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TIME AND TIDE

IN November 2012 the last typewriter was produced in the UK by manufacturer Brother at Wrexham. For anyone who learnt to touch type on blank keys to music and went on to earn a living tapping at an Imperial, Olympia or Olivetti – to name but a few – this marks the end of an era. However the typewriter has left a heritage, not only of machines in museums, but also through reams of typed paperwork filed away in archives and the qwerty keyboard that is still very much in use on gadgets of all shapes and sizes.

'Time and tide waits for no man' and although we may look back with nostalgia, innovation is happening all the time and bringing benefits with it. A downside of the typewriter was making corrections, particularly when there were carbon copies. Word processing makes light work of this, enabling text to be copied, moved or deleted as required.

Salvationist is indebted to corps press representatives who faithfully send news from their corps. Recently one CPR, who was retiring after many years of submitting neatly handwritten reports, said: 'As the years pass and technology moves on I feel that now is the time to retire.' While some would go along with this sentiment, for others a whole new world has opened up through technology. During the past few years, I have viewed the *Salvationist* inbox each day and have seen how many people have made the transition from snail mail to email.

November 2012 was a notable month not only for the typewriter but also for Army papers in the UK. Thanks to the initiative of our former Editor-in-Chief Major Leanne Ruthven and Assistant Editor-in-Chief Major Nigel Bovey, along with the *Salvationist* team, we went digital. Paper copies are still available, but this innovation gives readers more choice as to how they access the Army papers.

As 2012 drew to a close we published news about the promotion to Glory of General John Gowans. A report of the thanksgiving service can be found on pages 6 and 7. General John Larsson (Retired) in the foreword to General John Gowans' autobiography wrote: 'When God made John Gowans he threw away the mould. Into the gift-mix of this original he poured the potential of an unconventional thinker, an arresting speaker and a charismatic leader. He added the dynamism of a man of action and the creativity of a poet, the ruggedness of an Elijah and the spiritual sensitivity of a John the Beloved. And he topped it all with a large dollop of humanity!'

We are indebted to John Gowans, not only for his officer service around the world but also for the legacy of his poetry and lyrics. Watch out for a feature on this in a few weeks' time.

As we enter 2013 we welcome Major Martin Hill as Editor-in-Chief and pray that God will bless his ministry within the Publishing Department.

During the coming days we will each face new opportunities and new challenges. Some we will welcome, others may test us to our limits. It's worth remembering that God sees our potential, knows our limits and waits to share each experience we face.

*For the far future I cannot see,
Promise your presence, travel with me:
Sunshine or shadows? I cannot tell;
You know I love you, all will be well.*
(John Gowans)

MAJOR JANE KIMBERLEY



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NEW YEAR QUIZ

SP&S has offered prizes for six winning contestants in this New Year Quiz, compiled by Major Philippa Smale (Germany and Lithuania). Prizes are two CDs by the ISB and ISS. Entries (including completed tiebreaker) must be received by Friday 1 February. Please send all entries to *salvationist* @*salvationarmy.org.uk* or, by post, to *Salvationist*, Territorial Headquarters, 101 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6BN.

CAPITAL FUN

Find the capital cities of the following countries and identify the chosen letter. Then unscramble the letters to discover a place associated with Christmas.

1. Czech Republic (6th letter)
2. Zimbabwe (1st)
3. Iraq (4th)
4. Romania (7th)
5. Greece (4th)
6. Estonia (1st)
7. Sweden (9th)
8. Argentina (1st)
9. Georgia (4th)

GENERAL ANAGRAMS

All the following are anagrams of the names of Generals of The Salvation Army (in all cases there is a first and last name and no middle initial).

1. JAG NOSH NOW
2. GARDEN HID WIGS
3. THROW SMALL JAR
4. CRICKET ROUTS FED
5. PARA RULED
6. RIG WEB KICKER
7. BAND LID ON
8. NEW RASCAL ICEMEN
9. BORN LAB SORTER
10. BENEATH VINE LOGO
11. SNARL ON JOSH
12. ERGO GREEN CARPET
13. WORN LAND ORB
14. WILL LABEL MYRTLES
15. SNATCH IF LOW
16. BURSAR WOVE
17. GIRD CLEF WITH INK

ALL THINGS NEW

Either the questions or the answers contain the word 'new'.

1. In which musical would you find the song 'New York, New York', performed by Frank Sinatra, Gene Kelly and Jules Munshin?
2. Which American city stands on Lake Pontchartrain?
3. Who wrote the book *Brave New World*?
4. Which Shakespeare play do the words 'Brave New World' come from?
5. What would you find at 8-10 Broadway, London SW1H 0BG?
6. Who started the New Model Army in Britain?
7. Who were Eve Graham, Lyn Paul, Marty Kristian, Peter Doyle and Paul Layton between 1970 and 1976?
8. When will the Chinese New Year be celebrated in 2013?
9. Salvation Army work began in a new country on 23 November 2012; which one?
10. Where in the Bible do these words appear: He who was seated on the throne said: 'I am making everything new!' Then he said: 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true'?

TIEBREAKER

Salvationist is essential reading for me because... (please complete in no more than 15 words)

PICTURE CAPTION COMPETITION RESULTS

On 8 December *Salvationist* asked readers for captions for this picture showing a New Forest pony listening to Ringwood Band carolling in Brockenhurst. Here is a selection of the best suggestions:



Hay! Move over that's my pitch.

Matt Foxall, Worcester.

I'd like to join in singing but I'm a little horse.

Mathew Barney, Sittingbourne.

Who is he in yonder stall?

Derek Joliffe, Blackpool.

Can I request a neigh in a mane-ger?

Don Quay, Haywards Heath.

There's no chance of Silent Night with that lot at The Stable Door!

Gordon Archer, Belfast.

Years of service receive recognition

NOTTINGHAM WILLIAM BOOTH MEMORIAL HALLS

SINGING company weekend celebrated 40 years of leadership by Singing Company Leader Krystyna Parry. The singing company presented a superb programme going back to 1936 and marking decades of music up to the present day.

The packed congregation included many former members, who returned to mark the occasion and enthusiastically joined in with the singing. Their recall was extraordinary and their enthusiasm infectious. A photographic presentation prompted many conversations.

Major Christine Cuthbert led Sunday meetings in which the singing company participated with music and drama.

To mark this significant achievement, corps officer Commissioner Betty Matear (pictured with Commissioner John Matear) presented Krystyna with a certificate of appreciation from Territorial Commander Commissioner André Cox and a letter from Territorial Music Director Stephen Cobb. – E. M.

CAMBORNE: As part of a music weekend, Haydn Brown (tenor horn, Staple Hill) and Veronica Mitchell and David Mortlock (soprano and piano, both Reading Central) blessed the corps with their talents. On Sunday corps folk gave thanks to God for musical talents. – N. R.



