

REGULAR CORPS EVENTS

- Sundays **Meetings at 9.50. 10.30 a.m.. 4-30 p.m.**
JAM Club— Jesus and Me 11.10 a.m. For young people
- Mondays **Silver Threads Club** Lunch 12 noon. Meeting 1.45p.m
 Fortnightly—Next one 7th March .
- Tuesdays **Bible Study** Weekly, 7.30 at the hall with Major Tony
Open Door and light lunches 10 a.m.—1 p.m.
Parents and Tots 10 a.m.—12 noon. Not school hols.
Home League 1.30 p.m.
- Wednesdays **Cameo Club**—second Wednesday each month 7.30 p.m.
- Thursdays **Open Door** 10 a.m.—12 noon
Open Songster practice 1st Thursday each month
- Fridays **Coffee Morning and Luncheon Club**
 9.30 a.m. and 12.15.
- Saturdays **Walk** first Saturday every month. Details from
 Barrie, Andy or Gladys. All welcome

Special this month.....

- Wed. March 2nd Crafting evening at hall 7 p.m. for Spring Sale prep.
- Friday March 4th Women's World Day of Prayer. See poster for venue
- Sunday March 6th "All in it together" - "Who am I?"
 Youth leading the morning meeting.
- Sunday March 6th Self Denial Altar service.
- Saturday March 19th Give to Grow Meal
- Sunday March 20th Focus on Give to Grow
- Sunday March 27th Give to Grow Pledge Day.
- Sunday April 3rd Mothers' Day. "All in it together" with the youth
 Celebration of Talents
- Saturday April 9th Spring Sale
- Sunday April 17th Palm Sunday
- Sunday April 24th Easter Sunday
- Sunday May 15th Home and Family Sunday with Joy Topping.
- Sunday June 12th Pentecost
- Sunday June 19th Celebration of Talents
- Sunday June 26th Y.P. Anniversary with
 Major Kathryn Woodhouse.
- Sunday July 10th Songs of Praise on the Rye - Churches Together

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Dear Fellow Disciples,

An editorial this time, I think only the 2nd or third in the ten year life-time of Standard Bearer. One hundred and eighteen times (I did miss a couple of months) I have sat at my computer trying to put together something interesting, informative and inspiring. I like to think that sometimes I have succeeded. Certainly contributions from others have inspired, informed and interested me. (Are you following Claude's series at the moment - fascinating)

Standard Bearer started because at a Corps Council meeting the suggestion was made that the Corps needed a newsletter. I volunteered, having had some experience from a previous Standard Bearer publication which I edited in the 1980s.

If you have read every copy, you have absorbed news of births, marriages and deaths (22 of those). You have read about comings and goings, of concerts, special anniversaries, musings, testimonies, financial reports, Churches Together events, walks, sales, prayers requested, commissions presented, junior and senior soldiers enrolled and many other things. You have read Phil's youth pages, smiled I hope, at cartoons from America and other places and been wowed by pictures from China and messages from all over the place. I hope you have been blessed and provoked to thought by occasional meditations and poems, and challenged (a bit) by puzzles and quizzes. Several people have been regular contributors for a while - Phil, Nancy, Andy and Claude particularly come to mind and of course our commanding officers. They have been sometimes nagged by yours truly to get their contributions in, in time for publication, but none of them has ever let me down. You have read about charity runs, a bike ride, holidays with the Silver Threads club, visits of 'specials' and let's not forget the Cadets who came as part of their training, nor Kimberley Martin, who was for a while junior reporter for the Y.P. Corps. Then there were the pictures telling the ongoing story of the refurbishment. So many things.

Again I like to think that as my computer skills have improved, so has the Standard Bearer. I had only been using a computer for about two months, typing letters, when it all began, then I was pointed in the direction of Microsoft Publisher which opened up new possibilities. The poor picture of the flag at the top of the page was on the very first edition front page.

(Subsequently Tessa who worked her graphic magic on that to make it so much better in subsequent editions) For half of those ten years, Standard Bearer has had it's own website. People from all over the world have found it and read it. The editor of an online corps magazine in Australia actually reproduced Major Tony's December article last year and used the



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The Very First Alphapuzzle

.Each number represents a letter of the alphabet.

