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OCTOBER 2008

LAST MONTH'S
ACHIEVEMENTS

MAJOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

What a great celebration we had over our Corps Anniversary weekend last month. It hardly seems possible that the first year of being a corps and being in our hall is over. If the first year is anything to go by, before we know it we will be celebrating year two and then year three... Time flies! So how important it is that we ensure that we are making the best use of it and that we are seeking God's will as well as His enabling in order to do so.

As we are now well settled into the hall and have put into place much of the initial vision that we had, the timing feels right to review our mission and ministry to date and to seek a renewed vision for the days ahead. The week-long *Health Clinic* that the whole corps family is encouraged to take part in will give us this opportunity as we benefit from the teaching that will come from Headquarters Officers, from listening to one another as we share thoughts and ideas, and most importantly by taking time to wait upon God.

A reminder of the days and times of sessions throughout the week is included in the diary dates overleaf. The success of this venture will very much be down to our attendance and input. Whilst health concerns, family circumstances and the distance for travelling will of course need to be considered, I do encourage you to be as much a part of the week as you are able to ensure that we get a balanced view of all matters of corps life: The seminars will aid us in our thinking and discussion in the areas of Nurture, Evangelism, Worship and Service (to the community and to one another)

REMEMBER
This corps
needs you!



I truly believe that these days will be really special: To have the opportunity to share in a prolonged time of fellowship with one another will in itself be beneficial. To have the input and ministry from the staff of DHQ throughout the week will be a real privilege. That God will use this time to challenge, to inspire, to envision and to lead us forward is a certainty!

I leave you with a promise from God's word:

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you."

Psalm 32 v 8

Praise God for His calling upon our lives and His provision in all things.

God bless and love *Carol*

Details for the CELEBRATION MEAL (Friday 17th)

We have decided on a fruit juice starter; a cooked meal and a cold dessert. To spread the load of catering it would be good if you could consider contributing in one of the following ways:

- * Cottage Pie or Fish pie for 6 or more people. *Obviously these need to be delivered in good time to be heated through* [See Miriam]
- * Cold dessert for 6 or more people [See Sara]
- * Bottles of Sloer (or similar) / after dinner mints [See Carol]

After the meal there will be a presentation of the vision for the way forward as a result of our discussions during the week. We will all need to be involved in this, so as much help as possible to wash up and clear up at the end of the evening would be much appreciated.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Week 1	44
Week 2	54
Week 3	36
Week 4	66

AVERAGE 50

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Envelope giving	£ 1567.00
Collections	£ 141.85
TOTAL	£ 1708.85

INCOME & OUTGOING

Income	£ 2233.03
Expenditure	£ 2305.53
DEFICIT	£ 72.50



ANNUAL APPEAL

Congratulations to all concerned. The amount that we collected door to door this year in Saffron Walden and District is

£3640

This is a 3% increase on last year's total. It represents a lot of hard work, a great team effort and real generosity from the people of our town.

Steph now has the job of completing all the necessary records which are required by the authorities and our own HQ - so we thank her for that. And to all who have played a part in any way, on behalf of the Army and those people who will be helped, thank you sincerely and God bless you!

"Whatever is good & perfect comes from God, the creator of all light, and He shines forever without change or shadow."

James 1:17

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

October

- 5 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H
- 12 Miriam, Shirley
- 19 Karen, Adrian, Peter
- 26 Christina, Gael, Jackie



November

- 2 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H
- 9 Miriam, Shirley
- 16 Karen, Adrian, Peter
- 23 Christina, Gael, Jackie
- 30 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H

PRAYERS for S. Walden

1. For our time of review during the week of "Health Clinic", that God will lead us forward to further extend His Kingdom;
2. For guidance regarding the Youth Café—how we can encourage young people to come along: whether or not it is the right venture for this time;
3. For members of our family who are unwell and those who are concerned for loved ones;
4. For Adrian who will celebrate a special birthday and enter retirement towards the end of this month;
5. For Rev Simon Mattholie, minister of the Baptist Church who is needing to take some compassionate leave in order to rest from his heavy workload. Pray too for his wife Kirsty and the family, also the members of the church as they support each other through this time.
6. For the work of Churches Together as Simon feels led to stand down from the role as Chairman
7. For the ministers of all our churches who are meeting for a day of retreat at St Mark's College on 15th of this month;
8. For those whom we met and had conversations with during the Annual Appeal, that hearts will be opened to God and His love.



UNITED CHURCH PRAYER CROSS

For the month of **OCTOBER** we are invited to pray for **SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**

OCTOBER

- Saturday 4** 7pm Evening programme by Chelmsford SA Band. URC Church
- Sunday 5** Harvest thanksgiving Sunday. Guest Major Jane Cowell (THQ)
- Tuesday 7** Div Cameo Rally, Norwich (No Junior Soldier meeting)
- Wednesday 8** KSJ School - Carol 7.30pm - Bible study evening at the Hall: Subject - "Spiritual Gifts"
- Thurs 9** 11am Churches Together mtg

10th—17th

CORPS HEALTH CLINIC

for Soldiers, Adherents and all regular Sunday attenders
(See Major's musings)

- Friday 10** - 7.30pm—Prayer meeting in URC Vestry
- Saturday 11** - 9.30am—3pm. A day of seminars led by DHQ. Please bring packed lunch. Drinks provided.
- Sunday 12** - Meeting led by Divisional Commander, Major Alan Burns
- Monday 13** - 7.30pm Seminar
- Tuesday 14** - 7.30pm Seminar
- Wednesday 15** - Free evening
- Thursday 16** - 7.30pm PCC, Corps Council & other section leaders meet to collate all of our findings
- Friday 17** - 7.30pm **CELEBRATION MEAL & PRESENTATION**
Invitations will be handed out to corps members for this. Please reply by Sunday 12th October. Please indicate on your reply if there are any special dietary requirements. Details of how you can help with the meal are on the front page of this sheet.

Sunday 12 2pm Hospital service - Miriam

Tuesday 14 Cameo: "Scrapbooks"

Thurs 16 KSI assembly—Carol

6.15pm Almshouses service - Carol
Monday 20 Please note that the Church Car park is to be resurfaced during this week and so will be unavailable for use.

20th Oct—2nd Nov Carol on holiday (No Junior Soldier meetings)

Sunday 26 No Jam Club today

Sunday 26 Steph leading meeting

Tuesday 28 Cameo "Making it fit"

NOVEMBER

- Saturday 1** 7.30pm in URC Church. Rev Murray is leading a service for "All Souls Day" with a special focus on remembrance for loved ones who have died. All are welcome to attend. Candles will be lit for those who are remembered.
- Sunday 2** Tony & Julia leading mtg

Monday 3 November

CHOCAHOLICS PARTY

7.30pm In our hall

Steph is organising this Social/fundraising evening - An opportunity to purchase Christmas pressies perhaps? Or just a special treat for someone. Brochures are available for any who are unable to come along on the evening. (See Steph)

Whether you intend to spend or not, please come along and enjoy an evening of informal fellowship.

Saturday 8th November

Autumn Fayre

9.30am – 3.00pm

Christina is organising this event and is looking for help with:

- * Volunteers to help man stalls;
- * Cakes for stall and refreshments;
- * Donations of good quality bric-a-brac; and items that can be made into gifts;
- * Cooking apples that she can turn into Apple Crumbles

Please indicate your offers of help by signing the sheets on the clipboard in the hall

Saturday 15—URC Autumn Fayre

Tues 11 Cameo 'Supermarket Sweep'

Tues 25 Cameo 'Christmas cakes'