



making the difference...

Started on the 27th May 2011, Hartlepool will have its own team of town pastors patrolling the Church Street area of the town each Friday and Saturday evening. Volunteers will work between 10pm and 3am within the night-time environment offering help and support to those who are vulnerable or in need.

The initiative is one of 75 'Street Angels' projects throughout the UK. Stockton was the first area in Cleveland to launch the scheme in December 2009 and Middlesbrough was the second. The project aims to make a contribution to the safety and wellbeing of the public, to befriend the community and to help those who find themselves marginalised and vulnerable.



The project is very much a partnership approach with support from agencies under the banner of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership. It also has the backing of a number of churches in Hartlepool across a range of denominations.

Chief Inspector Kath Prudom from Cleveland Police, said: "Hartlepool Town Pastors is an extremely valuable initiative, which will offer additional support and guidance to those who visit Hartlepool's vibrant night-time economy. A great deal of planning has gone in to ensure that the project is as successful as it can be and we hope that people coming into the town embrace the scheme."

All volunteers are over 18 years and undergo comprehensive training and work in teams of three when they are on patrols wearing high-visibility jackets. Each volunteer has been through an enhanced CRB check and conflict management training.

Their operating base is the Elim 'Living Waters' Pentecostal Church in Whitby Street, where a café will be open to those wishing to take advantage of a safe haven away from the hustle and bustle of Church Street.

The motivation as a primarily Christian project is to bring God's love to all people, without judgement and regardless of circumstance; and a warm welcome is extended to all volunteers wishing to take part in the project; not only those from local churches but to others who share a desire to help others and are willing to undergo training.

The project manager, the Reverend Colin Sawtell of the Elim Church said: "We are pleased to be able provide help, support and friendship to the local community, and we will be offering a caring presence during the night-time environment to those in need or who find themselves vulnerable."

The project falls under the national umbrella of the Christian Nightlife Initiatives (CNI) charity, website: www.cninetwork.org.uk

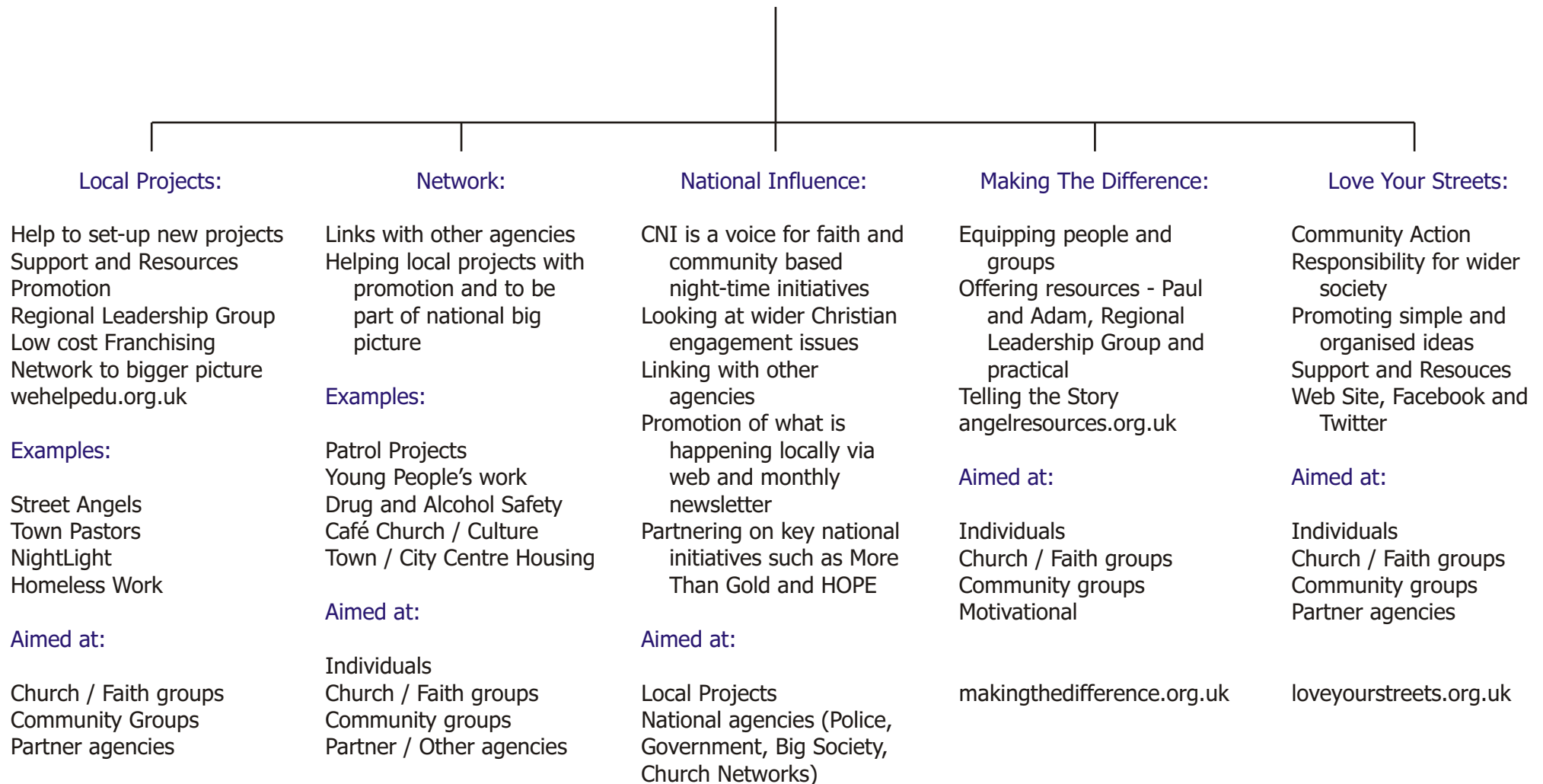
If you would like to know more about the Hartlepool project, wish to apply to become a volunteer, or to support in financially or in prayer, please contact Colin Sawtell on Tel: 07828 093 728.