You have 2 to start you off. It's all about Easter.

(The symmetry wasn't perfect at my first attempt! It was April 2001)

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Andy's Column

Dreaming.....

When you lay your head down on your pillow after a long day, you never know where your dreams might take you.

My 'secular' dream was undoubtedly influenced by a lengthy car journey from visiting the family in the north, during which we listened to a compact disc compiled by the International Staff Band entitled 'Together'. Some of the choices were, well, a little surprising. For instance, I was not expecting to be serenaded by 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow'. However it must have influenced by subconscious because it surely was the catalyst for my most bizarre dream.

My dream appears to be in a large auditorium. An accomplished songster brigade is giving a concert. The chairman is a senior officer of the old guard, forthright and evangelical and beneath his uniform he wears a dog collar. He stands to introduce the next song on the programme.

In a broad Yorkshire accent he says "I have probably lost count of the times that I have preached about the Light. The light that is so essential to you and me my brethren. The Light that none of us can exist without, so I will listen with great interest as the songsters sing, 'By the Light of the Silvery Moon'.

Towards the end of the programme the songsters have just finished singing another song and the audience is ecstatic, whistling, stamping their feet. With great shouts of "Hallelujah" and "Amen" the old officer gets to his feet with tears in his eyes. "I have never seen a songster brigade sing with so much animation and vitality, or expression and sympathy for the words that they are singing. Thank you songster leader and thank you for singing my favourite, 'YMCA' and remember brothers and sisters that the 'C' stands for Christian. Amen".

I opened one eye and looked at the clock. It was 3:27 a.m. I got up, went to the loo, climbed back into bed and went back to sleep.



News from Beryl in America.....

Don is responding well to treatment. He is in rehab now and will have more chemo in a few weeks. He is eating now and continues to have a positive attitude and is fighting.

Quotes of the month.....

"Let us go without for those who go without."

"Give to grow and grow to give"

picture of our flag. Corps Secretary Keith Morris keeps a copy along with the Corps history book and it is read by people who once belonged to our fellowship but have moved away. Some read online and some have a copy posted to them.

But what, you may say, about the errors? Oh yes, I am well known for errors. Incorrect dates, spelling and occasionally things digitally slipping of the page altogether. I admit it, I am not perfect and it's been useful to have people who point these things out, so that follow on printings can be corrected! Sometimes I say that when I produce a perfect one, it will be the last one, pity to spoil a good thing! Happily, though, I enjoy the task, one of my youthful ambitions was to be a writer and journalist. In his first message the commanding officer, then Major Maurice Porter, wrote:-

"Welcome to the first edition of "Standard Bearer"

As you will realise, communication is vital to us all if we are to play our part in furthering the ministry of our worshipping community. However, it is down to each one of us to make this asset work.....by reading it and making contributions in future editions.

The magazine could also be used in our prayer life, bringing before God the needs of our Corps and seeking his guidance for those in leadership roles. In this way, Standard Bearer will help us enlarge our vision of what can be achieved and our own particular role for the growth of the Corps. I therefore challenge you to pray for this magazine in our Corps ministry and mission."

Perhaps I can re-iterate those words today. Standard Bearer is a voice for the Corps and for God. Please keep your contributions coming so that it really is a 'Corps magazine' - more than a newsletter and not simply Carol's pet project!

God bless our Corps, with all it's many facets, and God bless Standard Bearer.

Carol Gibson.
Editor.

Whilst Benedict made a quiet exit from our Corps a couple of weeks ago, I am awaiting a message from him to put in Standard Bearer. We will all miss him greatly, especially the young people, and wish him well in the place where God leads him.

Your Hospital Needs You..... A plea from Hilary.

Could two people, working together, spare two hours once a fortnight on a Thursday or Friday morning to help in a very busy ward as a volunteer. The ward in question is the Medical Assessment Ward, which is extremely busy, but the appreciation of the staff is very sincere. The work entails making tea and coffee, clearing away rubbish from bedside tables, replacing individual rubbish bags and changing the water jugs.

