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LAST MONTH'S
FIGURES

MAJOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

Breaking news: By now I hope that all corps members have heard the news that Captain Carol Baker has been appointed as your new Commanding Officer. She comes to Saffron Walden from the Peterborough Ortons corps and will assume responsibilities here on Thursday 29th July. CSM Frank has already sent a letter of welcome on behalf of the corps family and I know you will want to be remembering the Captain in your thoughts and prayers as she approaches this time of change.

My final Sunday here will be 11th July and as Captain Baker arrives here I will make my move to the Dunstable corps in the Central South Division.

The lead up to any time of change can be unsettling — even when we know it to be the right thing. So how blessed we are to know that One who is of greatest importance in our lives will never change. Here is some encouragement from His Word: -

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 12:8

"Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father who created all the lights in the heavens. He is always the same and never makes dark shadows by turning." (James 1:17)

"Our God is like this forever and ever and will always guide us." (Psalms 48:14)

"I am the Lord, All-Powerful, and I never change." Malachi 3:6

That All-Powerful Lord has His hand upon each one of us—and because we can trust unreservedly in Him we can embrace with confidence the changes that He brings about for us.

Now having said all that, nothing will happen for another 4 months and in that time you and I together have work to do and one another's company to enjoy!

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Easter: Towards the end of this month we enter Holy Week, remembering the events in Jesus' life leading up to Good Friday and Easter. Holy Week commences with Palm Sunday and the Churches Together have arranged a presentation by the Saltmine Theatre Company entitled *"Who moved the egg?"*

The publicity for this events says *"Journey with us as we travel through from the Last Supper all the way to Ascension. It will be an Easter Extravaganza for all the family that entertains and inspires in equal measure."*

I would really recommend that we plan to be there and that we purchase tickets early. They are £2 for adults with children going free so long as they are accompanied. Tony has some tickets and we can easily get hold of more.

We look forward to sharing the Easter weekend itself with Lt Colonels David and Myra Lambert Gorwyn who will travel to be with us from Winton in Bournemouth. They have a wealth of Salvation Army officership experience and have been very special people to me over the years. I truly believe that we have rich blessings in store as they come to minister God's word to us and lead us in worship at this special time in the Christian Calendar.

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And a blessing: "May God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ grant peace, love and faith to all his people, and grace to all those with an enduring love of Christ" Ephesians 6:23,24

God bless and keep you,
with love

Carol

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Week 1	51
Week 2	52
Week 3	40
Week 4	48

AVERAGE 48

OFFERINGS

Envelope giving	£ 1712.00
Collections	£ 170.38
TOTAL	£ 1882.38

INCOME & OUTGOING

Income	£ 4492.90
Expenditure	£ 3201.32
SURPLUS	£ 1291.58

POLITE NOTICE REGARDING CAR PARK

Please could we remember that spaces in the Car Park on Sundays are for Ministers and Disabled Drivers only. We own just four spaces and must be fair to the URC members by leaving their spaces available for their disabled drivers.

Thank you for making the effort to find alternative parking either in the surrounding streets or in Swan Meadow car park. Special thanks to those who have to drop disabled passengers at the hall before parking elsewhere.

If you have any queries please speak with Frank or Carol.

CORPS COUNCIL

The Corps Council is the group who meet at least Quarterly to discuss and make decisions concerning corps events and other matters. Certain corps leaders are ex-officio members and others are invited to service for a term of 2 years. Peter has just come to the end of his 2 years and we thank him for his input over that time. The present members are: Frank, Steph, Kelvin, Julia, Lisa (Minute Secretary) John and Ray. Minutes of this meeting are for all to read and will appear as appropriate on the notice board.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

Sincere thanks to those who have served refreshments over the years on Sundays. Thank you to those who have responded to the plea for further teams. The revised rota is set out below. If there are still others who don't have a job and who would like to form a team, please see Carol who will happily revise the rota again!

