



Stockton Town Pastors Monthly Newsletter

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Christian Nightlife Initiatives (CNI)

has a new logo, a clear focus and an invite to the Houses of Parliament.



The work of CNI is to act as an umbrella organisation focused around supporting, promoting and networking local 'Street Angels' projects. It is a recognised voice for faith and community based night-time initiatives amongst many in Parliament, Policing, Church Networks and a wide range of agencies. It's aim is 'Supporting People and Making the Difference' through a range of projects such as Love Your Street and Make The Difference—go to the CNI website for further information www.cninetwork.org.uk

The organisation is led by Paul Blakey MBE (founder of Street Angels), and Adam May who is CNI's Development Director. Stephen Timms MP, who represents faith groups in the House of Commons, has invited CNI members and local project coordinators to Parliament on the 4th August 2011 to celebrate the work done to date and provide opportunities for further development.

Stockton Town Pastors project manager Steve Brock will be representing STP and the event along with his wife Hazel. A full report will be included in the next edition of the 'Across Town' newsletter.

Stockton Town Pastors now has a 'Twitter' account —why not keep up to date with us at @STP890; or go to our 'Facebook' page at Stockton-Town-Pastors?



New STP Coordinator Line-Up

With the news that our assistant coordinator Brian Jones is now heading up the 'Moses Project' initiative—aimed at reaching out to disadvantaged young men (see Issue 12), we have reviewed the level of support available to STP volunteers.

Steve Brock took up formal employment as project manager of STP on 1st July 2011 on a part time basis, and will continue to go out on patrols on at least two Friday and Saturday evenings a month. He will be supported by a team of four volunteers who will carry out coordinator duties on those evenings that Steve is not available:



Steve Brock



Cath Harris



Brian Jones



Ian Bartle



Steve Johnson

This team will form an 'Operations Group' which will meet once a month to ensure volunteers are supported, and ensure we continue to maintain our Christian standards as we offer support help and hope to those in need.

STP Volunteering Opportunities



The Stockton International Riverside Festival is almost upon us again. Last year in excess of 50,000 visited the event, and the town centre was exceptionally busy between 10pm and 3am.

This year STP will be covering the event on Friday and Saturday evenings only (10pm—3am), but based upon last years experience we hope to put out three teams on each evening. Please let Steve know if you are able to do patrols or cover the café on this night—our operating base will be right in the centre of activities

The Teesside Gospel Festival (TEGOFEST) takes place in the Parish Church Gardens between 12pm and 6pm on Saturday 3rd September 2011, and STP will be providing security. This event is very popular and there will be a wide range of Christian speakers and musicians. If you would like to join Steve Brock, Sheila Brown and Margot Inglis as part of the STP team please contact Steve.



Would you like to be part of an ‘exchange’ on a Friday and Saturday evening? We can arrange for you to go on patrols with Middlesbrough’s Boro Angels or Hartlepool’s Town Pastors—contact Steve Brock if you would like to see what the nightlife in other towns is like.

STP Social Events

Thanks to the organising skills of Andy Fox , the annual bowling night took place on the 21st June 2011, with seventeen volunteers and friends doing battle at Teesside Hollywood Bowl. Spread over four lanes, all played two rounds and the highest scorer in each lane was declared a winner. The overall highest scorer was Jan Knox, with the other leaders being Emily Mulcaster, Andy Fox and Simon McKnight. Congratulations to all, and a special thanks to Jan for her generosity in making a donation to STP funds.

It was good to see Lisa and Melissa from Hartlepool Town Pastors at the event, and they have taken back with them a challenge to put up a team against STP—we await the response!!

You are Invited to.....

Hartlepool Town Pastors Social Evening at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st July 2011, at the Elim Pentecostal Church, Whitby Street, Hartlepool TS24 7AD

Enjoy an evening with volunteers of this recently launched street angels project at their first social. The church building is in a great location and the coordinator Revd. Colin Sawtell has a real passion for Hartlepool and its people. If you would like to go please let Steve Brock know in advance so we can estimate numbers and perhaps share a lift?

Stockton Town Pastors Summer Barbeque from 3pm on Sunday 28th August 2011, at Steve Brock’s home in Middlesbrough.

The afternoon is open to all volunteers, family and friends. If you would like to come along please contact Steve who will let you have details of the location and what you might bring (sweets & savouries etc) to contribute to the feeding of the flock!!

Fine weather has been ordered, along with a gazebo to offer shelter from the sun.

Who Are The STP Volunteers?

As part of a regular feature, STP volunteers **JIM & KATH CLEMENTSON** tell us something about themselves.

If you would like to do something similar for future editions please let Steve Brock know (before he approaches you!)



JIM: I was born in North Ormesby (Middlesbrough) and brought up in the Thorntree area. My first encounter with the police was when me and another lad were found running into a cornfield. A bobby caught us and said he was to report us to our parents. I was terrified because I was told 8 years old and thought I could go to jail. I hid behind a hedgerow near my home. I could see our house, and sure enough the policeman kept his word. I didn't dare go home. Another time was when I was walking too close to a busy road and a policeman on his bike gave me a slap on the head with one of his gloves as he was passing. I jumped to the other side of the pavement. These instances put me in good standing with the boys in blue. I always try to respect the law.

My father had a boot and shoe repair business in Russell Street—the Crown Court is sited on the land my fathers shop once was. I worked in the shop on a Saturdays until I left school. I remember a number of police officers bringing size 12 & 13 boots in for repair they looked enormous!