Please pray for Hartlepool Town Pastors and Boro Angels, Stockton Town Pastors, Durham NightLight Sunderland Street Pastors and Newcastle Street Pastors at work in the North East region and for those they work in partnership with...

In May CNI re-focussed the work it is carrying out into five strands - Local Projects, Network, National Influence, Making The Difference and Love Your Streets (see the chart on the next page). This clear God given vision and purpose will help define the work of CNI and assist Paul, Adam and the Regional Development Group to work towards this in a more effective way. CNI and related projects are increasingly seen as a major player in terms of action based night-time initiatives and our collective work is showcased at a national level within Church, Police, Politics, and Community Sectors. These five strands will help others understand better the work CNI is about...

Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network

www.
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network.org.uk



All across London people are invited to join the Pentecost Festival! Between 3rd and 12th June events taking place include Project Dance, X-Factor's Beverley Trotman, prayer rooms, wine tasting, John Archer, science debates, acoustic nights, flash mobs, fashion shows and a final celebration event at the O2 Arena - see www.pentecostfestival.co.uk



CNI are taking part on Saturday 11th June with Love Your Streets London. We will start at 8.45am with a feature on Dave and Lizzie's Saturday Breakfast on Premier Christian Radio (DAB, Freeview 725, online). Throughout the day we will be out and about in Central London chatting to people, offering help and assistance, handing out goodies and joining in various Pentecost Festival events. CNI will also have a display at Westminster Central Hall. In the evening we will join thousands of others at the O2 Arena. To join us email hello@cninetwork.org.uk.

Paul and Adam visited the headquarters of **Christians Against Poverty** in May. The Partnership Day included an overview of the work of CAP, an organisation working with people in debt to support them out of debt. Nationally CAP help around 400 new people each month and are currently supporting over 5000 people. CAP Money is a fairly new initiative which helps people with money management and budgeting skills (and is ideal for using alongside a night-time project). CAP and CAP Money are great partners locally as an agency that a local project can refer those we meet in need to. More information at www.capuk.org

The **Olympic Torch** venues were announced in May and an email was sent to projects in towns and cities hosting the Torch relay to encourage them to be involved in some way - a copy of the email is on the CNI web site Blog page. CNI is continuing to work with **More Than Gold** on Games Pastors (based at transport hubs over the Olympic Games period) and Prayer for the Games. The first training day for the Games Pastors is on 9th July in London - contact Adam if interested. Don't forget the "On Your Marks" tour continuing to visit venues across the UK this month - www.morethangold.org.uk/onyourmarks