Youth unite in concert

WINTON

BASINGSTOKE, Boscombe, Portsmouth Citadel, Southampton Shirley and Winton YP Bands, joined by Boscombe Songsters, united for a divisional YP band concert. To start the evening more than 100 YP band members marched in with their respective flags to 'Faithful Soldier'. Each band played

two pieces, interspersed by offerings from Boscombe Singing Company.

Guest soloist John Starks (euphonium, Boscombe) played 'Carnival Of Venice With A Twist', which lived up to its name with near-impossible notes and sounds. John was then joined by his six-year-old nephew, Zac Best, to play 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'.

The massed bands concluded the evening with the rousing 'The Great Escape'. – G. T.

Ensemble brings encouragement

SHERBURN HILL

A VISIT by the Philip Raine Brass Ensemble (left) brought blessing and encouragement from the opening march 'Salvation Song' to the final piece 'Montreal Citadel'. Soloists included Brian Mercer (piano) and Stuart Raine (E♭ bass). – D. E.



Salvation Army in Connecticut responds to shooting tragedy

USA EASTERN

THE Salvation Army provided food and support to the people of Newtown, Connecticut, after 20 children and 6 adults lost their lives in a gun attack at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

At an evening vigil on the night of the shooting, divisional leaders Majors Dave and Eunice Champlin (Southern New England), along with Majors Steven and Valerie Lopes (DHQ) and corps officer Captain Todd Hughes (Danbury), supported people who had lost loved ones. Through the Newtown Service Unit, the Army offered food and emotional and spiritual care.

The following day (Saturday) a canteen from New London Corps – about 80 miles east of Newtown – arrived to serve meals at the Sandy Hook Fire Department. The canteen was no longer required after Sunday but remained on standby, pending further need.

On Sunday evening the divisional leaders joined other members of the clergy at a vigil attended by President Barack Obama. – A. R.

Thousands of shoeboxes sent to Belarus

JARROW

THE ladies fellowship shoebox campaign has been a great success. Fellowship members led assemblies in more than 80 schools and collected 8,000 shoeboxes for underprivileged children in Belarus.

A number of special guests, including Chris Thomson (Samaritans Purse UK), councillors and church leaders, attended a thanksgiving service at the hall. A school choir and Sunderland Millfield Singing Company contributed to the programme. – J. P.

Many gather to celebrate and thank God for the life of General John Gowans

WILLIAM BOOTH COLLEGE

THE Thanksgiving Service for the life and ministry of General John Gowans was held on Friday 14 December 2012. General John Larsson (Retired) presided over a gathering of more than 450 people who came to praise God and celebrate the life of an extraordinarily gifted Salvationist leader.

Commissioner Gisèle Gowans and sons, John-Marc and Christophe, were supported by many family and friends during a powerful, poignant and challenging meeting. The congregation included General Linda Bond, General Shaw Clifton (Retired), Chief of the Staff Commissioner Barry Swanson and World President of Women's Ministries Commissioner Sue Swanson, territorial leaders Commissioners André and Silvia Cox, international commissioners from International Headquarters and other territorial leaders. Major Brian Slinn (Bromley Temple) opened the meeting in prayer.

General Bond gave a warm, personal tribute, identifying a number of areas where John Gowans had significantly influenced the life of The Salvation Army. 'First, the mission statement crafted by General Gowans – that The Salvation Army exists to save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity – is woven into the fabric of every territory I visit,' said the General. Recalling his sermon at the International Congress in Atlanta in 2000 which used the image of a three-legged stool to illustrate the mission statement, General Bond said: 'John Gowans did not give a new direction to The Salvation Army but he captured our purpose, our essence. We are not only an Army with a balanced mission; we have an integrated mission.'

The General highlighted the influence of General Gowans as a leader. 'John Gowans was not a typical divisional commander, nor a typical territorial commander and not a typical General,' she said. 'He taught us to trust God to be ourselves. When we take the risks that John Gowans took, we are better for it.'

General Bond also noted the influence of General Gowans as a theologian. 'Like Charles Wesley, John Gowans expressed deep thoughts in a way we could understand, but also in a way we could sing,' she said. 'Gowans' theology was based on sound Salvation Army theology. He understood the human condition,' she added, quoting the



Pictures: JULIE TOSTEVIN

General Linda Bond pays a personal tribute to General John Gowans

Gowans verse: 'Ours is not a distant God, remote, unfeeling.' General Bond said: 'The Salvation Army will be for ever marked by the gifts and skills that John Gowans dedicated to God and used to his glory. I join the thousands who today thank God that he has crossed our paths.'

The full text of the General's tribute is available on her website (salvationarmy.org/thegeneral/tributejohngowans).

The International Staff Band and International Staff Songsters provided music. To celebrate the extraordinary gift that God gave to General John Gowans as a poet and songwriter, all but one of the songs in the thanksgiving service were from his pen. The one exception was 'My All For Thee' by Brindley Boon – the dedication song of the Soulwinners Session of cadets – which was sung by the ISS. John and Gisèle Gowans were members of this session from 1954 to 1955.

Family tributes were given by John-Marc and Christophe. Both men referred to their father's long and debilitating illness. Christophe movingly said: 'For the past few years I have gradually lost my father. Now I feel I have got him back.' John-Marc thanked the nursing staff and the many people who had visited his father during his years of declining health. Reflecting on his father's inimitable preaching style, he said: 'My father always wanted something real to happen when he preached. Arriving at a point where self-reflection is unavoidable is the definition of something real happening.' He then asked: 'What might he want to say to us today? He would say: Do not be afraid; do not be afraid to reach out to each other.'

Commissioner Norman Howe shared a number of General Gowans' poems, reminding the congregation of his brilliant simplicity, humour and perceptive understanding of the challenges and joys of the Christian life. One of the poems, 'Prospects', was particularly poignant:

I'm not afraid to die,
Why should I be?
This body's not immortal,
Not like me!
The fabric must wear out
For sure some day.
Without regret
I'll throw the thing away.
There'll come a time,
This 'house' beyond repair,
You'll find me better
Lodgings, Lord, elsewhere.
I might wish I
Had fuller information
About the coming life's
Accommodation!
But death's my friend,
Why greet him with a frown?
He's only Life
Dressed in another gown!
(from *O Lord!*)

Commissioner Howe paid tribute to the leadership of General Gowans: 'As I travelled the world defending his policies, I heard officers say again and again, "General Gowans gave me permission to be myself." That,' said the commissioner, 'is true leadership.' However, there was a cost for such leadership and Commissioner Howe noted: 'John Gowans gave himself until there was nothing

left to give. Underneath the exterior was a man with deep needs – for reassurance, understanding and affirmation.’

A video of General Gowans reciting Vachel Lindsay’s poem ‘General William Booth Enters Into Heaven’ was played on the large screen, and as his energetic and vibrant performance once again filled the hall many people were moved to tears. Even at his own funeral John Gowans challenged people with the question: ‘Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?’

