Lillie Belle**, children of Michael Taylor and Jamielee Fisher at Middlesbrough Citadel by Major John Ager

BEREAVED

- **Major Allen Bate** of his brother Kenneth
- **Rose Rogers**, Yeovil, of her husband Eric

- **Doreen Bawden**, Stapleford, of her husband **Graham, Alan Bawden**, Derby Central, of his father
- **S/Reservist Jean Purkiss**, Kettering Citadel, of her husband **Rtd B/Sgt Alexander Purkiss, Terry Purkiss**, Loughborough, and **Wendy Thompson**, Kettering Citadel, of their father, **Victor Purkiss**, Southampton Sholing, of his brother

PROMOTED TO GLORY

- **Major Donald Mason** from Weston-super-Mare on 17 September
- **John Allen**, Chatham
- **Muriel Cook**, Felixstowe

TRIBUTES



**RETIRED
OVER-60 CLUB
SECRETARY/
SONGSTER
RESERVIST
MRS MILDRED
ARNOTT,
CHELMSFORD**

A LIFELONG Salvationist, Mildred was born in Bridlington in 1927 and held local officer positions for more than 50 years.

Always there with an encouraging word, her love of the Lord was evident in everything she did. With her husband Jim – to whom she was married for 65 years – she soldiered at Bridlington, Inverness, Tranent, Leytonstone, Leith and Chelmsford.

Mildred was renowned for her care and leadership, and used her excellent singing voice in the songsters and home league singers.

She leaves her husband Jim, three children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She died after four years in an Alzheimer's care home. – E. W.



**MRS KATHLEEN
COMELY,
COTTENHAM**

BORN into a Methodist family at Preston in 1917, Kathleen was saved and enrolled as a soldier at Cheltenham

where she found fulfilment through home league ministry.

Part of the small group who worked tirelessly to plant The Salvation Army in Milton Keynes, she also served as a divisional envoy in the East Midlands and, through local officership, at various places.

At Cottenham she led the Bible study

ENGAGEMENTS

GENERAL ANDRÉ COX AND COMMISSIONER SILVIA COX: ● UK, William Booth College (official welcome), Sun 29 Sep ● South America West, Tu 8 Oct - Mon 14 ● Pan-American Conference, Wed 16 - Mon 21 ● India South Eastern, Wed 23 - Mon 28**

THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER (COMMISSIONER CLIVE ADAMS) AND COMMISSIONER MARIANNE ADAMS: ● William Booth College (welcome to cadets), Sat Sun 29 Sep ● William Booth College (welcome to General André Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox), Sun 29 ● Swanwick (officers councils), Mon 14 Oct - Wed 30

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (COLONEL DAVID HINTON) AND COLONEL SYLVIA HINTON: ● William Booth College (welcome to cadets), Sat Sun 29 Sep ● William Booth College (welcome to General André Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox), Sun 29 ● Maldon, Sat Sun 6 Oct ● Swanwick (officers councils), Mon 14 - Wed 30

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM COCHRANE: ● William Booth College (welcome to General André Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox), Sun 29 Sep

COMMISSIONER GILLIAN DOWNER: ● Korea (installation of territorial leaders), Tu 1 Oct - Sun 6 ● Japan Mon 7 - Th 10 ● Hong Kong and Macau (including China Task Force), Th 10 - Sun 20

COMMISSIONERS JOASH AND FLORENCE MALABI: ● Mozambique, Fri 4 Oct - Sat 12

COMMISSIONERS LALZAMLOVA AND NEMKHANCHING: ● India National Secretariat, Th 26 Sep - Mon 30

INTERNATIONAL STAFF BAND: ● Sunderland Millfield, Sat Sun 29 Sep

**husband will not accompany

group in her home and, until very recently, accompanied worship at Willingham.

Kathleen encouraged many through her letter-writing ministry and meeting leadership. One of her greatest joys was sharing fellowship and service at corps where her daughter Christine was stationed.