MARCH

7 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H
14 Sally, Helen, Sheila S
21 Shirley, Sheila A; Paul, Lisa
28 Karen, Adrian, Peter



APRIL

4 Christina, Gael, Jackie
11 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H
18 Sally, Helen, Sheila S
25 Shirley, Sheila A; Paul, Lisa

PRAYERS for Saffron Walden

1. For Patrick as he continues his search for employment;
2. Thanking God for successful surgery for Win on her eyes;
3. For Kathyne & Matthew; the girls, Kathyne's parents and all concerned following the tragic loss of Brother Stuart;
4. For all members of our family who have health concerns and those who are concerned for others;
5. For 5 week old baby Sidney who has been poorly since birth; For his parents Richard and Becks with 2 years old Albert; and for Grandparents Bob and Cathy Pledger along with other family members. We join them in thanksgiving that recent test results have been positive and we trust in further healing from the Lord;
6. For the local leaders in our corps as we prepare for a time of change and for each member of our family in these days;
7. For our continued mission and ministry; for those in our congregation and others who come into our building in the week who are seeking to know Jesus;

PRAYERS for others

1. For Captain Carol Baker on receiving her appointment to Saffron Walden; For all Officers who are experiencing a time of change;
2. For the people of Haiti and Chile and other places in our world where communities are in turmoil;

UNITED CHURCH PRAYERS

For the month of **MARCH**
The other churches are praying for us at
THE SALVATION ARMY

SITUATION VACANT !!!

Audrey has represented us on the United Church group that organises Bible Society Rally and Women's World Day of Prayer for some time. She is now retiring from this position and we offer our thanks to her for her work over the years

We are therefore looking for someone to take on this role which involves attending a daytime meeting over coffee with other ladies in the town on 3 occasions a year.

Anne Pegg from the URC leads this group. Speak with her or Carol if you would like to know more.

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

Churches Together:

Our thanks goes to Frank for his work as Churches Together rep for a number of years. Due to other duties he has now stood down from this responsibility.

I am pleased to announce that John West has agreed to take this on and that he will join Kelvin as our lay representatives on that group.

VBS Committee

You may know that after last year's Vacation Bible School YPSM Julia was invited onto this group which is made up of individuals from various churches.

ADDITIONAL 2010 DATES

Saturday 8 May - Ceilidh evening
Saturday 22 May - Fun Day (Held in Abbey Lane this year)
Sunday 23 May - Evening United service for Pentecost
Wednesday 16 June - Corps Council meeting
Saturday 10 July - Celebration for the last 15 years and Farewell. [Details to be decided. Possibly afternoon and early evening]
Sun 11 July - Carol's final Sunday
Sun 1 Aug Captain Baker's 1st Sunday
Saturday 4 Sept Trip to Clacton
Sunday 12 Sept Corps Anniversary
18 Sept—Annual Appeal starts
Saturday 2 Oct Harvest Supper and Quiz night
Saturday 6 Nov Winter Fayre
Thursday 9 Dec Carol Concert in Town hall
Sunday 19 Dec Carol Service in Hall

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MARCH

Tuesday 2 Cameo: "Getting to know you" Carol and Cadet Clare leading
Wednesday 3 KSJ School - Carol
Friday 5 Women's World Day of Prayer meeting. URC Church 10.30
8pm Singing Group practice
Saturday 6 Divisional Children's day in Cambridge. (8 of our Jam Club members attending)
Sunday 7 Meeting to include Missionary Appeal Altar Service
Wednesday 10 DBI school - Carol 7.30pm—Study on "Prayer" (Hall)
Thursday 11 URCSA Joint management meeting. 7.30pm in our hall.
Friday 12 Service at Farmadine 3pm 7.30pm—Corps Council meeting
15 - 27 Carol on furlough
Tuesday 16 Cameo "A good read"
19th—21st Divisional Ladies Retreat weekend. (4 of our ladies are attending)
Sunday 21 CSM Frank leading
Sunday 28 [No Jam Club today]
5pm at the Baptist Church:
Theatre Company production
"Who moved the Egg"
[See front page for details]
Tuesday 30 Cameo "A musical interlude"

EASTER WEEKEND

Friday 2: Morning 10.30am
United Walk of witness. start at Baptist
Friday 2: Evening
Meditation around the cross. 6pm in our hall
Sunday 4: Morning worship
Led by: Lt Colonels
David & Myra Lambert-Gorwyn
[No Jam Club today]

APRIL

Wednesday 7 Jam Club Plan mtg
Saturday 10 Coffee morning
Tuesday 13 Cameo: Major Irene Draycott from DHQ
Friday 16 Singing Group
Thursday 22 Churches Together 11am
Sunday 25 Focus on VBS during meeting (inc. retiring offering)
Week commencing 26 April—New series of Study Groups start: 7 weeks.
Tuesday 27 Cameo: "Spring"
Friday 30 Singing Group