Commissioner Freda Larsson read the Scriptures from Revelation 7:9–17 before General John Larsson gave his address, based on verses 13 and 14: ‘Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?” When the author of Revelation said he didn’t know, the elder answered his own question: “These are they,” he said, “who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”’

General Larsson addressed his thoughts directly to John Gowans – his friend and former songwriting partner. He said: ‘You have come out of great tribulation, John.

Gisèle and John-Marc and Christophe and others of us here this afternoon have watched as you have gone through tribulation in recent years. The whole Salvation Army family has been saddened – and thousands have been praying for you, John.’

General Larsson highlighted some of the reasons why General Gowans will be missed:

- Laughter – ‘It symbolises that cheerfulness and positive attitude that characterised you.’
- Creativity – ‘Your songs are sung around the world – and are blessing people, lifting their spirits, and helping them to know God better. And they will be for years and years to come.’
- Courage – ‘You had the courage to be yourself, John. The Army never took you over. You are going to be missed for your courage.’

General Larsson summarised many other characteristics of John Gowans that will be missed: ‘You are going to be missed for your preaching – that marvellous gift you had for lifting us to the heights, with humour and pathos and drama, and then reaching right into our hearts with your challenge. And you’re going to be missed for your vision for

the Army and your passion for mission – you knew where we as an Army should be heading and what as an Army we should be doing... You are going to be missed most of all for your warmth, for your caring and for your gift for friendship – for your humanity, John.’

The meeting concluded with the congregation singing ‘They Shall Come From The East’. The flag-draped coffin, embossed with a Salvation Army crest, was then carried out of the hall as the ISB played ‘When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder’. The congregation stood, many saluting the coffin of General Gowans, as his body left the assembly hall for the final time.

A committal service at Hither Green Crematorium was again led by General Larsson. Major Danièle César, a niece of the Gowanses, prayed and Major Adrian Allman, private secretary to General Gowans, read the Scripture (John 11:25 and 26 and 14:1–4). The service included songs by Catherine Baird ‘O Love, Revealed On Earth In Christ’, Albert Orsborn ‘My Life Must Be Christ’s Broken Bread’ and concluded with a rousing rendition of ‘Thine Is The Glory, Risen, Conquering Son’. – D. P.



General John Larsson (Retired) leads the Thanksgiving Service

The General leads weekend of celebration and thanksgiving

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

'REJOICE in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice' – the theme for General Linda Bond's visit to the territory – was wonderfully exemplified in the praise and worship of more than 3,000 officers, soldiers and friends who journeyed from across the territory. More than 500 people went to the mercy seat over the weekend in acts of commitment and rededication.

The event, held in the Roy Bungay Memorial Hall in Port Moresby, included the commissioning and ordination of the Proclaimers of the Resurrection Session, a celebration of 50 years of national officers being trained on PNG soil and the retirement salute to Territorial Commander Commissioner Andrew Kalai.

At a reception for government and church officials Deputy Prime Minister the Hon Leo Dion welcomed the General and revealed that he first saw The Salvation Army marching down the street at Koki in 1969. He went on to acknowledge the great work The Salvation Army is doing throughout the country



– particularly through disaster relief.

The Friday evening Salvationists rally, which was the first public meeting of the Congress, set the scene for a God-glorifying weekend. Two cultures were seen working hand in hand – the colourful PNG culture with its array of national dress and dance, and an enthusiastic Army culture, with flags, timbrels and brass band.

Times of praise and worship were punctuated with testimonies that spoke of the transforming work taking place in the lives of people through the many facets of work undertaken in the name of Christ.

Early the next morning a men's gathering took place, led by Commissioner Hans van Vliet (The Netherlands and Czech Republic) and Commissioner James Condon (Australia Eastern). Both men are former chief secretaries of the territory. God poured out his blessing on all who gathered.

Later, during the ordination and commissioning of the Proclaimers of the Resurrection,

Cadets Bagu Leana and Sylvia Raymond testified to the goodness and faithfulness of God throughout their training.

In her message, the General challenged the new lieutenants to keep true to their calling and to preach Jesus wherever they go.

Each division and district was represented through testimony, dance, drama or singing.

The General challenged the women to stand firm and to encourage their daughters to obtain an education and make a difference in the world. Many women knelt at the mercy seat, rededicating their lives to Christ and uplifting their children before God.

A fast-moving, praise-filled youth rally gave the territory's young people opportunity to express their faith. Unusually, the rally included the appointments meeting for the new lieutenants.

Many items, both traditional and contemporary, expressed the young people's love for Christ and his power within their lives. Following the General's Bible message, young people flocked to the altar,

reaffirming their commitment to Christ.

A highlight of the holiness meeting on Sunday was a vocal item by Salvationists from the Solomon Islands. Commissioners Raymond and Aylene Finger (Australia Southern) presented, on behalf of their territory, a new Salvation Army flag for the Solomon Islands. The enrolment of 37 soldiers stirred the congregation, who heard testimonies that spoke of the goodness of God in difficult times.

The General spoke about the 'one message' aspect of the Army's ministry as being the message of salvation – a full salvation – and a life of holiness. She went on to define holiness as 'a heart that is true and clean' and a love like the Lord's love. At the conclusion of the meeting the altar was the place of first-time decisions, rededications and a deepening commitment to the work of Christ.

The final meeting of the congress allowed Salvationists the opportunity to express words of thanks to Commissioner Andrew Kalai (see picture), the first Papua New Guinean leader of the territory.

Commissioner James Condon and Lieut-Colonel Christine Webb (Territorial Secretary of Women's Ministries), along with Commissioner Hans van Vliet – all of whom had served alongside Commissioner Kalai – led a 'this is your life' segment.

Officers, soldiers and family members paid tribute to the commissioner and the General presented him with his retirement certificate. A touching moment came when Commissioner Kalai's son, Pere, played the cornet solo 'My All Is On The Altar' – the sentiment typifying his father's life and service to God.

In his response, the commissioner said: 'I don't know where to start – but it's good to start with God.' He told the congregation: 'I retire with no regrets. I feel satisfied. The Army has been good to me and God has been good to me.' – D. M.



The General enjoys the youth rally with a young friend

125th anniversary celebrations on 'hallowed ground'

CARIBBEAN

THE Prime Minister of Jamaica joined thousands of Salvationists, under the leadership of General Linda Bond, to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Salvation Army work starting in the Caribbean. The Army 'opened fire' in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1887 and over the years its ministry has spread to a further 15 countries that, together, comprise the territory.

The General was greeted at the airport by pulsating music from the Caribbean Territorial Band, with flag-waving officers, cadets and soldiers singing 'Joy In The Salvation Army'.

The following morning the General was greeted with an honour guard at the training college. She received the salute as staff and cadets entered the chapel. The cadets performed a 'dubstyle' recital of the doctrines and Cadet Adeline Francois led a special prayer for the General.



