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### OUR LEADER FOR THE CORPS ANNIVERSARY APRIL 13TH/14TH 2024

Lieutenant Colonel Drew McCombe has been a Salvation Army officer in his local church and has always tried to plant new ministries and congregations with a keen edge towards social justice. He has had leadership roles for The Salvation Army at divisional and national level. He is currently Secretary for Mission with responsibilities for the oversight of mission across the UK, based at The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters in London. He has an MA in Evangelism and Mission.

Drew is married to soul mate Beverley. They have three fantastic grown up children: Daryn, Cathryn and Eloise, and four grandchildren: Harry, James, Ollie and Maya.

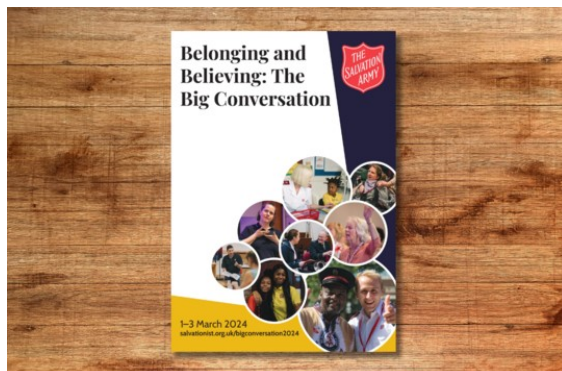
The big conversation at the moment within The Salvation Army is 'Believing and Belonging'. If you have the Salvationist each week, there are articles in the 2nd March 2024 edition, which you may like to read prior to Drew's visit.

We will be having a Q and A session during the Saturday evening event on 13th April. What would you like to know? It can be about Drew Himself; what is going on in other Salvation Army centres and churches; the mission of The Salvation Army, or anything else you think would be interesting to know. Look out for the box which will be put in the foyer after Easter, where you will be able to put all your questions.

If you have any copies of The Salvationist dated 2nd March, please could you let Sandra have them. They will be returned to you after the corps anniversary weekend. Thank you.

God bless each one of you.

Major Kevin



### Regular Activities

#### Sunday:

9:30am Breakfast Church  
10:30am Morning Worship

4pm Messy Church (2nd Sunday of the month or otherwise stated)

Fellowship Lunch (3rd Sunday of the month—note change of date for this month overleaf)

#### Tuesday:

10:00am CAMEO Club



2:00pm Over Sixties Club

#### Wednesday:

7:45pm Songster Practice

#### Thursday:

6:00pm Music makers

7:45pm Band Rehearsal

#### Monday to Friday

Café on the Rec - open for business 8am to 4pm and **Saturday** 9am to 1pm.

Also **Sunday mornings** 8.30am to 10am for the Junior Park run.

All items for the May newsletter: messages, prayers or prayer requests, please let Major Kevin, Caroline, Mags or Bev know by Sunday 21st April, 2024. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you each month, please let Bev know.

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### A Message from Jamie

I am helping to raise funds for Suffolk Mind this year and have two events I would like to bring to your attention.

#### Charity Concert and Skydive:

Firstly, on June 29th at 7pm I am organising a Charity Concert. This will be presented by The East of England Co-operative Band and will take the form of a 'Last Night of The Proms'. Tickets will be priced at £10 for adults, or £5 for under 16s. It should be a good evening and it would be great if we could fill the hall. Please support if you can. Posters and tickets will be available shortly.

In September I am taking part in a Skydive, along with some colleagues from work. I am looking forward to this new experience, while my family will just be grateful when my feet are back on the ground. Nearer the time I will set up a JustGiving page where donations can be placed if you would like to sponsor me. Proceeds will once again be for Suffolk Mind. Thank you in advance for your interest and support.  
Jamie.

The Over 60's Club are arranging a 'Table Top Sale' on Tuesday, 7th May so if you have anything suitable to sell, would be gratefully received. Please see John and Anne Daborn.

Mike & Sheila Caley would like to say a big thank you for cards and best wishes as they celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Thank you.

Bev & Ian would like to thank you for the many cards and good wishes received on their engagement. We look forward to many happy years together.

Well done to the Emergency Unit Team who attended a 19 pump fire at Stonham



Aspal last month. An early call for the team: Tom, Robin, Emma & Mike.

Volunteers from the Café on the Rec were saddened to hear the news of the passing of David Munday, a regular customer at the café who enjoyed a luke warm cup of tea and a toasted sausage and egg sandwich! Please remember David's family in your prayers.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—Quiz Nite Saturday 11th May** with Jacket Potatoes and various fillings. £5 pp. We will eat at 6.00 pm; quiz 7.00 pm. Teams of 4/5. We can allocate you to a team if needed :)

### Diary Dates for April 2024:

Monday 8th 11.00-2.00 pm – Youth Drop in

7.30 pm Pastoral Care Council

Sunday 13th & 14th Corps Anniversary Weekend led by

Lt Col Drew McCombe. Listen out for full details!

Tuesday 16th 7.00 pm Café on the Rec meeting

Tuesday 23rd 7.30 pm Property/Finance Group

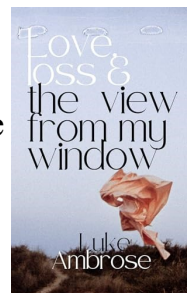
Saturday 27th 8.30 am—1.00 pm Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

Weekend of 27th & 28th Youth Band away

Sunday 28th Fellowship Lunch (this is a change from the usual date!)

Sunday 28th 3.30 pm—5.00 pm Café Church 'LIVE' Have you read a book that has helped you on your life's journey? Please bring it along and if you feel able, be ready to share something about it.

Luke Ambrose has released his first book "Love, Loss & the View from My Window"—now available on Amazon—a great read to be added to your holiday reading. Well done Luke.



Trip to Guernsey  
Monday 16th September, 2024 to  
Friday 20th September, 2024

16th—Leaving London Stansted on Flight No GR0627 (15:30 pm)

20th— Leaving Guernsey Flight No GR0626 (13.50 pm)

If you are thinking about coming on the trip to Guernsey later in the year, you might like to book your flight (details above) now and take advantage of the lower cost! If you need any help, please give me a call on 07880 721719. We are staying at Les Cotils Hotel in St Peter Port. I would encourage you to look it up on line! Please let me know if you've booked. Bev x



**Café Church Date for your diary:**

**Sunday 28th April 'Live'**

From 3.30pm to 5.00pm

This is a place for you to explore, question and belong.  
All Welcome.

Do you have a spare morning or afternoon during the week that needs filling :) ? Would you please consider helping at our Café on the Rec as Volunteers are needed to help us open the café each day as we would like. This is a valuable ministry to our community, many relationships have been built and forged. Please have a word with Sandra or Steve Ambrose for further information.