The hours Pat and I do are 9.30—11 a.m. If anyone could help and would like to know more about it and who to contact at the hospital, you could speak to me. Pat and I have been doing this for about 5 years now. We often get asked if we are from the WVS and it's quite nice to be able to tell them we are "Army".

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If your copy is unreadable because of so many alterations, why not ask Carol Gibson for a new one. Available at a cost of £1.50.

Do you know.....There are handmade greetings cards for sale at very reasonable prices in the quiet room. Why not have a look before you go to a shop for your supplies. All proceeds to the Corps.

When we meet on a Thursday evening we are all there with the same purpose, to use the gift that God has given to us to praise His name and promote His gospel, and hopefully be a way of bringing others into a knowledge of Him.

I know that sometimes some of the songsters do get concerned when a particular note or rhythm doesn't sound quiet right and instead of keep going over that particular part I will change to a different song or ignore the mistake , The important thing is we are all doing our best and enjoying ourselves whilst making music.

This year we have been invited to take part in a massed chorus at the Christmas Celebration at the Hexagon in Reading, the special guests for the day are TV presenter Anne Diamond and Barbara and Steve Allen from the USA. I'm sure the songsters won't mind learning Christmas pieces in July so we are ready in time!

I believe that life should be lived to the full and we should all try and find a way of making this possible. My way is through living a Christian life and music,
My book of life has had many chapters so far, when one finishes another begins only God knows what the future has in store for us.

Congratulations to Mark and Alison on the birth of their baby girl on 10th February and also to Mike who becomes a grandfather.

Alison writes

Grace Louise Dearlove was born this afternoon at 3.18, weighing in at 6lb. 2ozs. Parents are very happy and feeling so blessed and thankful



The band playing in the Y.P. hall for a Sunday afternoon meeting The heating system finally having given up altogether. After a very dodgy performance during a cold winter, it was easier to heat the smaller area. We got quite warm, what a novelty!

Ten years ago, in the first Standard Bearer, Helen wrote an article entitled 'A Word about the Singing Company—A Really Great Bunch. Ten years later I asked her to write similarly about her situation in the Corps today with the Songsters..

Helen Selwood

10 years ago I wrote in the Standard bearer the words of a singing company song which meant a lot to me,

*Jesus giving new life to me, Jesus giving me eyes to see,
Jesus changing my destiny,
Lord I give my life to you for it's all that I can do
Wonderful Jesus*

A lot has happened in the last 10 years, I got remarried, moved house, made redundant, mum died, started music business with Mark, Handed over the job of Singing Company leader to Jackie and took over the songsters. My Sister Deb being ill and Chester going off to university. But through all of this my belief in God and music has kept me going.

It was a privilege to be the singing company leader for such a long time and one memorable occasion was when Tristan asked if he could join the singing company, from the age of 7 I had invited him to come to practice but he never wanted to, I hoped and prayed that one day in his own time he would change his mind, this proves God answers prayer but in his own time and not when you want it to happen. Also another occasion was when the boys sang "I am his child" this became a challenge to me as I had to start finding songs that were written for young voices but with a tenor part. I would like to thank everyone who was a member of the singing Company when I was the leader for helping me through some tough periods in my life,

When I first took over the songsters it did seem a bit strange as I was one of the youngest members, but I'm glad to say that others have joined and that is not the case anymore. I would like to thank all the members of the songsters for their attendance, willingness and encouragement that they have given me over the last 18 months. Special thanks must be given to Monica who puts up with my Monday evening or early Tuesday morning calls to confirm if I want any songs added to the list she already has. I have tried to introduce different types of music and I do encourage the songsters to sing, if possible, without copies as the sound is so much better.