On Saturday morning, downtown Kingston came alive to the sights and sounds of the New York Staff Band and the Caribbean Territorial Band leading hundreds of Salvationists in a grand march of witness. The event was a tremendous time of witnessing to the saving grace of Jesus.

The General took the salute and also spent time with children from The Salvation Army's School for the Blind.

The Saturday evening extravaganza was a tribute to the talents of Salvationists. The irresistible sweet sound of the steel pan was

joined by music from the New York Staff Band and the powerful presentation of the musical *Spirit! II: Empire*.

The General told the congregation that the message of Jesus can be powerfully communicated through music because there are times when words alone are not adequate.

On Sunday morning the Jamaica College Auditorium was transformed into hallowed ground as nearly 2,000 Salvationists and friends gathered to worship God. Territorial Commander Colonel Onal Castor led the opening song, 'O Christ Of

Burning, Cleansing Flame', as the fire of the Holy Spirit swept through the congregation.

The General encouraged her listeners to cultivate a healthy appetite for the deep things of God, assuring them that it is possible to live holy lives in the 21st century. The mercy seat was visited by God's people seeking salvation and holiness. The youth chorus fittingly sang 'Let The Church Say Amen'.

Salvationists danced in true celebratory style in the closing meeting, which was attended by the Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Most Honourable Portia Simpson-Miller. She praised the Army for its significant contribution to the people of Jamaica.

Thanking the Prime Minister for her government's generous support of the Army's work, the General promised an ongoing commitment to serve suffering humanity.

The international leader challenged the territory's young people to serve God despite the severity of the temptations they face. She used three powerful stories to illustrate the point that Jesus is both deliverer and bondage breaker. 'The ground is level at the foot of the cross,' she said, emphasising that all people are equal, irrespective of who they are and what they have done.

The congress climaxed with the joyful and majestic singing of the Founder's song before the General led the congregation in the benediction 'Praise God, I'm Saved!' – V. J.



Retired international leaders lead anniversary

FOLKESTONE

GENERAL John Larsson (Retired) and Commissioner Freda Larsson led 130th corps anniversary celebrations.

The weekend started off with the corps band playing the march

'Folkestone' and General Larsson presented music from the musicals. Songster Leader Wes Carroll (Hythe) led a chorus comprising songsters from the host corps and Hythe and Shepway community choir. Vocal soloist Anthony Harris (Bromley Temple) thrilled everyone with his contributions.

Sunday was a fantastic day of worship. In the morning Anthony sang a reflective song

and a retirement presentation was made to Joan Marshall in recognition of 32 years of selling Army papers in the town's pubs and hotels.

The weekend concluded with café church, when General Larsson played more music from the musicals. Commissioner Larsson spoke about their visits to and service in other parts of the world. – N. A.

MP visits safe place for town's vulnerable people

BOSCOMBE

TOBIAS Ellwood MP visited the BH1 community project run by the corps. The project provides a safe meeting place and support for homeless and vulnerable people in Bournemouth.

The MP met with corps officers Majors Carelle and Ray Begley, Community Centre Manager Susie Beirne, staff members and service users. He said: 'The corps is continuing William Booth's work by providing the community with access to professional support, a safe environment and, importantly, a warm welcome.'

The corps opened the project in a house across from the hall two years ago. As many as 60 homeless and vulnerable adults visit the BH1 project every day, where they can watch TV, read books, play games or visit a subsidised café offering hot and cold food. Other facilities include a laundry room, showers and an enclosed garden with seating. – A. R.

TUNSTALL: Mill Hill School choir and the music sections provided items at the charity carol festival which raised £375 for a facility that assists victims of domestic abuse. – M. H.



Commissioner shares his experiences

DUNDEE CENTRAL

THE 130th corps anniversary celebrations started with a festival in Lochee Baptist church. All music sections

participated and Deputy Bandmaster Dean Bromage (cornet) played 'Glory To His Name'. Commissioner Keith Banks led the weekend and shared his experiences of working in Papua New Guinea. The children particularly enjoyed trying on items of traditional clothing. – G. B.

Come-and-sing choir creates interest

GAINSBOROUGH

LIEUT-COLONEL George Pilkington (THQ) led the 126th corps anniversary.

On Saturday afternoon the songsters and an extra 26 people formed a come-and-sing choir. The choir performed in the evening festival, which included a vocal solo by Songster Leader Sue Blyth. The programme attracted a number of people who would not normally attend.

A great Sunday followed and after coffee fellowship the colonel gave an insight into his calling and service as an officer. – P. H.



A nativity set from Zambia forms part of a display at Trowbridge entitled Start Christmas At The Manger; a steady stream of people visited the hall to view the nativity scenes



Major Cedric Hills (Portsmouth Citadel) is pictured with students from Portsmouth Grammar School; after witnessing the Army's work first-hand, the students decided to support the corps Christmas food campaign and donated 27 large boxes of food



Adam Booth presents Major Paul Robinson with a £250 cheque for Scarborough's food bank; Adam shared the £500 he raised through a school talent scheme between the corps and the school

Carols at the King's SOUTHSEA

MORE than 1,200 people packed into the King's Theatre for the carol service, which included contributions from two schools and the corps music sections. Compèred by Divisional Envoy Russell Rook (London South-East), the programme started with a euphonium solo, 'Silent Night', played by Melvyn Thomas, accompanied by singing from the band and songsters. Further contributions included a nativity re-enactment by children from the Portsmouth High School nursery and 'O Holy Night' sung by St John's College choir. An offering raised £1,800 for the Elizabeth Foundation.

The band, songsters and young people united for the finale (see picture). – T. M.

Division celebrates Christmas NORTHERN

A LARGE crowd gathered at the Centre for Life, Newcastle upon Tyne, for the divisional Christmas celebration.

The programme included 'O Little Town Of Bethlehem' and 'The Festive Season' by the divisional youth band. The divisional youth chorus brought a quiet reverence to the whole evening with 'Celtic Silent Night' interspersed with readings of the Christmas story.

Children from Middlesbrough West Central thrilled everyone with choreographic songs 'It's Christmas Time' and 'No Room At The Inn'.

Swan Lodge Lifehouse staff contributed *Low-Budget Nativity*, a simple drama written and presented by staff and residents.

Captain Howard Russell (DHQ) reported, in pictures, events of the year from around the North East and Major Nigel Gotobed (DHQ) brought a Bible thought. – K. T.



A gift of God's love LEIGHTON BUZZARD

MEMBERS of the corps and townsfolk donated gifts at the toy service. Those present were encouraged to think about the real meaning of Christmas. The corps has delivered parcels for many years, responding to families facing financial hardship. – A. N.

NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA:

The craft group held a coffee morning and craft fair in the hall, raising £395. This was quickly followed by the toy service which included the annual talent scheme altar service, raising £900. The ladies fellowship carol service for the Northumberland Air Ambulance raised £100. – P. H.



