

The **Street Angels Café** base is to receive an updated look thanks to teams from HBOS and funding from the Community Foundation for Calderdale. Three teams of HBOS employees will be at work in the Café during March and are set to re-paint and modernise downstairs whilst creating a more useable function room upstairs. There are plans then to re-open the café during the daytime, offer function room facilities, become a safe place for young people on weekends and after school as well as continue as the base for Street Angels. You can watch the progress on our Facebook page!

Following the success of the Christmas Local Giving Match Fund appeal, which raised £1369.01 for Halifax Street Angels, there is to be a March Match. Launching on 1st March at 9am Street Angels - CNI Network will receive a £ for £ match on any donations. Visit www.localgiving.com/streetangels and please include Halifax Street Angels in the message.



As part of the Love Your Streets strand of CNI Network we are inviting people to **#Do1NiceThing** every day in Lent. Launched on Valentines Day the idea has been picked up by national media, churches and individuals with people committing to: shop local; be a nicer driver; thank those who serve you in a shop, bus or café; send nice comments to people and share comments from charities and local businesses on Facebook and Twitter; call in on an neighbour and much more. Join the trend - **#Do1NiceThing** on Facebook and Twitter.

Ziggy's Spice House and Pizza Bar on Carlton St are offering 20% of the final bill as a donation to Street Angels for all who ask for the money to be donated - please do this next time you eat there!



Street Angels are not doing Friday's at the moment due to the quietness of the town. The adverts for the 2 new part time posts should be available later this month on our web site once funding is confirmed.

Fri 1st - Sun 3rd - Paul and Jean are in the **Isle of Man** to help plan Street Angels in Douglas.

Thu 8th March - Paul is attending an afternoon to look at **citizen patrols** to decide a common framework and key actions - Manchester Conference Centre.

Thu 15th March - **Social Media and Your Organisation** - 10am at The King's Centre, Halifax. Cost of £30 (or £25 for charities) - further dates are: Tue 27th March in Bedford; Wed 25th April, 10am in Halifax; Thur 17th May, 7pm in Halifax; Tue 22nd May, 10am in Brighouse; Wed 27th June, 10am in Halifax.

Sat 17th March - **Matthew's Gathering**, 11.30am - 8pm at Ebenezer Church, bottom of Pellon Lane - a day to celebrate and pray for all that is happening through the church in Calderdale, organised by Food Drop In.

Mon 19th March - Halifax Street Angels **Steering Group meeting**, 6pm in Fairtrade Café

Fri 23rd - Sun 25th March - Paul and Jean are in Northern Ireland to launch **CNI Network Northern Ireland**.

Sat 24th March - **More Than Gold Get Set tour** in Barnsley - includes training for Games Pastors - register at www.morethangold.org.uk (cost of £10)

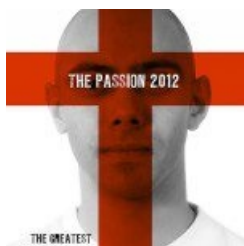
Wed 28th March - Street Angels and Churches Together hosting a **Church Leaders lunch** with Deo Musoke, 12noon at King's Coffee House - book with Paul 07725 501465.

Sat 31st March - Paul helping with Games Pastors training at **More Than Gold Get Set tour** day in Bolton - book at www.morethangold.org.uk (cost of £10)

On page 2 is a **timeline of events** in 2012 - Street Angels will be needed to help steward at several of these...

Timeline of 2012 events

Fri 6th April - The Passion, 1pm at Woolshops with In Yer Face Theatre Company!