Over 100 people from **St Barnabas Church in Middlesbrough** were out and about over Easter Loving The Streets through a community clean up. The team picked up several bags of rubbish and made a massive difference in the appearance of the community! Pictures are at www.loveyourstreets.org.uk

On Thursday 12th May **Redeeming Our Communities Bognor** was officially launched with a celebration hosting around 220 people from the community. ROC is working alongside Sussex Police, the local council, local churches and other agencies including Arun Angels to host ROC Conversations in Bognor Regis and the South East - see www.redeemingourcommunities.org.uk for more information.

CNI are coordinating a **Week of Prayer** which will encourage local projects to mobilise people to pray for the night-time economy, the work of the local project, partner organisations, the national picture, the 2012 Olympics More Than Gold initiative, those starting university life and freshers week outreach such as Red Frog, etc.

The week, which runs **Saturday September 17th until Sunday September 25th**, is the idea of Dundee Street Chaplains coordinator Andy Burns. Speaking about the week Andy comments, "Prayer is the answer, without prayer our work on the streets at night will not have the power from God that we need. If ever we needed Gods people to pray for our nation its today, so lets pray that God will move in our land and on our streets at night as we continue to help, care, listen and share Gods love to the people of our nation at night"

The week will start as part of the **Global Day of Prayer** event at Wembley when thousands of Christians from across the UK will gather for a day of Prayer in Wembley Stadium complex.

Then people are invited to join Paul, Jean and Adam for a **sponsored prayer walk on the Caledonian Canal** between Fort William and Inverness on Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st September. This 60 mile walk is across the width of Scotland and the team will pray as they walk (to register your interest email hello@cninetwork.org.uk before 15th June so we can plan).

Throughout the week local projects will be encouraged to run **local and regional prayer gatherings** to pray as one for the night-time community of our nation.

There will be resources for the Week of Prayer and for **CNI Sunday** which it is hoped local projects will encourage churches to take part on Sunday 25th September (or another Sunday) to highlight the work within the night-time community to our church families.

More information will be available soon - but please add 17th to 25th September in your diary and think about creative ways your project or region of projects can be involved...

Jesus favoured story telling as a tool of mission and everyone enjoys listening to a good story. **Faith Nation** is a new online resource which aims to offer video stories from a diverse cross section of people about what their faith means to them and how it impacts their daily life. Your submissions are central to the development of this tool of home mission.

To find out more and to explore submitting your video story please see: www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Catholic-Church/Home-Mission In the first instance recordings are being collated that respond to the question, 'When have you experienced God's presence in your life?' Contributors are invited to share one moment with the recording lasting between 1.5 – 2 mins.

Faithworks and The Charities Parliament are holding two special evenings - the first is looking at **The Politics of Pentecost** is on Tuesday 7th June, 7.30pm at church.co.uk, Waterloo. The night will look at the Bible's story of Pentecost and the relevance to our local, national and international leaders and church in multi-cultural, multi-religious Britain. Book at www.pentecost.eventbrite.com. The second night, on 29th June, 6.30pm with **Rt Hon Francis Maude MP** is looking at the Localism Agenda and the role of community organisers - to book your tickets visit www.shrinkingstate.eventbrite.com

Paul and Adam attended an evening hosted by Faithworks with **Lord Nat Wei** and other leading practitioners in May looking at Big Society. Lord Wei presented his thoughts on Big Society asking:

- 1 - Who is taking action?
- 2 - What actions are being taken?
- 3 - What action can charities take?

Lord Wei shared a recent survey had found the three most successful ways of fighting crime are:

- 1 - Know each other's neighbours
- 2 - Neighbourhood Watch
- 3 - Police force



Big Society is all three - shared responsibility! As charities and community groups we need to: be clear about our strengths and specialisation, build own capacity - partnership is key for

our activities; and pursue the opportunities that are opening up - social investors, community hubs and public service delivery. The talk from Lord Wei is available on the CNI Blog as a podcast. As Lord Wei recently resigned from his role as Big Society advisor it is important to remember Big Society is more than politics or the latest agenda - it is good old fashioned community values and shared responsibility for our locality.