Southsea Band plays carols to a packed ballroom at Mill Rythe Holiday Park

Children learn Jesus is the greatest gift

GLASGOW CITY CENTRE

THE congregation more than tripled as families engaged with the corps for Advent – Messy Church-style. Activities included decorating and eating Christmas biscuits, designing Christmas cards and constructing a 4ft-high stable.

Many parents who do not have a formal link with the corps led half the activities, much to the delight of corps folk.

Corps officer Captain Sarah Butler rounded off the day with a short time of worship. – M. B.

CHELFORD: Many people from the farming community attended the farmers' carol service at the cattle market and were blessed by the playing of Macclesfield and Winsford Bands. – R. W.

DUDLEY: During a busy carolling programme, the West Midlands Divisional Fellowship Band supported the corps by playing at Tesco's. After playing for five hours on two days, the musicians were provided with a cooked lunch by the store. – D. B.

**Southsea community manager
Melvyn Thomas and YPSM
Cheryl Morris display gifts
received at the toy service for
distribution in the community**

A great start to the carolling season

GRAVESEND

THE band started its carolling season with gusto at the Christmas concert at St George's church in aid of the Mayor of Gravesham's chosen charities. The congregation – which included the Mayor (Councillor Lyn Milner) – was treated to an afternoon of music and drama, led by the band and songsters. Children from Langafel primary school sang a very bouncy 'Christmas Calypso'. The songsters sang 'Gloria' and the band presented 'The Festive Season'.

The concert raised more than £500 for the EllenorLions Hospice and the Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Services in the borough. – J. H.





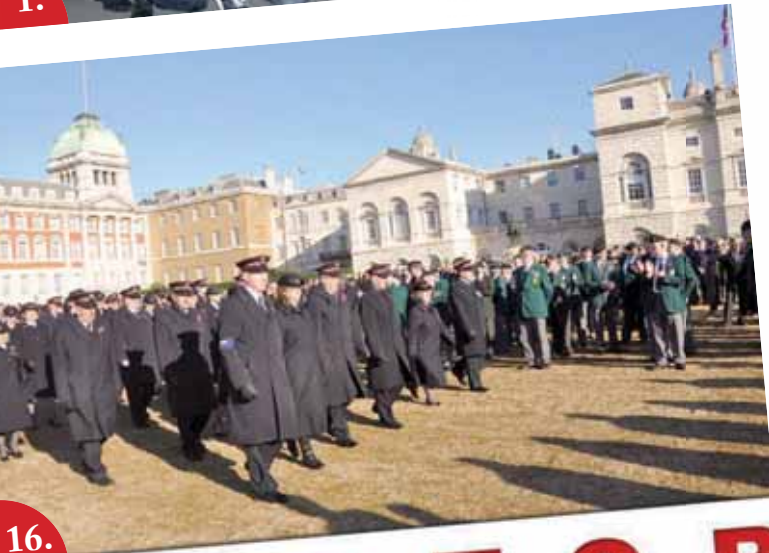
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PICTORIAL RE

1. Heilsarmee enters the Eurovision Song Contest representing Switzerland, and secures a place in Malmö, Sweden 2. Bands from across the territory proceed of ISB120 4. Torchbearer Major Val Mylechreest and Lieut-Colonel Ivor Telfer carry an Olympic torch through THQ 5. The territory launches at Hadleigh Farm 7. Youth at Northern Summer School enjoy Jubilee night 8. The Territorial Youth Choir enthusiastically participate at The Light Congress in Prague concludes with flag waving 11. World of Brass hosts a festival featuring RSA's music to celebrate his 90th birthday 12. Commissioners André arrive back at Horse Guards Parade following the march past the Cenotaph in Whitehall 17. Commissioners André and Silvia Cox hear about Mission Christ Session are commissioned at Westminster Central Hall 20. Salvationists fill the Royal Albert Hall at the 'I'll Fight!' Congress 21. Salvationists



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Portraits

A MONTH IN THE LIFE OF THE SALVATION ARMY

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VIEW OF 2012

1. The Disciples of the Cross Session are publicly welcomed as they begin their training at William Booth College 2. General Linda Bond receives £50,000 for development work in Africa from the Swiss Portraits – A Month In The Life Of The Salvation Army 3. Commissioners André and Silvia Cox meet silver medallist Nino Schurter of Switzerland 4. The European House, Poole 5. The Disciples of the Cross Session are publicly welcomed as they begin their training at William Booth College 6. Commissioners André and Silvia Cox are welcomed as territorial leaders 7. Graduates gather in the WBC assembly hall during SISTAD awards day to 8. Cox dedicates a Salvation Army memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas 9. On Remembrance Sunday Salvation Army representatives 10. Cadets from the Friends of 11. throughout the territory celebrate the Diamond Jubilee 12. The New Horizons entertainment team at Butlins present *The Wizard of Oz* 13. An Olympic torch is carried past International Headquarters



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THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Trust in God

Territorial Commander Commissioner André Cox calls for renewed faith in 2013

IN 2012 a survey indicated people's biggest fear at the start of the year was not having sufficient money to pay the bills. I am not sure these concerns are any less intense at the commencement of 2013. It is not easy to foresee what lies ahead and though for many the turn of the year is like turning a page as we anticipate change, the fact remains that this new year will possibly be as challenging as 2012. We will still see evidence of materialism, greed and many of the

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other ills of this age as we look at the world around us.

There is a real challenge for us as we live in a world of consumerism and rampant materialism to reflect a faith that is counter cultural to the popular philosophies and lifestyles of today.

Very often Christians pursue the same pastimes, support the same political parties, share the same aspirations and pursue the same material goals as their neighbours.

How do people know that you love Jesus? How do those around you see that you live your life for Jesus and that you strive to be like Jesus in everything?

Saint Augustine is reported to have said: 'Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.'

Hopefully we are, and will be recognised as, people of faith and this is something that should mark us out in 2013. In Hebrews 11 we have a good definition of faith: 'Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see' (v1).

“GOD DOES NOT ALWAYS CHANGE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE HAVE TO FACE BUT HE IS WITH US THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES AND IN EVERY SITUATION”

As Christians, we have the ability to see beyond the realities and limitations of this world. As we open our hearts to God and as we explore his word, our hearts and minds are opened to a world that is not seen and which cannot be grasped by the simple use of our human senses.

Our lives are not characterised by what we see in the world but we are changed and transformed by the reality of God's presence. We see countless examples in Scripture, and also in the lives of people today, of the tremendous impact a personal relationship with God can have in shaping who we are and what we are to become.

God does not always change the circumstances we have to face but he is with us throughout our lives and in every situation. Even in the most difficult and trying circumstances, he is with us and at work in us and it is often through the hardest and toughest of situations that God forges and develops our character.