Sun 7th April - Easter Sunday and Long March - www.longmarch.org.uk

Sat 21st April - St George's Day Celebrations in Piece Hall - www.halifaxstgeorge.co.uk

Sun 3rd June - The Big Lunch in celebration of the Queens Diamond Jubilee (community lunch events) - www.hopetogether.org.uk

Mon 4th and Tue 5th June - Bank Holiday

Wed 6th June - 10am Jubilee Heart Walk at Manor Heath

Sat 9th June - Halifax Charity Jubilee Gala at Manor Heath with procession through town - tickets £1 (or £2 on gate) available from Street Angels - www.halifaxgala.org.uk

Sun 24th June - Olympic Torch comes through Calderdale - Street Angels and others planning a celebration event with an open top bus

Sat 30th June - West View Park Fun Day, 12.0pm - 4.40pm



Fri 24th Aug - Mon 27th Aug Edinburgh Festival CNI Network outreach

Mon 27th Aug - Bank Holiday

Wed 29th August - Sun 9th Sept - Paralympics



Mon 7th May - Bank Holiday

Sat 19th May - Calderdale Neighbours Day event in Piece Hall, 11am - 4pm - www.calderdaleneighboursday.org

Thu 24th May - Stuart Townend event at Halifax Minster, 7.30pm raising money for St Augustine's Centre - tickets £10 each contact 07939 869514

Sat 26th May - Love Calderdale - The Big Birthday Party in Piece Hall, 1pm - 5pm.



Sat 14th July - Duck Race and Big Day Out at Bolton Abbey - www.yorkshireduckrace.org.uk - ducks for Street Angels on sale at various summer events and on-line with prizes including family return travel to London on Grand Central Railways and family ticket to a show at Square Chapel



Fri 6th July - Sun 15th July - Halifax Festival, theatre, music and exhibitions across Halifax - www.halifaxfestival.co.uk

Fri 27th July - Sun 12th August - 2012 Olympics - opportunities for Games Pastors and London outreach with FGBMFI and Share Jesus International on a double decker open top bus.



As part of an invitation by Churches Together in Halifax to pray on Ash Wednesday and during Lent, 'Street Angels - Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network' invite you to spend some time praying for our work and to commit to **#Do1NiceThing** each day during Lent...

Street Angels was launched by the church in Halifax as a response to needs in our town particularly around the night-time economy. Since November 2005 we have contributed to a safer town centre and helped go from a binge culture to better. The CNI Network was launched out of Halifax Street Angels in July 2008 and is working across 5 strands (local projects, network, national influence, Making the Difference and Love Your Streets) in over 100 communities across the UK and Australia. More information is available at www.streetangels.org.uk, www.cninetwork.org.uk, www.makingthedifference.tv, www.loveyourstreets.org.uk and on our various Facebook and Twitter pages.

Give Thanks for:

The teams of amazing volunteers who make StreetAngels happen week in and week out.

The impact of the project in Halifax and 100+ other towns and cities in terms of reduction in violent crime and sexual assaults and a move away from the binge culture.

Every single person we have helped in some way - God knows and loves each one!

Those we partner with locally and nationally. For the amazing ways Christian and non-Christian based organisations are making a massive difference in the lives of so many.

The national work of CNI Network and all that is achieved nationally.

For More Than Gold and the opportunities it is creating for outreach during the Olympics.

Please Pray for:

The continued work of Street Angels in Halifax - the work we do on a Saturday night, those we help, those who volunteer and those who lead.

New directions as we look at developing our links with young people around alcohol and safety - this includes an education resource for use in schools and employing two part time workers to head up Street Angels and look at creative youth work such as ROC Café.

The Fairtrade Café as we look at ways of updating the premises to help sustain Street Angels and use as a base for some new ideas.

Those we partner with, the people they reach and the staff and volunteers involved.

Finances - that grants applied for will come through and for those individuals, churches, organisations and businesses who support us.

We invite you this Lent to join our **#Do1NiceThing** campaign... Launched on Valentines Day, and part of Love Your Streets, the invitation is to do one nice thing for someone else each day. Smile at someone, engage in conversation, say thank you to those who serve you, shop locally, call in on an elderly neighbour, volunteer, organise a community event such as Big Lunch - the choices are endless! There are more ideas at www.loveyourstreets.org.uk or search *loveyourstreets* in Facebook and Twitter. **#Do1NiceThing** - not giving up but giving out God's love and kindness to others...