My mother said I had the best school leaving report in the family. This was more by luck than hard work—or the others in the family were not good, I don't really know. I left school in 1954 with no qualifications. Jobs were hard to come by I started at Furness Shipbuilding as a burner boy. Along with making tea for about 8 men they gave me half a crown each week (12 1/2p). I was becoming quite well off receiving for a 44 hour week £2 3s a week which I handed over to my mother, getting a whole 10s (50p) for myself.

I was offered a 5 year apprenticeship as a Plater, and won the top apprentice award in the yard which was some achievement. I did get a City & Guilds but my main study was after I left Shipbuilding and became a Planning Engineer. Studying hard at night school I was successful in getting Diplomas in Works Management

and Project Management. I have known what it is to be made redundant but have always got other jobs quickly after.

CHURCH LIFE: Started in St Thomas's church in Brambles Farm. Choir Boy in the making this mainly was due to my father being a church warden. I remember one instance very well. There was a bossy woman who said that rather than bow to the alter that we should kneel. Some took no notice of this but I tried and my foot got caught in my cassock. I ended up spread e-gled – we all laughed but dad and the vicar weren't amused. Now 44 years married, Kath and I are members of the Stockton Baptist Tabernacle where we are actively engaged on a number of things within the church namely Kath helps with the women's meeting sometime speaks. Both of us help with the toddlers on a Wednesday morning. Kath helps with Torch Trust every month. Being an Elder in the Tab means more responsibility. I also help with worship group on occasions.

HOBBIES: We both love camping. We have 3 daughters, 3 grand daughters and a grandson who we love all very much. Kath enjoys visiting people; Jim is handy man with a passion for woodwork activities and a particular interest in wood carving. Kath is an avid reader and can read a novel quicker than any one else I know. We both watch TV but particular what we watch—no soaps thank you. Jim loves antique / nature programmes. Jim loves a good war story.

STOCKTON TOWN PASTORS: It's good to do things together and this is one opportunity of serving together. Although we don't believe we are doing a policeman's job we hope that we can be of help to them. It's good to get to know police officers and indeed we pray not only for our selves but also the police that all may be protected. We love meeting people whether on the streets or in the café to listen along with talking is an essential part of life.

KATHLEEN: I became a Christian when I was 12 years old at a girl's camp. I loved going to camp each year even when we downgraded to tents. Jim and I met at a Youth meeting at Hebron Church when I was 18. and we married 3 years later. Over 30 of us left Hebron to start a new church known as Ragworth Evangelical Church. We were the first to get married there. Before my 25th birthday I had 3 daughters under 2 years old. After 20+ years of working at the church at Ragworth we returned to Hebron and then after 12 years there Jim and I felt that God was calling us to attend the Stockton Baptist Tabernacle, where we have been since 1997.

STP Activity Data

Six monthly data Jan – Jun 2011:

Total Engagements:	451	
First Aid administered:	41	(9%)
Anti-social behaviour:	31	(7%)
Reconciled with friends:	19	(4%)
Placed in taxi:	30	(7%)
Homeless / place of safety:	5	(1%)
Other help (mainly flip-flops):	212	(47%)
Other significant contact:	113	(25%)
Broken glass, bottles etc. recovered:	1,132	

Volunteer hours: 1,556
(1,369 on patrol and 187 in café)

Of course, none of these figures tell the stories behind those we come across, or describes their vulnerability in what can be a hostile environment—of individuals who are drunk and have become separated from their friends or who are in need of help for a variety of reasons. The fact that we are there to offer friendship, help and support to others without judgement and regardless of the circumstances is of real comfort to those out enjoying themselves on a Friday and Saturday evening—and many of them are keen to come and tell us so.

Also, we should not overlook the friendships that are being forged within STP itself, as volunteers from a range of churches throughout Stockton come together in fellowship and prayer to offer unselfish love to those in need.

STP Evaluation

Under-graduate Justin Kotze is in the process of conducting an independent review of Stockton Town Pastors, and the final report should be available in the autumn of 2011. Initial feedback indicates that the work of STP is highly valued by the police, council and those using or working within the night-time environment.

STP Community Involvement

Stockton Town Pastors is now represented on the Stockton 'Independent Advisory Group', a body consisting of individuals representing the local community. They meet monthly and offer advice to the local police and council in respect of a number of issues.

Stockton CCTV and Security Centre now receives copies of STP duties every Friday and Saturday night, so they know who is on duty. Steve Brock is working closely with their manager to further increase our relationship with CCTV staff and we are also involved in an upgrade of the radio communications network.

Dates of Interest

Please hold these meetings in prayer, that the work of STP is advanced and hope is brought into the lives of many:

- 20/07/11: Training development meeting between STP and Boro Angels
- 21/07/11: Hartlepool Town Pastors Social
- 22/07/11: Initial discussions for potential street angels project in Redcar & Cleveland
- 31/07/11: STP presentation at Hebron Church
- 01/08/11: STP Operational Group Meeting
- 04/08/11: CNI visit to Houses of Parliament
- 04—07/08/11: Stockton International Riverside Festival
- 28/08/11: STP Summer Barbeque
- 03/09/11: Teesside Gospel Festival
- 07/09/11: STP Management Board Meeting
- 19/09/11: STP presentation to Stockton Anglican Deanery Synod
- 20/09/11: STP presentation to Stockton Methodist Circuit Meeting

Please also remember those street angels volunteers on patrols across the UK every Friday and Saturday.

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