Our faith is based on things that are not seen. We need to be more than people who demonstrate outward observance to Christian practice; we need to be people who demonstrate the positive impact of faith in our lives every day. Our lives are not, cannot and should not be dictated by the vagaries of the stock markets. Faith is all about trusting in God.

Like Abraham and many other people throughout history we can show – by the lives that we live, in the choices that we make, in the way that we encounter others – our total belief in the fact God is in control and we trust him in all things. We know without a shadow of doubt that we can indeed trust God to look after every detail of our lives, knowing he will meet our every need. ‘Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation’ (Elton Trueblood – 20th-century Quaker author and theologian).

As Salvationists, we can hugely impact the world in 2013 as we demonstrate our unfailing trust in God. God may be invisible and yet his daily presence and provision in our lives is a reality we need to share with others.

‘Faith consists in believing when it is

beyond the power of reason to believe’ (Voltaire – French historian and philosopher). Our faith may not be strong but we do believe in an almighty and all-powerful God who can do the impossible. Does this mean that life will be all plain sailing for the believer? Of course not! God can do miracles but he does not always rescue us from

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dangerous or even life-threatening situations in the way we hope and pray for.

Whatever this new year brings, I pray that we will experience the presence of God in the words of the psalmist: ‘Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast’ (139:7–10).

No matter what we have to face in 2013, we can look forward to the fact that God is in control of our lives and he knows what he is doing.



COMMISSIONER ANDRÉ COX

Going deeper... by being

The first of three studies by Lieut-Colonel Alan Burns

THE Commitment Sunday challenge to 'go deeper' resonates with every follower of Jesus Christ. When I saw the selected theme my mind immediately went to Luke 5:4, when Jesus – after having taught the crowd from a boat moored in shallow waters – turned to Peter and said: 'Put out into the deep and let your nets down for a catch' (all quotations from *English Standard Version*).

Discipleship is lived in the deep waters. The shallow and safe harbour-hugging haven was to be exchanged for the dangerous and deep Sea of Galilee. That is where the fish were caught – and where the disciples witnessed the transforming presence of Jesus in a routine activity. We too need to go deeper with Jesus, if we are to participate in the transformation of our nation and its communities.

Discipleship and depth sum up the theme of this series. We will reflect on it by answering one question: how can I go deeper in my discipleship?

We will consider three areas in which this might apply: I can go deeper by being; I can go deeper by knowing; I can go deeper by doing.

In order to explore the personal mandate of the gospel – to be like Jesus – we need to begin with the soul. Like the mainspring in a clock which drives every other dial and cog, or the control centre at the Nasa Mars space mission, my soul is the place from which my being originates. From there flows all that I am.

People who neglect the soul opt for shallow membership over deep discipleship. Churches that neglect the soul work of discipleship become dry and arid places of duty and activity, rather than the streams in the desert place that the

prophet envisaged in Isaiah 35. It is in the care and nurture of the soul that 'being' begins.

Mark 1:33 and 34 gives us a significant insight into the secret of 'being'. Jesus was a very busy person in great demand by crowds of people with unrelenting demands for healing, care and cure. We read that the whole city turned up at his door, and that he 'healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons'. The pace of his life matched any 21st-century equivalent.

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We do not see the secret of who Jesus is in the busyness. We have to read just a little further to find the key, in v35: 'Rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.'

Why could he do what he did with the crowds? Because he could be who he was in the presence of the Father, in the 'silence of eternity'. In discipleship, being comes before doing.

'Be still, and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10) is the mantra and mandate for disciples. Henri Nouwen exquisitely suggests that the secret of descending from a busy head to a quiet heart is to

take that quiet place into the busyness of each day – the hardest journey of all for a disciple.

It's the journey from busyness to quietness; from community, family and friends into solitude. It is the journey from self-reliance to Christ-dependence. It is the place where I truly realise that without Christ, I can do nothing.

The success of Jesus in the towns and villages in healing the sick and driving out demons in the exercise of his incredible ministry, can be attributed to his total dependence on his engagement with the Father in the quiet place.

The busy ministry and quiet place are not separate spaces. The secret is that Jesus took the relationship that he nurtured and developed in the stillness right into the relentlessly demanding marketplace. The quiet place is not a place we visit and leave. We take it with us. Then, in the strain and stress, our ordered lives confess the beauty of his peace. That is 'being'!

A PRAYER

*To rest in your presence,
Not rushing away;
To cherish each moment,
Here I would stay.
This is my desire, O Lord.*

(Noel Richards)



LIEUT-COLONEL BURNS IS
SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND

LETTERS

THE LEADER THE ARMY NEEDED

I FEEL honoured in having shared a close relationship with General John Gowans when we were cadets in the Soulwinners Session and again as we joined in fellowship as sergeants in the Swordbearers Session. This was a valued experience that gave us opportunity to take part in various campaigns together, and years later we met again when serving as leaders in France and Germany.

John had a deep understanding of human nature, was sensitive, dynamic and spontaneous and liked just to feel at ease. When he was together with his friends at the training college, anecdotes and jokes at times filled the air followed by John's unmistakable laughter, which could be heard far beyond the walls of the sergeants' room.

He admired our Training Principal (and was not alone in this), the then Commissioner Frederick Coutts, who was one of the saints in The Salvation Army.

In John's visionary ambitions for the Kingdom of God, he called upon Salvationists everywhere to catch the spirit of our Founders.

The dedication of his life and talents to God, his wholeheartedness, his charm and his outgoing personality made him the leader the Army needed.

Our heavenly Father has now, in his mercy, called his servant to his heavenly reward to rest in the secret of the presence of the glory of God, which filled and inspired his life and service as an officer, manifested through his songs, poems and preaching.

In my heart I thank God that John Gowans leaves within me the memories of a good, loyal and caring friend, whose main concern was to proclaim the love of God.

*Jørn Lauridsen,
Colonel,
Denmark*



CAROLLING IN GERMANY? – YES WE DO!

I WAS made aware of a posting on Facebook, where someone was, it seems, surprised that German bands go carolling. The photograph above provides proof and was taken in Hannover city centre this season. It shows two of our younger bandmen, Nathan Rowley (Hameln Red Shield Defence Services, centre) and Sven-Alexander Barker (right). On the left of the picture is Michael Mugford (Newcastle City Temple) who has joined us for a year during his university studies.

We are thankful not only for the dedication of our young people but also for the almost unbroken support of many British comrades during the past five decades.

We have been blessed recently with a great deal of interest from the media in our work and were accompanied on this occasion by a television film crew during our ministry.

*Stephen Barker,
Hannover*

WONDERFUL GESTURE

IN a recent issue of *The War Cry* there was an article about a vicar in the village of Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, who gave members of his congregation £10 each at a Harvest service to use to 'do something good'.

What a surprise it was when two guide leaders turned up at Guisborough Salvation Army – where corps folk were sorting toys and making up parcels to give to families in need – and handed over Christmas cakes the guides had made using the £10 they had been given! The cakes were gratefully received and were given out along with the parcels.