On Valentines Day the Love Your Streets strand of CNI Network launched the 2012 campaign - **#Do1NiceThing**.

The idea is to commit to doing one nice thing every day for someone else. Smile, say hello, say how much you appreciate someone who is serving you, call in on a neighbour, shop locally, be a nicer driver, pick up some litter, organise a Big Lunch event - the choices are endless!

The idea was featured on Premier Radio, Inspire Magazine, New Start Magazine, Northern Quarter and is promoted by several churches.



Please do commit to **#Do1NiceThing** each day as a Lent challenge (but don't stop when Lent stops!) And join in the conversation on Facebook and Twitter - www.loveyourstreets.org.uk

Do you run or help to run **citizen patrols** in your area (such as Street Angels, Neighbourhood Watch, Street Pastors or similar)? Neighbourhood Watch on behalf of the Home Office and National Policing Improvement Agency are coordinating 2 workshops to address what we would like to achieve in citizen patrols in the short, medium and long term. At the event it is hoped to agree a common framework and key actions to take forward. The dates are 7th March, 10am - 2pm at Park Crescent Conference Centre, London and 8th March, 12.30pm - 4.30pm at Manchester Conference Centre. To book or for more details contact enquiries@ourwatch.org.uk

Whitby is to launch a Street Angels programme in June as a partnership between Churches Together, North Yorkshire Police and Scarborough Borough Council. A meeting is to be held on Thursday 22nd March, 7.30pm at Flowergate United Reformed Church in Whitby for those interested in signing up as a volunteer. It has proven that the presence of Street Angels contributes to a more ambient atmosphere in the town and a reduction in alcohol related crime.

Would you like a sample Stop 'n' Go Lock for your project? These products are the world's first lockable door wedge and are ideal for travellers, students, business people, function rooms, etc. Stop 'n' Go are giving a 10% tithe from the sale of locks to CNI and for all sales that come via local projects they will receive £7.50 per lock sold (at £35) if the local project sells direct / distributes locally or £5 per lock for those posted direct to the customer. For more information and for a sample Stop 'n' Go lock contact paul@cni-network.org.uk. The Stop 'n' Go lock web site is at www.stopngolock.com

Street Angels - CNI is part of the Measure for Measure campaign which aims to help tackle our nation's drink problem by introducing a per unit minimum price for alcohol.

Alcohol costs the NHS £2.7 billion in England and law enforcement agencies £13 billion in England and Wales. Between 1.3 and 2.6 million children are affected by parental problem drinking. 61% of adults feel that excessive drinking is a problem where they live

Measure for Measure is a campaign supported by The Methodist Church in Britain, The United Reformed Church, The Baptist Union of Great Britain, The Church of England, Quaker Action on Alcohol and Drugs, The Christian Nightlife Initiative, Street Angels and The Evangelical Alliance. A per unit minimum price is supported by academics, health professionals, charities and churches. The Government has the opportunity to introduce a per unit minimum price in its Alcohol Strategy to be published shortly.



MEASURE FOR MEASURE
The campaign for a minimum price for every unit of alcohol

Minimum pricing of around 50p per unit would only affect a small proportion of alcohol sold but it could prevent 3,000 deaths a year and save £1.37 billion in healthcare costs

Please write to your MP now asking them to support minimum pricing.



News from Local Projects...

On Friday 17th February eleven volunteers set out on the streets of **Windsor** at about 2230 hrs with a view to assist people in the town.