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Give to Grow

Things are moving on and this month sees the culmination of all the preparations. Hopefully you have received your invitation to the meal on the 19th and have replied to Hazel. It will be an evening of fellowship, and it is hoped that everyone who is invited will be able to attend. This is not only for soldiers and adherents, but for everyone over the age of 13 who regularly attends Sunday meetings. You will also be receiving an invitation to attend a Bible Study group for one session during the following week and before the Give to Grow Pledge Sunday on Sunday 27th March. Again it is hoped that everyone will attend. The normal week-night activities will be cancelled for that week to make that easier. The Bible study will be all about the generosity of God towards us.

Self Denial Altar Service *Sunday March 6th*

In the western world we probably often take for granted the things we use each day which provide us with water, food, shelter, clothing, education, safety and comfort. When things go wrong, like the heating in the hall this winter, we find it almost intolerable, and yet in many places people lack the very basics of life all the time. We have heard about some of them over the past few weeks. Let us give generously in our altar service so that the Salvation Army, in far flung places, can do something to alleviate the suffering of others.

Found in an old copy of Standard Bearer.....

*"What, giving again?" I asked in a daze "And must I keep giving and giving always?"
"Oh no" said the Angel whose eyes pierced me through
"Just stop when the Saviour stops giving to you!"*

Continuing Claude's Fascinating Series on the Booth family

Emma Moss Booth

Born: Gateshead, Durham, 8th January, 1860.

Died: near Marceline, Missouri 28th October, 1903.



Emma was the fourth child born to William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army. She became an officer at the age of nineteen and her father, confident of her abilities, appointed her as Principal of the Women's Training Home, a post she held for ten years. During that time, she also established the Cellar, Gutter and Garret Brigade in the slums of London. In 1888 she married Major Frederick Tucker whose first wife had died of cholera whilst serving with Frederick in India. As was the custom in the Booth family at that time, Frederick Tucker added his wife's maiden name to his own, becoming Booth-Tucker. The couple had nine children, three of whom died in infancy.

For the next three years the Booth-Tuckers served in India where they embraced the way of life of the outcasts. Their uniforms became the Indian Fakir's saffron robes and they took Indian names. Emma became known as Commissioner Rayhiman and Frederick took the name Faker Singh. However the Indian climate did not suit Emma and the privations of living the life of a low caste Indian proved too much for her. She became very ill and was ordered to return to England.

After three years working at International Headquarters in London as Commissioners for Foreign Affairs, they were pleased to be called back to service on the 'battlefield' when they were appointed to succeed Emma's brother — Commissioner Ballington Booth and his wife Maud—as joint Territorial Commanders of America. Sadly, Ballington deeply resented being ordered to leave his post and accept another appointment, so much so, indeed, that he defected from the Army. Emma and Frederick were successful in regaining many of the converts lost by Ballington's defection. They threw themselves wholeheartedly into the work in America, developing the prison visitation ministry and carrying out the farm colony experiment for urban poor, devised by William Booth in his book, *Darkest England and the Way Out*.

In 1903, at the age of 43, Emma was badly injured in a train accident on her way from Amity Colony, Colorado, to Chicago, where she was going to meet her husband. She died shortly afterwards while continuing the journey on a relief train.

Frederick, left with six young children, returned to England and was appointed Secretary for India. Subsequently, in 1907, he became Special Commissioner to India and Ceylon, and finally, in 1919, Travelling Commissioner, until his retirement in 1924.



Sometime during the 1880s, Bramwell Booth - visiting the East End poor - agreed (perhaps rashly) to a dying widow's request that he should look after her infant son. The baby - Harry Andrews - was adopted by Emma Booth who, when she married Frederick Tucker, took the child to India. Harry took a precocious interest in medicine and was sent home to England and enrolled in the University of London Medical School. After qualifying, he studied surgery in Chicago before returning to India, where he first became Superintendent of the Salvation Army's Punjab Hospital and then, on the outbreak of the First World War, volunteered for military service. Captain Harry Andrews was posthumously awarded a Victoria Cross for 'devotedly attending the wounded under heavy fire' and showing 'the utmost disregard for danger'.



The Great Spring Sale

Saturday 9th April at 10 a.m.

*Craft evening to prepare
Wednesday 2nd March at the hall.*

*You are welcome on both occasions.
Mark your diary or calendar and
bring your friends*