What a wonderful gesture by the vicar and his parishioners who had raised the money. Hopefully this will inspire others to do something similar.

*Kate Cousins,
Great Ayton*

CHRIST AND CANCER

I'VE been wanting to say how encouraged I was reading Major Shaun Skinner's frank reflection about his fear, faith and the future (*Salvationist* 29 September 2012). I became a soldier just over a year ago, having attended my local corps here in Thornton Heath for five years.

I was diagnosed with a large tumour of the bowel two weeks after my 60th birthday. I too started a difficult journey when told about this tumour. I cried at first when I was told it might have been there for three years. My GP kept giving me tablets for irritable bowel syndrome and no test was put in place. When I found out, I blamed the doctor because I told myself God would not allow this to happen.

While in hospital I met with chaplains, a priest and other people who offered to pray for me, along with my own church family.

Major Skinner's outlook has given me so much more. I cannot thank him enough. God bless you for your article.

*Joy Bennebri,
Thornton Heath*

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HEADPHONES

Major Val Mylechreest helps keep us on track

I HAVE been a commuter for more years than I care to remember. I would like to say for a year or two; in reality it is probably nearer thirty.

Working at Territorial Headquarters, I expected routine. I was aware that there would be tedious journeys, delays and late trains, but I hadn't realised quite how much I would encounter God.

It seems that every day and on most journeys, there are God-moments that make me smile, shudder, think, ponder and pray.

I am old enough to remember my first battery-operated radio. I experienced the joy of the tape recorder with plug-in microphone and the red-for-record button! I lived through the 'beat boxes' of the Eighties which were worn proudly (and loudly) on shoulders and annoyed everyone in the vicinity. I realise that, today, an integral part of travel is the phone or the iPod or the MP3 equivalent. Every passenger (it seems) is electronically joined to a mysterious object in their pocket by long wires linked to the ears. I understand these are supposed to be 'private headphones'. Don't get me started on the annoyance of sitting in the same carriage, let alone next to, the person whose music is so loud that the volume and beat and 'melody' can be heard despite the headphones!

My question is – why is it that when you can earwig on someone else's music, it is, without doubt, music that you would never choose to listen to? So, here I sit, surrounded by people who are wired for sound, who are totally unaware of anything happening around them.

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Oh, that we would be as ready to listen to each other! Possibly – dare I say it? – as ready to listen to God! In the Bible, we read the story of a man called Elijah. God was trying to talk to him, and we read that he was looking for a big God in many big ways – in the fire, in the earthquake, in the wind. Finally, God's voice was recognised – a 'still, small voice'. The words and impact were no less profound. May we find a moment or two today to listen to that still, small voice.

**MAJOR MYLECHREEST IS ADULT AND FAMILY
MINISTRIES OFFICER, THQ**

A VERITABLE FEAST OF MUSIC

Songster Leader Jenny Wornham, Cheltenham Citadel, reviews *The Bandsman's Tale*, a new recording from Enfield Band

THIS CD depicts the story of an Enfield Band programme and is a veritable feast of music, which held me captive for the full 1 hour, 20 minutes. It had me wondering what it would have been like to see the band perform in the flesh.

Bandmaster Jonathan Corry draws a huge range of tonal colouring and styles from the band, which are

delightful to listen to. Many pieces will be familiar to band enthusiasts, including 'Rosehill', 'Pie Jesu' and 'I Will Follow Him', but the true gems of this CD are its epic numbers.

General Shaw Clifton (Retired) leads us beautifully into Elgar Howarth's 'The Bandsman's Tale' and Ray Steadman-Allen's 'Victorian Snapshots – On Ratcliff Highway' is delivered with style, understanding and excellence. Leslie Condon's 'Song Of The Eternal' is a joy to hear.

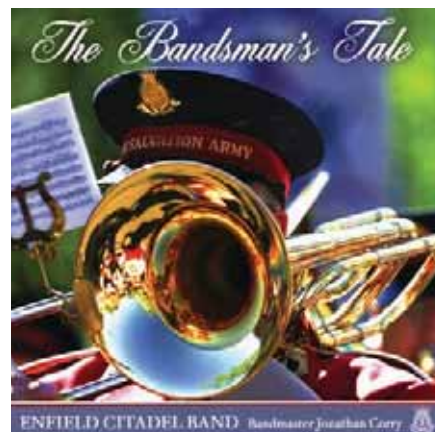
The band is blessed with soloists of the highest calibre, each giving exemplary performances of their chosen items, ranging from the contemplative to the foot-tapping.

The programme notes are helpful, informative and give a good background to the music.

Not only does the band present a faultless programme of music and

amaze with its technical skills – it also brings a blessing with the prayerful finale.

● *The Bandsman's Tale* is available from SP&S priced £13.95 (plus £2.95 postage and packing) or can be downloaded for £9.99 from worldofbrasstunes.com



NEW COMMITMENTS



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1. RORY PITMAN Adherent member **HOVE**

SEEING how God had been with him throughout a tricky time in his life, Rory felt it was right to make a further commitment. He chose the song ‘Everyone Needs Compassion’ as part of his testimony. Supported by family and friends, Rory was welcomed as an adherent member by corps officers Captains Doug and Michelle Hayter. – M. H.

2. FLORENCE MARSHALL Adherent member **BANGOR**

FLORENCE testified to the love and friendship of Jesus after being welcomed as an adherent member by corps officer Captain Gordon Tucker. She said: ‘Jesus took me just as I am and gave me the most wonderful gift of his love, a love to cherish and to share’. – D. G.

3. MALCOLM WALKER Adherent member **PETERSFIELD**

MALCOLM has been part of the corps for most of his life. For a brief spell he attended another church, but kept in contact with the Army through banding and special events. Malcolm returned and decided to make a new commitment as an adherent member.

He was welcomed into the fellowship by corps officer Captain Linda Read. – R. F.

4. CLIVE SMITH Adherent member **CHELTENHAM CITADEL**

CLIVE’S Christian journey has not always been easy. Previously a member of other churches he accepted the invitation of a Salvationist friend from the corps to a meeting. He has been made to feel welcome and has attended ever since. Corps officer Captain Steve Smith welcomed Clive as an adherent member. – R. G.

5. – 7. KATHRYN McMARTIN Soldier **JASON SCOTT** Adherent member **CAITLYN McVEY** Junior soldier **CUMBERNAULD**

KATHRYN invited friends and family to share her special day. She testified powerfully to God’s work in her life and sang ‘Jesus Will Still Be There’. She was enrolled by corps officer Lieutenant Stephen Moir.

Jason is a peer leader at the corps sports club and seeks to reach young people with the gospel through sport. He was welcomed as an adherent member by Lieutenant Stephen Moir.

Caitlyn joined the corps through the Dance Army street dance group and gave her testimony through dance with the song ‘Touch My Life’. Her enthusiasm for Jesus was evident as she read her promise. She was enrolled by Lieutenant Jo Moir. – S. M.