The Street Angels patrolled in groups of three and spoke to many young people attending the public houses and the six night clubs in the town. Hot soup was provided for rough sleepers and homeless during the course of the night. Street Angels dealt with incidents involving dangerous structures encountered, dangerous litter tidied up, minor accidents assisted with and questions answered. Lollipops were dispensed and flip flops handed out as required. A 33yr old drunk male who had lost his wallet and had a mobile phone with a flat battery was found sleeping wearing jeans and a shirt in a phone box in a temperature of minus six degrees centigrade. The man was brought back to the Angels HQ and provided with a hot drink and somewhere to sober up. It was agreed by all that a catastrophic outcome was averted by the intervention of the Angels

All the Angels agreed that the evening was a success and an enjoyable event.

Stockton Town Pastors are part of an initiative called Love Stockton aiming to work together as the Christian churches to share resources that help make the Stockton and Tees Valley area a better place.

A recent meeting to look at setting up Yarm Town Pastors on Wednesday evenings around a popular student "Canon-ball" run which are arranged out of term for university students. The first planned night is 21st March.

The accredited training course for volunteers in the Tees Valley is going well with the assessment process under way. Stockton Town Pastors also carried out some further first aid training which means 85% of the 52 active volunteers are now first aid qualified.

Beeston Street Angels has armed itself with an unlikely weapon in a bid to make the streets safer - lollipops! Hope Nottingham set up the Beeston Street Angels in March last year to help make the town a safer place to enjoy a night out. The team found their time was better spent talking to young people hanging around in parks and use the sweets as an icebreaker.

Hope Nottingham director Nigel Adams said: "Street Angels projects tend to deal with people at the end of an evening when they may need help this can include things like giving flip-flops to women who can't walk in heels and looking after those in difficulty.

After about two or three months of starting in Beeston, we found there were a lot of young people hanging

around the town centre or parks before they go elsewhere for the nights. So we try to engage with them and encourage them to hang around without causing negative effects like too much noise. At first they aren't always keen to listen, but even the most surly 16-year-old becomes as receptive as a five-year-old when we gave them lollipops."

Mr Adams added that he was pleased the team of volunteers wasn't always dealing with drunk people. He said: "We thought that the work would mostly be dealing with people leaving pubs and helping them to get home, or problems with antisocial behaviour. But happily it turns out that Beeston is a very quiet and well behaved town. With projects like these, we're always looking to do ourselves out of a job but given that young people will continue to hang around in Beeston, we want to make sure they are safe when doing so."

Night Shift Hereford continues to run on Saturday evenings from 12midnight until 3am. "The church's front entrance is opened up so that those in local pubs and clubs can finish their evening with a hot cuppa and a chat" reports Mair Granthier in Fresh Expressions news.

The scheme is not only attracting clubbers but also homeless people who see Night Shift as their 'night out' or at least a place - maybe the only place - where they can feel welcome.



Night Shift offers people hot drinks, toilet facilities and a safe warm place to sit, wait for a taxi, eat a burger or rest their feet. At Christmas carol sheets were handed out and we all sang along to favourite carols which went down well!

Hull Street Angels are set to expand from Princes Avenue to the city centre with a new base at Holy Trinity Church on Friday's and Saturday's 10pm until 4am.

The patrols will be centred around Holy Trinity Square and Lowgate, they will cover the area stretching from Princes Dock Street to the High Street and Castle Street. Former High Sheriff of the East Riding Adrian Horsley, who is leading the project, said: "I have worked in the Old Town all my working life and seen what happens down Lowgate in the evening. I have always worried about it being a bit frightening and not a particularly attractive place for people to go. When I was High Sheriff, I went to see the Street Angels on Princes Avenue and was very impressed - I thought we really need to do this in the city centre."

The scheme has the support of Police, pubs and clubs and is currently recruiting a co-ordinator to lead the development and delivery of these scheme - more information is available on 07580 032779 or at www.streetangelstrinity.org.uk

Boro Angels in Middlesbrough helped organise a Church Urban Day looking at Tackling Poverty Together in the Tees Valley. The day, led by the Bishop of Whitby, included thoughts from a variety of speakers including Teesside University, Church Urban Fund and various local organisations.