On Easter Day, John Langdon (pictured below) celebrated his 90th birthday in Ripon. However, he is no normal 90 year old settling down for the evening but making the difference to serve his local city during the late hours of the weekend. John has been a faithful City Pastor volunteer in Ripon since its launch in January 2009. Ripon City Pastors is a local expression and partner of the nationwide Christian Nightlife Initiatives which seeks to be on the streets and engaged in the night time economy weekly to serve the vulnerable and those in need of support.



Ripon City Pastors has received support and praise, among them Julian Smith, MP for Skipton and Ripon. The MP met with John and other volunteers when he came out on a visit to the streets of the City as an observer last May.

Julian Smith MP last May said of the initiative: 'I enjoyed joining the group, support their work of helping to keep Ripon safe and would encourage anyone who has time to volunteer to contact Claire Green who runs the group. There is even a midnight meal for volunteers!'

Praising John's work in Ripon, Paul Blakey MBE the Founder of Streets Angels said: "It is great that John is volunteering as a Ripon City Pastor at the age of 90! You are never too old to invest back into your local community and over the last 3 years John has put this into action. To work on a project that is on the streets in all weathers at very unsociable hours can be demanding on a person yet John knows that City Pastors are making the difference in Ripon and so commits to it. Well done John and Happy 90th Birthday!"

One of the organisations CNI is working in partnership with is the Waterway Safety Campaign. As summer approaches there is an increasing risk for people under the influence of alcohol to fall victim to the dangers that occur around water.

If your local project has water within or near where you operate can we encourage you to increase your patrols of these locations and begin to offer safety advice to people around the need to be careful.

The Facebook page for the Waterway Safety Campaign is:



www.facebook.com/WaterwaySafetyCampaign

CNI diary for June:

Mon 6th - Paul and Adam attending the BibleFresh partners Day in London

Sat 11th - Pentecost Festival outreach in London

Mon 13th - CNI stall at Jackie Pullinger event in Halifax

Tue 14th - Adam attending various meetings in London and CARE lecture with Bishop James Jones

Wed 15th - Adam at Christians in Government Garden Party

Thu 23rd - Paul and Adam meeting with Michael Harvey from Back to Church Sunday

Mon 27th - Paul, Adam and Trevor at Podium day with six creative professionals looking at CNI and how they can add value to the work we do

Tue 28th- Paul and Adam lunching with the High Sheriff of West Yorkshire; 7pm Street Angels - CNI AGM in Halifax

Wed 29th - Paul and Adam at Hope City Church Sheffield

To pray for:

The diary events above; CNI as we re-focus on work around the five strands; the success of Pentecost Festival and for massive impact on people in London over that week; Hartlepool and the new team of volunteers running Town Pastors; local areas where the Olympic Torch relay will be visiting - for massive opportunities to present God's love; creative involvement in the Week of Prayer in September; the work of the Police in the UK (2nd June is National Day of Prayer for the Police); the Jackie Pullinger visit to the UK - for people to be challenged and inspired; the More Than Gold tour that people and groups will make plans for activity around the 2012 Olympics; the work of Christians Against Poverty and those struggling with debt

www.wehelpedu.org.uk

WeHelpedU.org.uk is a new website from CNI with an aim to promote ways of giving to local projects. The site includes Just Text Giving (text DUCK22 £amount to 70070), Give As You Live (an App you download which gives opportunity to donate as you search and shop online) and several online giving sites. All money raised through this site will be shared equally amongst those projects who are part of it with options for people to direct money given to a specific project. To be part of this email hello@cni-network.org.uk

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Huddersfield Street Angels held their AGM in May. Over the last year the team have welcomed 35 new volunteers and are out on the streets of the town every Saturday and every second and fourth Wednesday in the month (for student night!) Letters of thanks for the hard work and dedication of the volunteers from the Police were read out and thanks were given to the volunteers and those who help make Street Angels happen particularly Dianne Hughes who coordinates the weekly patrols. Planned events include an Angels Picnic in Greenhead Park and extra patrols during Fresher's Week.



