

## Thank You! CONT.

- to all those whose splendid support enabled us to distribute 1900 'It's Your Move' books to 68 schools 13 of which were new recipients - all books paid for by donations.
- to Elim Church, Halifax for the Saltmine Theatre production 'When I'm Calling You'
- to all who volunteered to help Tony and Esther with any of their projects, and from the trustees, thanks, of course, to our two great workers, Tony & Esther.

## We couldn't do without you!

### MARS?

MARS, no not the one that helps you work, rest & play - or is it? You decide!  
Esther & Tony have attended some very helpful training from the MARS Trust (Marriage & Relationship Skills) Based on Biblical principles the programme seeks to introduce positive relationship choices and skills to young people. Esther writes 'we were impressed with the high quality multimedia presentations that make the MARS programme so appealing to young people'  
One of the items for prayer at Vision Day will be how we can use MARS. Tony and Esther will seek to run a pilot scheme with the 16+ group. Feedback will help to decide whether it can be offered to Secondary schools in Calderdale in the coming year.

DIARY DATES			
14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24

### September

Saturday 19th 8.30am *Prayer Breakfast* at Brighthouse Evangelical Church followed by *Trustees & Staff Vision Day*

### October

Saturday 17th 7.30pm *Calderdale Big Band in concert* at Highgate Methodist Church, Stretchgate Lane, Pellon. Hot drinks & cake served from 7pm & in interval.

Monday 26th ? time at New Hope URC, Warley Rd, Halifax Annual Open Meeting, for all supporters.

### November

Bonfire?

*Contact Tony, Esther or one of the Trustees if you can help with any of these events. For full and updated details please look on the CICS website!*

## IT'S OUR MOVE!

Pray for all 'movers' - into school, between schools, into FE and HE, or into employment.



May they (and we) be confident in their (our) faith. May they (and we) find fellow Christians. May they (and we) have the strength to be salt and light. And may we all be better disciples tomorrow than today.

## CICS & Faith Days

What is a faith day?

A way of offering statutory Religious Education to students who have opted not to take R.E. as a GCSE subject

Tony writes:

We have been involved in year 10 Faith days at Brooksbank for three years now. This gives a great opportunity to spend the whole day with a complete year group and offer Christian input into a chosen subject. This year the subject was Poverty. We used the Christian Aid resource 'The Paper Bag Game'. The young people are invited to spend an hour 'in the shoes' of a poor family living on the outskirts of Kolkata.

Young people are challenged to make as many paper bags as they can in an hour in their teams/families. The bags can be sold to local shopkeepers in packs of ten after a close quality inspection. The young people then work out how much money they would have earned in a 70 hour week and if this sum would be enough to buy essential items for their families. This was a fantastic opportunity for us to remind students how fortunate they are and how we each have a responsibility to help those in need.

## AUTUMN 09

A special note of thanks goes to Kate Sam and Sarah for giving up their day to help out. You made a fantastic set of shopkeepers!

Also last term I was invited to assist Pastor Steven Bowers (Brighthouse Evangelical Church) in offering Christian input at Brighthouse High School Faith Day. The topic on this occasion was 'Tolerance to Others'. There was also input from Rev James Allison and representatives from Islam, Judaism, Spiritualism and the Sikh faith. The format was a varied selection of seminars followed by group work to enable the learning process.



## GALA ART EXHIBITION!

The illustrations in this issue are of contributions to a mural which was on display at the Halifax Charity Gala.

The theme was 'What is Important in Your Life', with emphasis on who and what we care about and how we use our time.

Many students from Calderdale secondary schools took part and each piece of work was different in style, representing the thoughts and feelings of the artists.



During the Gala people were asked to vote for their favourite piece and the illustration on page one of this issue is of one the two winning pieces.

The display was Esther's brainchild and it was a great way of involving more contributions to, and interest in our Gala stand.



## A NIGHT AWAY FOR THE 16+ GROUP

This group has been set up specifically for Y 11,12 and 13 (16-18 year olds) to get together and form friendships outside their schools and colleges. We are excited about this group as it has the potential to develop faith and strengthen relationships with God and each other.

After the hard work of GCSEs and A levels we felt the group deserved a celebratory break, so we booked one night at Westwood Christian Centre, Huddersfield.

We enjoyed a relaxed Friday evening with an indoor BBQ (typical of this summer!) and big screen films.

Saturday started with a full English breakfast followed by small group time. We looked at what we could learn from Jesus' disciple, Peter, his trust in Jesus and how we could apply this to our relationships with each other and Jesus.

We were encouraged to hear how Marcus, Esther's husband, found that God keeps his promises and plans our lives as he gave his testimony of leaving home and university life.

A muddy walk to Scammonden Dam for sunshine and a picnic rounded off our time together.

Sam Pearson 6th form student at Holy Trinity High says: *'I thought it was awesome! Great fun hanging out with everyone and enjoying time together! Thanks CICS! Tony and Esther specially. Again Sometime?'*

If you or someone you know would like to be involved with the group, it's open to all of the relevant age group. Just contact Tony or Esther.

**Lunch Clubs** form a large part of the work CICS does in local secondary schools. The weekly meetings provide a great opportunity to establish relationships and teach and share about Christian living.



Currently 9 clubs run in 8 schools. September sees the re-launch of an existing group and the provision of a new group for younger students at Brighthouse High, bringing the total number to 10 clubs a week.

What's in store for the lunch clubs in September 09?

Short series on Faith. This will be a good starting point for new members.

Great examples of faith in the Bible particularly learning from the examples of Abraham and Noah.

Focus on Jesus - Who He says He is in the Bible including looking at the seven 'I am' statements.

**New members are always welcome at lunch clubs, helpers on a volunteer basis are also needed - more details from Tony or Esther**

## TIME TO SAY 'THANK YOU!'

- On behalf of the trustees and staff a big thank you to all who have contributed to a very successful CICS summer.
- to Brenda, Kenneth and Martin for the use of Nolstar for the May BBQ
- to Lynn, David and helpers for the Garden Party
- to all who helped in any way with the Halifax Charity Gala and Party in the Park