Street Angels in South Tyneside are currently recruiting volunteers and a project coordinator before they take to the streets by the end of April. The scheme is Run by Churches Together and funded by Community Action Against Crime Innovation Fund and supported by the South Tyneside Council and Police.



The Church Urban Fund is running a national **Tackling Poverty 2012** conference at St George's Church, Leeds on Wednesday 18th April. The speakers include the Archbishop of York John Sentamu. For more information and to book visit www.cuf.org.uk

Local Giving are offering match-funding as of 1st March. Street Angels - Christian Nightlife Initiatives are one of the organisations signed up to this and can offer the match to local projects. Local Giving can match up to £2500 on a first come basis - make donations via www.localgiving.com/streetangels and include the name of the project in the message. Local Giving take a small % of the initial donation.

www.wehelpedu.org.uk offer a variety of ways that your local project can raise money including Give As You Live (a donation is made from on-line shopping) and a scheme where scrap cars can be donated. See web site and email paul@cninetwork.org.uk to include your project.



Street Angels - CNI Network are promoting The Big Lunch to help mark and celebrate the **Queen's Jubilee**. Taking place on Sunday 3rd June the event will start with a special grace, the idea of HOPE, which will be broadcast on BBC TV. Communities, friends and family are encouraged to meet together and eat as part of the celebrations. More information and resources are at www.thebiglunch.com and www.hopetogether.org.uk.

Our **Blog** page on www.cninetwork.org.uk carries full versions of the articles featured in the newsletter as they happen... Do bookmark and keep visiting and email hello@cninetwork.org.uk your news stories, media releases, etc.

Series 2 of www.makingthedifference.tv was filmed in February - the editing will take place over the next few weeks and the programmes on-line soon. Plans for series 3 now underway...



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Please pray for:

every local project across the UK (there is a list on our web site); those communities looking at launching a night-time project especially the Isle of Man, South Shields, Whitby, Macclesfield, Oldham, St Alban's and Biggleswade; John and team in Northern Ireland as CNI Network Northern Ireland is launched; young people in our nation and the work done by projects and individuals to invest in them; the More Than Gold response to the Olympics, Games Pastors and the Get Set Tour currently taking place - www.morethangold.org.uk; the Measure for Measure campaign and for success in that; plans for the Big Lunch and the Queen's Jubilee; the #Do1NiceThing campaign and for a wave of niceness towards others across the nation; the changeover process to a national body of trustees from 1st April and the trustees - Andy, Sara, Steve, Paul and Trevor; the work of Christian Police Association; every volunteer within the local projects.

Dates for the diary

Thur 1st March - Adam will be visiting Oakhill Prison in Milton Keynes to spend the afternoon with the Chaplain.

Thu 1st - Sun 4th March - Paul and Jean in the Isle of Man meeting with churches, government, police, etc to look at launching a new Street Angels project.

Wed 7th March and Thu 8th March - Home Office Neighbourhood Watch events around Citizen Patrols (see page 1 for more details)

Sat 10th March - CNI presentation at the Cleveland Branch of Christian Police Association in Stockton - details and to book contact stevebrock@stocktontownpastors.co.uk

Mon 12th March - Adam will be attending the Uprising Leadership Evening in Bedford hosted by the Young Foundation.

Tues 13th March - Adam attending the Diocese of St Alban's Poverty Day hosted by Cuin Barton Le Cla.

Thu 22nd March - Paul speaking at

Leeds Met with Beth and Sara from Leeds and Headingley Street Angels

Sat 24th March - Paul and Jean speaking at the NightLight conference in Belfast and launching CNI Network Northern Ireland

Thu 29th March - Paul and Adam at the More Than Gold Games Pastors meeting in London

Sat 31st March - Paul leading training at the More Than Gold Get Set tour taking place in Bolton - www.morethangold.org.uk