The group are also on the shortlist for the Huddersfield Examiner "Friend of the Year" award - here is an article featured in the newspaper:

"THEY are a familiar and reassuring presence for the many revellers enjoying nights out in the town centre.

Dressed in their high visibility jackets, Huddersfield Street Angels walk the streets, casting a protective eye over

drinkers and offering help to those who are disorientated or have become separated from friends.

This group of Christian volunteers have been helping keep those enjoying nightlife in the town safe since 2007.

It is their dedication to the project that has seen the team nominated in the Friend of the Year category.

Founder member Dianne Hughes said: "We're thrilled to bits. It's wonderful to be recognised for what we do and gives us a real boost to carry on.

"I think what we do is very important and the police have said that because of groups like us the crime rate on the streets has dropped.

"The young people are out to have a good time, but for those who need help we're there for them and they seem very grateful that we are."

The angels walk the streets on Wednesday and Saturday nights, talking to clubbers as well as keeping in contact with door staff and police.

They are trained in first aid and can help members of the public who have drunk too much or suffered minor injuries.

The volunteers hand out hot drinks and bottled water and even give flip flops to female drinkers with sore feet after hours of dancing in high heels.

Since being formed as part of Kirklees Safer Stronger Communities Partnership, the group has helped reduce violent crime in the area by 40%.

They are going from strength to strength with a recent recruitment drive boosting the number of volunteers to around 32."



Street Angels joined with The Leprosy Mission and Power House Restoration Church to run a stand at **Calderdale Neighbours Day** on 21st May. The stand included free chocolates, lollipops, drinks along with ducks and a board game from Holland.

Street Angel volunteers also helped with stewarding at the event and accompanied BBC Look North's Christa Ackroyd as she visited the various stalls. Thanks go to volunteers for the time they invested to make this a great community day out!

Thanks to all who voted for Street Angels at the **Community Foundation for Calderdale** stand - we won first prize and £250 thanks to the online giving site www.localgiving.com

Our June events include: **Halifax Gala** on Saturday 11th June at Manor Heath. Tickets at £1 are available at Fairtrade Café and are half the on the day price; and **Hope in Shropps Park** on Saturday 18th June between 11am and 3pm - come and buy your duck in our duck race!

Safety Net - one of our supporter members - are running a week to raise awareness of Mate Crime as part of Learning Disability Awareness Week. The roadshow will be at: Piece Hall Sat 18th June 12-4pm; Brighthouse Car Boot Sun 19th 7am - 1pm; Elland CO-OP Mon 20th; Sowerby Bridge Market Tue 21st; Hebden Bridge Market Wed 22nd; Piece Hall Thu 23rd; Todmorden Market Fri 24th and Russell Street Halifax on Sat 25th 10am - 4pm. Street Angels support this initiative and are one of several safe centres for people who may have concerns whilst out at night - www.arcsafety.net

The **Halifax Festival** (9-17 July) exciting programme of events is now on-line at www.halifaxfestival.co.uk - knitted graffiti, Brassed Off, dance, serenades, poetry, heritage walks, Pride and Prejudice and open mic nights are some of the highlights! Street Angels will be needed to help steward: Fri 8th July, 5pm knitted graffiti; Sun 10th July 1pm and 3pm Musical Heritage Trail; Sat 16th July 6.30pm Pride and Prejudice; Sun 17th July 11am onwards.

Can Halifax Street Angels become a wiki-organisation? In 2000 a group launched an on-line encyclopaedia called Nupedia with articles submitted by professionals. As an off-shoot to this Wikipedia was launched in 2001 - a web encyclopaedia where anyone was invited to and encouraged to provide content. Nupedia lasted until 2003 and produced 24 articles (with 74 more in the process). Wikipedia continued and on 19 May 2011 hosted around 3,640,000 articles in the English Wikipedia, one of the most popular web sites around the world.

Left to the professionals - as in Nupedia - an organisation will grow slow with limitations and eventually cease to be. Becoming a wiki-organisation - where all are encouraged to contribute, to play a part, to help the growth and to own the direction - will result in greater success at wiki (which is

an Hawaiian word for quick) speed!

We need to become wiki Street Angels! As funding changes and Paul (the paid professional) begins the move towards a more national role through CNI spending less time on Halifax Street Angels, the challenge is to those who volunteer, the trustees and those who support our work to own Street Angels in a greater way.

