



Christmas and Millennium Church Services

Compiled by Len Willcocks

All Saints, Durham Road, N2

Sunday 19 December - Carol Service at 6.30pm

Friday 24 December - Children's Christmas Service with Carols and Christmas Party. 3.00 to 5.00pm; Midnight Mass with Procession and Blessing of the Crib at 11.30pm.

Friday 31 December - Service of Hope and Thanksgiving with guest speakers and refreshments at 7.30pm; Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and prayers from 11.00pm; Blessing of the Parish at 12 midnight.

East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, N2

Sunday 19 December - Carol Service at 6.30pm

Saturday 25 December - Family Service at 10.30am

Ballards Lane Methodist Church, N3

Friday 24 December - Christmas Eve Communion. United Service at 11.00pm

Friday 31 December - Watchnight Service at 11.00pm

St Mary's RC Church, N2

Friday 24 December - Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 6.30pm; Carols and Readings at 9.30pm; Midnight Mass at 10.00pm

Saturday 25 December - Christmas Day Mass at 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.30am

Saturday 1 January - New Year's Day Mass at 12 noon and 6.30pm.

Finchley Charismatic Baptist, Stanhope Avenue, N3

Saturday 18 December - Carols with Elderly and Disabled People at 4.00pm

Sunday 19 December - Children's Carol Service at 10.30am; Carols by Candlelight and refreshments at 6.00pm

Saturday 25 December - Christmas Day Holy Communion at 10.00am

Friday 31 December - Millennium Eve Service with guest speaker at 8.00pm

Sunday 2 January - New Year's Covenant Sunday

Monday 3 January - Youth explosion at 4.00pm

Salvation Army, Hertford Road, N2

Sunday 12 December - Carol Service at 6.00pm

Saturday 25 December - Christmas Service at 11.00am; Christmas Dinner for lonely people and those living on their own at 1.00pm. To book a place, ring 020 8444 0207.

Friday 31 December - Candlelight Service going into the millennium. Commencing at 11.30pm.

Eurostar to Amsterdam

By Len Willcocks

There is no better way to travel to Europe than by Eurostar. Board the train at Waterloo International and just over three hours later emerge in the centre of Brussels; no hassle of getting to the airport, no luggage checks or long queues. Your bags are with you as you join the train and with you as you alight at the other end; no long wait at a carousel for your luggage which is nearly always the last to come round.

We took Eurostar to Brussels, changing there for a local train to Amsterdam.

On the Intercity to Amsterdam, we had a lesson in taking care of one's luggage. Opposite us sat an elderly American lady, her shoulder bag on the seat beside her, and two smartly dressed young men. One threw a coin down on the floor and she helpfully bent down to pick it up - then let out a shout: "My bag! They have my bag; it's got my passport, credit cards and cash!", she screamed. But as they ran off with the bag, two railway porters blocked the way. They threw the bag on the floor and made their escape at the far door of the carriage. Her bag was saved but she had learnt her lesson.

After this little drama we were

off. The Belgian, then Dutch, countryside was very flat and green, but we only saw one windmill.

Pedal power

Arriving at Amsterdam station the first things we saw were the bikes, hundreds of cycles, for this is a city where the bike reigns supreme. All the roads have cycle lanes but you are more likely to be knocked over by a bike than a car, for the bikes obey no road rules; they are a law unto themselves!

Then there are the lovely tree-lined canals. At night a ride on a canal bus with the lights twinkling from the many bridges is unforgettable. Amsterdam has more canals even than Venice.

All too quickly our mini-break was over, and it was back once more to Brussels and the Eurostar home.

Happy Go Lucky Dance Club

By Helen O'Toole

I regularly attend the "Happy Go Lucky Dance Club" which has been running for over 20 years. There are about 30 to 40 members but luckily they don't all attend every week as there isn't enough space in the hall. Many of the members have various disabilities but we all have an ability to dance and enjoy music and have fun.



Members of the Happy Go Lucky Dance Club: (back l-r) Sharon Gibbs, Beverly Henson, Anita Fisher, (front l-r) Sue Thompson, Helen O'Toole, Caroline Puppard.

We meet every Monday between seven thirty and nine thirty at Marshall Hall, Cottage Homes, Mill Hill. We performed recently at the Community Care Fair at the RAF museum in Hendon. We usually perform about three to four times a year.

As well as our own dance sessions we have guest tutors and performers who come to visit the class. In the past we have been treated by the "Beskid Dancers" who come to perform their beautiful national dance in full costume about once a year. We have also seen Spanish dancers, belly dancers and barn dances. Some-

times we have outings to theatres to see ballets and other styles of dance.

Made to measure

The tutor of the class, Lesley Chowen, of Sylvester Road, East Finchley, was a professional dancer for fifteen years but we also rely on the good nature of volunteers and escorts for our buses. The Happy Go Lucky members come from John Grooms Care Homes, John Grooms Housing Association, Harwood House, as well from their own houses as far afield as Southgate, East Finchley, Edgware, Barnet and Watford.

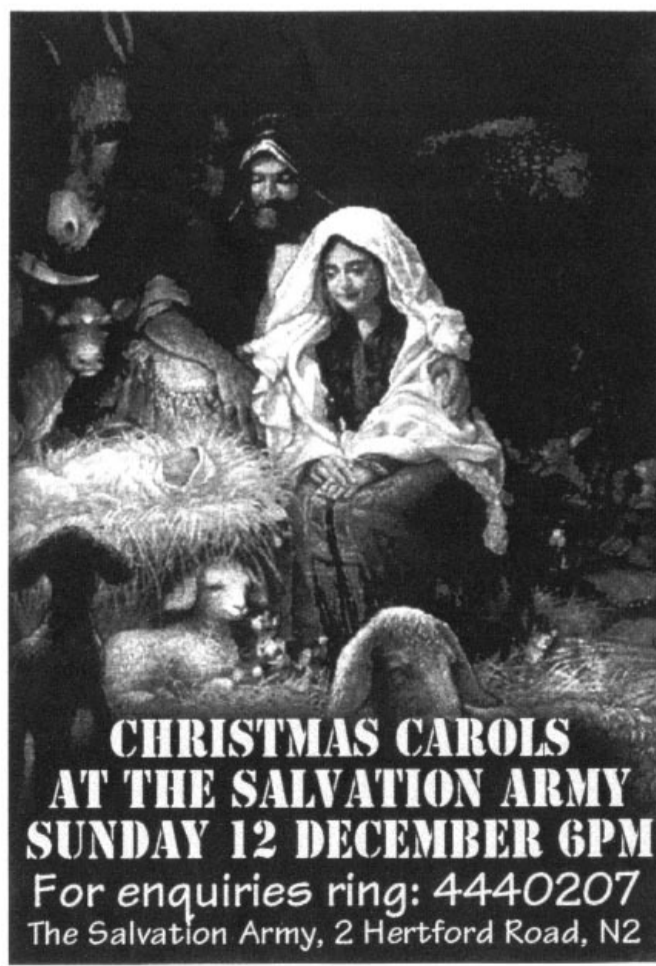
Excuse me

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or escort we can offer you the chance of

meeting and socialising with new people and the opportunity to get fit by joining in with our dances. Please phone 020 8346 9789 and we would be very happy to meet you.

Whoops!

Racing fans and likers of fine cognac will have wondered what on earth we were going on about last month when we announced that 'Bobby-Joe' had won the 'Mertell' Trophy. It was of course BobbyJo who won the Martell Trophy for owner Bobby Burke.



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