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LAST MONTH'S
FIGURES

MAJOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,



Back in 1993 an eleven month old Ashley was given, by his parents, in dedication to God. He had been taken along to the Haverhill Salvation Army where the Officer was

Lieutenant Carol Evans.

In September of 1999 Ashley made his own promises to God as he became the very first Junior Soldier of the Saffron Walden Outreach Centre. He was enrolled by Captain Carol Evans.



I know that you share my joy that Ash has responded to this high calling upon his life. And if we rejoice, imagine God's own delight in receiving the promises and the commitment of a heart given to Him.

The first requirement of becoming a Soldier is to be able to witness to a relationship with God through Jesus Christ; to the experience of Salvation which He has made possible and to an infilling of His Holy Spirit.

The next is a response to the specific call from God to accept the particular disciplines and lifestyle set out within the Soldier's covenant that Ash will read and sign his name to.

I truly believe that, having been raised up by God in the first place, The Salvation Army still has an important part to play within the mission of the Church of God on this earth. We give Glory to God today, therefore, that another name will be added to the ranks of those who are willing to serve Him in this way.

Surely we will all want to support Ash today and in the days to come. In doing so you may like to use the words of Scripture which will be the prayer offered for Ash at the time of his enrolment: **(Eph 3:16-19)**

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources God will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your heart as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong ... Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

It is our prayer for Ash - and it is my prayer for each one reading this today.

God bless and love

Carol

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Week 1	49
Week 2	46
Week 3	52
Week 4	43
Week 5	38

AVERAGE 46

OFFERINGS

Envelope giving	£ 1824.50
Collections	£ 198.44
Gift Aid	£ 59.79
TOTAL	£ 2082.73

INCOME & OUTGOING

Income	£ 4299.39
Expenditure	£ 3861.36
SURPLUS	£438.03

Over the years we rejoiced as young Ashley took his place in the life of our church and we gave praise to God as we witnessed the very special gifts that God was bestowing upon him to enable him to play a part in the worship and ministry of our fellowship.



He worked hard to gain his Junior Soldiers' awards and all this time was growing in understanding and experience in the Christian life.



What great joy is ours then, that today, Sunday 6th June 2010, Ashley is to make the public commitment of His adult life to God and in service to Him as a Senior Soldier of The Saffron Walden Corps of The Salvation Army.

Please excuse the slight indulgence here! But how delighted I am (now an old Major) to have the privilege once again of officiating at this significant moment in Ash's life and in the life of our Corps.

He is, after all, the first Senior Soldier to be "home grown"!

What a great day we had in joining once again with our URC friends for the

FUN DAY

Thank you to all who took part in any way and especially to

Sheila, Paul, Sara & Adrian

who represented us on the working party for this event and who did much of the work in the organisation of the day.

It had a different feel to other years in some ways with us holding the event in Abbey Lane - but I think we would all agree that it was a happy and successful day in every way.

The day raised **£1,372.31** which is shared between our two churches to support our work in the community.

Let us continue to pray for all those who came along: that they will have sensed something of our Christian joy and love for God and His people.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

JUNE

- 6 Karen, Adrian, Peter
13 Christina, Gael, Jackie
20 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H
27 Sally, Helen, Sheila S



JULY

- 4 Shirley, Sheila A; Paul, Lisa
11 Karen, Adrian, Peter
18 Christina, Gael, Jackie
25 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H

PRAYERS for Saffron Walden

1. For all those within our congregation who have been unwell in recent days;
2. For Julia and her family as they attend the funeral service of a much loved Aunt this week;
3. For Kathyne and family as they now make plans for the service for brother Stuart sometime this month;
4. For Murray and Karen and family as his mum becomes increasingly frail;
5. For ourselves in these days of change, that we will continue to fix our eyes on Jesus as we trust in His love and provision;
6. For Captain Carol Baker too as she prepares for her move to Saffron Walden. May she and her family know God's hand of blessing upon them.

PRAYERS for others

1. For all those affected by the terrible incident in Cumbria during this last week; for the loved ones of those who lost lives; for those who are injured; and for the communities involved. We pray for God's healing touch on body, mind and soul of all concerned.
2. For Captain Norman Semans from Warrington who is very poorly in hospital following heart surgery; for his wife May and the family also as they seek to support him and each other through this difficult time;

UNITED CHURCH PRAYERS

For the month of JUNE

We are invited to pray for
NEW LIFE

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

We pray for Pastor Rajiv El-lalsingham, leaders and members of the congregation



Sincere thanks goes to **Sara** for organising

our part of this appeal again this year - and to all who supported her by delivering/collecting envelopes.

The district we were given to cover raised **£ 318.81**

AN INVITATION FROM THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

ARE CHRISTIANITY AND SCIENCE IN CONFLICT?

We will be showing three half hour documentaries by the Faraday Institute entitled 'Test of Faith' on 9th, 16th & 30th June, at 7.30pm

The range of topics include:

Are science and Christianity in conflict?

Is evolution compatible with religious belief?

Has the Big Bang pushed God out of the universe?

You are invited to come along and bring a friend to view the documentaries and then listen to, or join in the discussion.

Refreshments will be served.

AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

We will be holding a Songs of Praise at St Mary's Church on Sunday 18th July at 6.30pm to which we warmly welcome members of all our local churches. We particularly invite singers to join our united choir which will rehearse at 5.30pm that afternoon. If you would like to join the choir please let us know in advance by calling the Parish Office on 506024, so that we have the right amount of music available.

ANNUAL DOOR TO DOOR APPEAL

Please note that the appeal this year will take place in the first two weeks of September.

Please keep these weeks free to do all you can to play your part so that the job can be completed as efficiently as possible.

CLACTON OUTING

Please note change of date!!

New date is

Saturday September 11th



DATES FOR THE DIARY

JUNE

Sunday 6

Ashley Hall to be enrolled as a Senior Soldier during the morning meeting

Tue 8 Cameo: "Surprise, surprise"

Wednesday 9 Carol at URC Guild

Friday 11 Farmadine Service - Carol 8pm, Singing Group

Monday 14 Visits to Abbey Lane Churches of children from RAB

Wed 16 Corps Council postponed

Monday 21 Visits to Abbey Lane Churches of children from RAB

Tuesday 22 Cameo: "Mr and Mrs"

Wednesday 23 Visits to Abbey Lane Churches of children from RAB

Thursday 24 11am Churches Together meeting (Kelvin and John)

Friday 25 Singing Group

JULY

Saturday 3 Divisional children's Fun Day. Jam Club members going.

Tuesday 6 Cameo

Friday 9 Singing Group

Saturday 10

Farewell to

MAJOR CAROL EVANS

& Celebration of fifteen years of

Salvation Army presence in

Saffron Walden

2pm - Service in URC Church

followed by buffet refreshments.

Miriam will be coming round to

secure offers of help with the buffet

Sunday 11 Carol's final meeting

Thursday 15 Carol's duties end

Sunday 18 CS Steph Leading

Sunday 25 CSM Frank leading

Thursday 29 Captain Carol commences duties

Saturday 31 Coffee morning—

Steph & Sally organising

AUGUST

Sunday 1

Welcome to

CAPTAIN CAROL BAKER

10am morning worship

Led by Captain Sandra Welch (DHQ)