This is YOUR project - the success so far - crime reduction, growth across the UK, thousands of people helped, etc - is your success! As we move from Nu to Wiki Street Angels invite you to play a bigger part - to begin to steer the direction we take and provide the resources to make it happen!

Thanks to Dave Gilpin at Hope City Church for the concept of a Wiki Organisation / Church!

Fri 3rd June - Adam from BBC Radio Leeds out with Street Angels

Mon 6th June - Paul and Adam at a Biblefresh Partners day in London

Tue 7th June - SA-CNI Trustees Meeting, 6pm in Fairtrade Café

Fri 10th June - NO Street Angels (as Halifax Gala on Saturday)

Sat 11th June - Halifax Gala - Street Angels have a stall at Manor Heath and various Angels helping steward the procession and at Manor Heath, Paul and Jean are in London as part of Pentecost Festival

Mon 13th June - Jackie Pullinger at King's Centre - 10am - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm - www.hopecalderdale.org.uk

Thu 16th June - Costa Coffee Church, 6.30pm onwards at Costa Woolshops

Sat 18th June - Street Angels stall at Hope in Shroggs Park event, 11-3

Mon 20th - Sat 25th June - SafetyNet week - www.arcsafety.net for details

Mon 20th June - More Than Gold get ready for the Olympics, 7.30pm at Hunslett Methodist Church, Leeds - www.morethangold.org.uk to book

Tue 21st June - Paul and Beth Ward running a morning looking at Social Media and how it can work for your organisation - see article...

Thu 23rd June - Paul and Adam have meetings in Sheffield

Fri 24th June - High Sheriff of West Yorkshire visiting Street Angels

Mon 27th June - Paul, Trevor and Adam in London at Podium Cinnamon Network event looking at SA-CNI

Tue 28th June - 12noon Paul and Adam lunching with High Sheriff; **7.30pm SA-CNI Annual General Meeting at King's Centre, Park Rd, Halifax.**

Fri 1st July - Street Angels training around what to do in case of a terrorist attack - 8pm at King's Centre

Sat 2nd July - Leprosy Mission sponsored walk over Humber Bridge - if any Street Angels interested see Paul

It was lovely to meet and chat with folk singer **Kate Rusby** following her performance at the Victoria Theatre. Kate was very interested in the work of Street Angels and thanked us for the work we do. A couple of fans invited her for a night out at the Acca but she declined!!!



CNI have launched a new web site - www.wehelpedu.org.uk - which is a way of giving to the work of projects across the UK (including Halifax) via Just Text Giving (text DUCK22 £amount to 70070), Give To Live (an App that you download and as you shop online donates a percentage of your purchase) and online giving sites. All monies raised via this site will be shared equally amongst each project listed (unless you specify otherwise).

Paul and Beth Ward are running a training morning looking at **Social Media** (Facebook, Twitter, Linked In, etc) and **how it can work for your organisation or business**. The morning will also look at how you can set up a website for free. Tuesday 21st June, 10am - 12noon upstairs in Fairtrade Café - cost is £25 (£20 for charities and churches) and numbers are limited to 15 - book at paul@streetangels.org.uk / 07725 501465.

The Street Angels - Christian Nightlife Initiatives **Annual General Meeting** is to take place on Tuesday 28th June, 7.30pm for 7.45pm at The King's Centre, park Road, Halifax, Hx1 2TS. All are welcome to hear of what SA-CNI has and plans to achieve. The Agenda for the night is:



Welcome from Chair and Apologies
Introduction of the Trustees
Presentation of what Street Angels has achieved
Chairs report of the year and work
Presentation of what CNI has achieved
Why do we volunteer...
Treasurer's Report and Accounts
Vision for the future
Appointment of Trustees and Posts
Any Other Business

Yorkshire Duck Race Saturday 9th July 2pm Bolton Abbey



Sponsor Ducks to support Street Angels at: Halifax Gala, Manor Heath, 11th June; visit the web site or call in at Fairtrade Café, Crossley St, Halifax - £1 per duck! **Prizes include** Family Annual Membership of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and Family Ticket to Halifax Festival's Pride and Prejudice...



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