Her life was lived to the full and for the Lord. – C. C.



JAMES WICKENS, NORTH SHIELDS

BORN in 1922 in Wallsend into a Church of England family, Jim spent much of his life in the North East apart

from a period of service in the Forces.

After demobilisation he opened a newsagent's

shop and a number of fishmongers in and around Tyneside, finally settling at North Shields in 1992. The family attended Whitley Bay Corps, where Jim was enrolled as a soldier in 1992. When the corps closed Jim and his wife Mary became soldiers at North Shields.

The couple celebrated their blue sapphire wedding anniversary (65 years) in 2012. Both regularly attended Cameo, where Jim assisted with serving meals and officiated on a couple of occasions as Santa. He is greatly missed by family and friends. – J. G.

Please note that soldiers' tributes submitted for publication should be no longer than 120 words. Good quality pictures will be included with tributes.



JACK HUNTER, SEAHAM HARBOUR

JACK'S connection with the corps began as a child, and was renewed again in later years. He had a great

love for life, and ensured he lived each day to the full. His philosophy was that problems were but challenges which needed solutions.

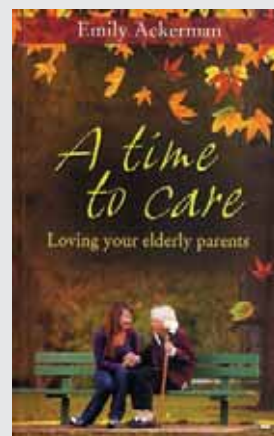
Jack's love of music and poetry often led him to read and reflect on the Psalms, which were a source of blessing, challenge and inspiration. He also found much joy in playing his instrument, which he continued to do until three weeks before the Lord took him home.

Family, friends and corps members thank God for Jack's life and service. He is very much missed. – F. S.

REVIEW

PRACTICAL ADVICE PAIRED WITH BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Editor-in-Chief and Publishing Secretary Major Martin Hill reviews *A Time To Care: Loving Your Elderly Parents* by Emily Ackerman



CARING for elderly parents is a task that emerges for many in mid-life. The years of freedom when children leave home and other responsibilities lessen can be cut short by the needs of the ageing generation above.

Ackerman speaks from personal experience as carer for her own parents, doctor and church member. Her contemporaries face similar demands but in a variety of contexts. Their common dilemmas are seldom acknowledged in churches and rarely written about. Ackerman aims to redress the balance.

From the outset she provides a biblical perspective, highlighting the fifth commandment – to honour your father and mother – as a basis. She also advocates prayer, resting in God and living in the present moment as important in spiritually sustaining the carer.

The book does great service in stating the reality, helpfully acknowledging many of the thoughts and emotions, dilemmas and decisions that can beset those caring for elderly parents.

Carers need to acknowledge their own exhaustion, anxiety, anger, burnout, depression and ill-health when these occur and must cope with any feelings of guilt as they struggle to fulfil their own or others' expectations. These reactions can be normal, as is grieving as the elderly parent's abilities wane. Carers need a person and place to talk out their thoughts, feelings and situation.

Ackerman reassures us that this can be a positive season of life for parent-child relationships, with small acts of kindness and care being appreciated and a deeper bond of love and understanding developing.

She also offers plenty of practical

advice about choosing a residential home, clearing the family home, making a will and powers of attorney.

Communication and teamwork are vital. Family members need to talk together, even amid potential tensions, and agree how care will be managed. Involving others in caring is equally necessary. Family, friends, social services, health services and the church can all play their part, sharing the responsibility and providing resources.

I would encourage carers to read this book and feel reassured and ask corps to consider how they might respond to support carers in their congregations and beyond.

● *A Time To Care: Loving Your Elderly Parents* is available through www.ivpbooks.com (Inter-Varsity Press) at £7.99 with free UK postage

LETTERS



GOOD ARMY MUSIC AND TRIVIA

WHEN the BBC stopped the series *Banners And Bonnets* I was quite disappointed. While I was working with my local BBC radio station I suggested they did something similar, but they declined.

