



NEWSLETTER

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BIG SOCIETY AWARDS 2012

Street Angels Christian Nightlife Initiative was announced as the Prime Minister's Big Society Award winner in March.

This is a fantastic accolade for those who volunteer to make Street Angels happen, not only in Halifax but across the UK.

Congratulating founder Paul Blakey MBE on the award, the Prime Minister David Cameron said:

"Street Angels shows what can be achieved when communities come together and work hand in hand with their local services to make their towns, estates and streets safer places.

"Paul and his army of volunteers embody the principals of Big Society, with people standing up and taking an active role in building the type of community they want to live in one that looks out for the vulnerable and says no to the

drunken, loutish, criminal behaviour that can too often blight communities.

"I'm delighted this approach has been used to tackle the very same issues in other towns and cities, as far away as Australia. It really shows just how important and universal the Big Society message is."



Chief Superintendent Chris Hardern, for Calderdale Police, said:

"Since 2005, Street Angels have been able to provide a reassuring presence in our community. They are all volunteers who give up their

time on Saturday nights to work in partnership with police to ensure Halifax town centre is a safe place to visit and work.

"By having them working alongside us in helping vulnerable people, including young people who have become detached from their friends after having a little too much drink, means my officers are free to tackle other incidents that require police officers.

"This successful partnership work, alongside Calderdale Council, has led to Halifax town centre being awarded a Purple Flag status for a second year running in recognition of having a safe and thriving night-time economy.

"This policing initiative has shown what can be achieved when we all work together and this award is fitting recognition of that success."

More on this on our web site...

As of 1st April the changes planned over the last 8 months will take place in terms of the **Street Angels - CNI Network** Trustees. The Halifax Street Angels group will become a local branch of SA-CNI with a localised steering group. There will be new trustees looking after the Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee and they will help develop the national and international work. This is a very exciting time for Street Angels - CNI as we put in place the structure to facilitate the growth and expansion taking place - as always we are trying to keep up with what God is doing!!! Please pray for this exciting new direction...

Following meetings with people and businesses in **Sowerby Bridge**, Halifax Street Angels are sending teams down as and when we can on Friday and Saturday nights with a view to establishing a full time Street Angels team in Sowerby Bridge in the near future.

Thanks to Street Angel volunteers who donated £20 towards Sport Relief via Radio Leeds' Adam Pope (who featured Street Angels last year) and Katherine Hannah who peddled 127.5 miles from Liverpool to Leeds on the canal in **Grace The Swan** (a swan shaped pedelo!)

Tue 3rd April - Paul at Efficiency and Productivity day in London organised by GovToday

Wed 4th April - 12noon Paul and Dianne from Huddersfield Street Angels speaking at Ladies Luncheon Club, George Hotel, Huddersfield

Thu 5th April - extra night of Street Angels, 9pm - midnight

Good Friday, 6th April - The Passion, 1pm at Woolshops (stewards needed); **no Street Angels Good Friday evening**

Holy Saturday, 7th April - Street Angels 9pm onwards

Easter Sunday, 8th April - Street Angels 9pm - 3am followed by stewarding of Long March

Thu 12th April - Paul speaking at Live Wires, 2pm at The King's Centre

Mon 16th April - Paul speaking at Halifax Third Age, 2pm at Central Library

Tue 17th April - Paul speaking at Salendine Nook Baptist Church, 2.30pm; Paul and Jean at Skipton Street Angels celebration event, 7pm.

Wed 18th April - Paul at the Church Urban Fund conference in Leeds

Thu 19th April - Paul speaking at Calderdale Church Women's Luncheon Club, 12noon at Imperial Crown Hotel

Sat 21st April - Street Angels needed to steward at St George's Day celebrations in Piece Hall

Wed 25th April - Social Media and Your Organisation training, 10am at King's Centre, Park Road, Halifax - book with Paul on 07725 501465 (cost £30 or £25 for charities and churches).

First Aid Training - Tuesday 1st May, 7pm - 10pm - venue tbc - first 15 people to book via Paul with a £5 deposit (you will receive the money back on the night) - this is a non-accredited course.

Thanks to the teams from HBOS / Lloyds who have moved the refurbishment of Fairtrade Café to **Angels Rest** at great pace! The 3 teams have been busy painting, knocking down walls, sanding and tidying. Trevor Bendrien and Roger have put in 12 hour days over 3 weeks in order to soundproof, build cupboards and bring the premises to a high standard ready for a café, function room, space for young people's work and a base for the Street Angels. More help and around £2500 for furniture and café equipment is needed to get Angels Rest finished and open...



Photograph Competition - send your photos (max of three) showing the life of Street Angels or CNI project. This could be a posed photo or natural document of the work. The winner will receive a £40 Jessops photo gift voucher and will be chosen by Photographer (& Street Angel) Mark Russell and a group of Halifax Street Angels. You may mail the photo(s) to mtrussell74@hotmail.com - they will be uploaded to the CNI web site. Deadline for submissions is 31st October and the winner will be announced on our seventh birthday, 25th November.

#1Day1MillionNiceThings - a Love Your Streets campaign to see 1 million acts of kindness take place on Friday 1st June - the start of the weekend of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. More details soon on www.loveyourstreets.org.uk



The new **part time posts** will be advertised soon - keep a look out on www.streetangels.org.uk



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GOLD

Well done to Helen Nicholson, who is part of the Street Angels steering group, and is chosen to carry the **Olympic Torch** when it passes through Goole. Street Angels may be needed to steward as part of the Calderdale torch day on Sunday 24th June..

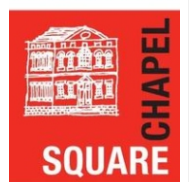
The CNI Network part of the **newsletter** has now gone to an on-line version and is available at www.cninetwork.org.uk

For up to date news follow Street Angels, CNI, Love Your Streets and Mega Giant Yellow Duck on **Facebook** and **Twitter** and to make use of social media for your organisation come on our course on 25th April!

Yorkshire Duck Race...



Ducks are £2 each - prizes include return family travel to London on Grand Central Rail - www.grandcentralrail.com - and family tickets to a show of your choice at Square Chapel Theatre - www.squarechapel.co.uk - see www.yorkshireduckrace.org.uk for full details, to buy ducks and to see the duck package available for your charity. Ducks also on sale at various local events...



Saturday 14th July - Bolton Abbey - 1pm onwards

Timeline of 2012 events

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 - www.yorkshireduckrace.org.uk



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

Sun 15th July - Bramley Carnival - request for Street Angel stewards!

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.



Sat 15th Sept - On Ilkley Moor baht'at - a sponsored walk in aid of The Leprosy Mission - contact James on 01535 658415.

Sat 29th Sept - Global Day of Prayer at Wembley Stadium - www.gdoplondon.com



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

Sat 16th June - Great Big Jubilee Party - Shroggs Park, 12noon - 4pm

Sat 23rd June - Queensbury Life Church Fun Day at Russell Hall Park, 12noon - 3pm

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, 12.00pm - 4.00pm

Sat 30th June - Walk of Hope - raising money for The Leprosy Mission - across Humber Bridge and also Ride the Baltic Zipper across the River Tyne - to take part and details 01535 658415



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

Mon 27th Aug - Bank Holiday

Wed 29th August - Sun 9th Sept - Paralympics