8. ALANNAH LOGUE Junior soldier **STORNOWAY**

ALANNAH was enrolled by corps officer Captain Morag Sabiston. Her family took her to the parent-and-toddler group and from there she joined the Junior Club and Sunday school. She told her girls’ brigade leader that she goes to the coolest church on the island and loves being able to shout and dance at church while praising God. She said she wants everyone to know that she loves God and God loves her. – M. S.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARMY PEOPLE

APPOINTED

Effective 15 November 2012:

Captains Vaughan and Julie Bovan, additional appointment, Wombwell

Effective 13 December:

Lieutenants Steven and Susanne Fincham, Hammersmith

Effective 3 January 2013:

Major Christine Piper, Sutton

Major Kay Delamare, additional appointment, Area Candidates Officer

Effective 7 January:

Major John Houston, Fauldhouse

Effective 17 January:

Territorial Envoy Karen Thomas, Redruth and Associate Officer, Camborne

TRANSFERRED

Effective 1 March:

● **Lieut-Colonel David Shakespeare** from Kenya East to UKT, to be Assistant Chief Secretary with responsibility for Company Secretary and Executive Secretary to Cabinet, Chief Secretary's Office, THQ

● **Lieut-Colonel Karen Shakespeare** from IHQ (SALT College of Africa) to UKT, to be Assistant Secretary for Personnel (Development), Personnel Service, THQ

MARRIAGE

● **Andrew Mackintosh** to **Hazel Grover** at Leeds Central by Major Andrew Spivey

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Diamond:

● **SL John** and **Rtd YPSM Mrs Stella Pearson**, Jarrow

DEDICATED TO GOD

● **Elisha Yanina**, daughter of Jerzy Borzenski and Chantel Barnes, at Leeds Central by Major Valerie Spivey

ENGAGEMENTS

GENERAL LINDA BOND: ● India Western, Wed 2 Jan - Sun 6 ● India Central, Mon 7 - Fri 11 ● UK, Romford, Sun 13 ● Japan, Sat 19 - Tu 22 ● ICO, Th 24 ● General's Consultative Council, Mon 28 - Wed 30

THE CHIEF OF THE STAFF (COMMISSIONER BARRY SWANSON)

AND COMMISSIONER SUE SWANSON: ● ICO, Th 10 Jan ● General's Consultative Council, Mon 28 - Th 31

THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER (COMMISSIONER ANDRÉ COX)

AND COMMISSIONER SILVIA COX: ● William Booth College (spiritual day), Wed 9 Jan ● ICO, Th 10

INTERNATIONAL STAFF SONGSTERS: ● Reading Central, Sat Sun 20 Jan



New editor is announced

THQ

MAJOR Jane Kimberley is appointed as Editor of *Salvationist* (from 2 January 2013). The major's service has included many years as a corps officer, followed by service as divisional community services officer and six years as Assistant Editor, *Salvationist*.

● **Jack Charles**, son of Ben and Michelle Bowman, at Poole by Major Stephen Brevitt

● **Jojo Anthony**, son of Kwame Chima and Suzanne Harvey, at Bangor by Captain Gordon Tucker

BEREAVED

● **Div Envoys Beryl and Billy Cowgill**, Bradford Idle, of their son Kevin

● **Major Ann Kidd** and **Billy Stinson** of their brother

● **YPSM Elaine Johnson**, Hadleigh Temple, and **Hilary Kirkman** of their mother Dorothy Downing

● **Mike Stonham**, Hendon, of his mother S/Reservist Peggy Long

● **Rtd HLS Joan Rose** of her brother Peter, **Carol Cartwright** of her husband Terry, both Clowne

● **Beryl Cartledge**, Sunderland Millfield, of her father

RETIRED OFFICERS

Birthday congratulations:

● **Mrs Major Kathleen Myers** (85 on 13 January)

● **Mrs Major Renee Ozanne** (90 on 14 January)

ICO DELEGATES

The 216th session of the International College for Officers will be a French translation and will run from 9 January to 4 March. The delegates are:

● **Major Philip Maxwell**, Australia Eastern

● **Major Bramwell Cassidy**, Australia Southern

● **Captain Christopher Rideout**, Canada and Bermuda

● **Captain Mesmin Louamba Bouenitelamio**, Congo (Brazzaville)

● **Major Edith Louzolo**, Congo (Brazzaville)

● **Major Martin Bwama**, Democratic Republic of Congo

● **Captain Flore Nlandu**, Democratic Republic of Congo

● **Major Karen Etcheverry**, France and Belgium

● **Major Ruth Moratto**, France and Belgium

● **Major Vasanthi Rajan Packiam**, India Central

● **Major Arbica Masih**, India Northern

● **Major Saharidhas James**, India South Eastern

● **Captain Flor Canto**, Latin America North

● **Major Gillian Waugh**, New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga

● **Captain Irene Chang**, Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar

● **Major Marissa Ortiz**, South America West

● **Major Luisa Hofer**, Switzerland, Austria and Hungary

● **Captain Gordon Cotterill**, United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland

● **Major Lisa Lloyd-Jones**, United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland

● **Major Stephen Yoder**, USA Central

● **Captain Francisca Robinson**, USA Eastern

● **Major Robert Vincent**, USA Southern

● **Major Pamela Gardner**, USA Western

● **Major Jairo Chisengele**, Zambia

Translators:

● **Lieut-Colonel Gracia Matondo**, Democratic Republic of Congo

● **Major Maggy Sterckx-Lipcan**, Switzerland, Austria and Hungary

ADVERTISEMENTS

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

Saturday

'You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of Heaven worship you.'

(Nehemiah 9:6)

Sunday

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name.

(SASB 183)

Monday

'Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.'

(Psalm 95:6 and 7)

Tuesday

Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

(SASB 2)

Wednesday

'Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy

and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.'

(Romans 12:1)

Thursday

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

(SASB 567)

Friday

'Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.'

(Revelation 15:4)



Praying around the world... the Caribbean

The Army opened fire in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1887, sparking the Movement to spread to many neighbouring countries: Guyana (1895), Barbados (1898), Trinidad (1901), Grenada (1902), St Lucia (1902), Antigua (1903), St Vincent (1905), Belize (1915), St Kitts (1916), Surinam (1924), the Bahamas (1931), Haiti (1950), French Guiana (1980), St Maarten (1999) and the Turks and Caicos Islands (2011). The territory, led by Colonels Onal and Edmane Castor, comprises 227 officers, 129 corps, 10,052 soldiers, 1,677 adherent members and 3,247 junior soldiers. Social services programmes include schools, centres for homeless people and eventide homes. Pray for God's guidance as the territory continues to focus on its strategic plan for financial independence coupled with an emphasis on stewardship.



Derwent water, Cumbria. Picture: JENNIFER HEATON