So imagine my joyful surprise to come across a podcast called *Going To The Army*. It bears a resemblance to the BBC programme with lots of good Army music and trivia, but I think it has the edge because it is written and presented by Marc Harry, a Salvationist musician who really knows his stuff.

If anyone hasn't heard this podcast – there are three episodes available so far – then I recommend it. You can't pick it up on your radio, but it can be listened to on a computer or mobile device connected to the internet.

I believe the leading of God is in this project, which I understand has built an international audience quite quickly. I'd like to thank Marc for his efforts.

You can hear the programme, which is free, by visiting <http://goingtothearmy.podomatic.com> or if you are an iTunes user you will find it under podcasts, search for *Going To The Army*.

Brian Nichols,
Benfleet

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FROM PAST TO PRESENT

THANK you Major Stephen Grinsted (*Salvationist* 7 September) for reminding us how essential the recording of our history is for our movement.

In 1998 when I was commissioned bandmaster I discovered a treasury of hidden band photographs in a band room cupboard. So began an absorbing interest in the history of the band which led me to write *The Heritage Of Darlington Citadel Band 1879 to 2010*. Without the help of friends and comrades the task would have been impossible; it was regrettable the band and corps records were not available. It is important to record events at the corps not only to learn from the past, but to contact former corps members and continue pastoral care. What I cannot understand is why such documents are lost. The band photographs I found and had framed were displayed in the band room and created a lot of interest to visitors. Unfortunately, they disappeared when we moved to the new hall. May we heed the words of the major at the International Heritage Centre.

Robert Harding,
Darlington

GRIPPING READING

I HAVE found the short series of Bible studies by Major Paul Kingscott to be most helpful.

His article – And Who Is My Neighbour? – was gripping reading. The teaching ticked every box. It was scriptural, simple, challenging and applicable. His writing outlined just how easy it is to stay within a comfort zone by taking the stance of the priest and the Levite and distance ourselves from real contact.

The major's feature reminded me of how there can be a reluctance to 'Sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land' (Psalm 137:4). How fortunate we are that the Joystings crossed the threshold and connected with people in no-go areas.

The concept is exactly what our Lord did. By the same token we need to reach out beyond the safe, known and familiar to spread the good news.

Clifford Kent,
Major,
Beckenham



Major Kingscott



CHANGE OF DATE A GOOD THING

I WAS pleased to hear that the holiday week New Horizons is being brought forward next year. We have quite a few folk from our corps that attend but are

also part of our collecting team. In fact one is a team leader. Although we struggled to get our district covered this year, we knew that the Army needed the money for social services.

Elaine Carter,
Gosport

ADVERTS

Through the week with 'Salvationist' – a devotional thought for each day

Saturday

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
(2 Corinthians 9:8)

Sunday

He giveth more grace as our burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength as our labours increase,
To added afflictions he addeth his mercy,
To multiplied trials he multiplies peace.
(SASB 579)

Monday

And I pray that you... may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
(Ephesians 3:17–19)

Tuesday

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half-done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources
Our Father's full giving is only begun.
(SASB 579)

Wednesday

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:19)

Thursday

His love has no limits, his grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men;
For out of his infinite riches in Jesus He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.
(SASB 579)

Friday

For my measureless sins,
And my measureless shame;
For my measureless hopes,
And my measureless claim;
God has given to me in boundless degree
A measureless Spirit, who sets my heart free.
Thank you, Lord.



Praying around the world... Ghana

In Accra there are thousands of girls, living on the streets, who have left their villages and gone to the city in the hope of making money. The Salvation Army runs projects to teach employable skills to girls aged 16 to 24 to enable independence. The places offered have had to be reduced recently, and they are facing further cutbacks. Pray for God's provision for this work and for territorial leaders Colonels Charles and Denise Swansbury in their leadership of the territory.



Berneray West beach, North Uist. Picture: PETER WILSON