

Halifax Street Angels celebrated our Fourth Birthday in November with a Birthday Bash at Halifax Elm church which included an Awards Ceremony, the Annual Report launch, live music, speeches, great food and games.

The Awards, presented by BBC Radio Leeds presenter Liz Green, aimed to honour the volunteers who commit regularly to making Street Angels happen. The Award prizes included a gift certificate, a special edition polo shirt and chocolates (kindly donated by Nestle) all in a Totally Local bag (donated by Marketing Halifax). Street Angel volunteers also surprised Paul and Jean with a glass plaque and flowers (and they are still in shock!)

Liz Green commented on the evening: "Congratulations

on four years for Street Angels in Halifax - and to all the Awards winners! You do a great job - thank you for making me feel so welcome - long may you continue"

The Deputy Mayor of Calderdale, Councillor Nader Fekri thanked Street Angels for the work they do and talked of his involvement with the project in Hebden Bridge.

Music was provided by Andy Carter (in the form of the hurdy-gurdy) along with Trevor, Helen, Chris, Albie and Elaine the "Power Praise" band.

Great food was provided by Noah's Ark and St Augustine's Centre which contributed to a fantastic evening which celebrated all the we do and honoured the team of amazing volunteers. More pictures on-line!

Halifax Street Angels Fourth Annual Report

Available to view on-line at www.streetangels.org.uk or pick up a paper copy in Fairtrade Café or phone / text your address to 07806 913976 and we will post out.



Operation Northdale - Tackling Sexual Offences in the Night Time Economy

Halifax Street Angels will be working in partnership with West Yorkshire Police to support Operation Northdale in the run up to Christmas.

Volunteers and Halifax Street Angels will be working with West Yorkshire Police to promote safety to young woman in town centres and raising awareness to highlight vulnerability of women when in drink.

The aim is to talk to young women to highlight a number of issues including:

- * Raising awareness of the potential dangers of being vulnerable when drinking too much
- * Providing support to women in drink to find safe late night transport

* Encouraging women to use official registered private hire companies and taxis and be cautious of bogus taxis

* Offering advice about the risk of women becoming victims of sexual assault and making rash decisions in drink.

* Encouraging women to keep hold of drinks at all times - do not leave them unattended and vulnerable to drink spiking

The campaign will run on Friday 11th, Saturday 12th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th December from 7pm-9pm. Street Angels will be there as normal from 9pm supporting Halifax. Volunteers are also needed on Saturday 12th and 18th during the day to leaflet in the town centre. If you would like to volunteer to support this campaign, please contact Fiona: 01924 292889 / Fiona.Pearson@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

December Happenings:

For Christmas events in Halifax see the booklet available in Fairtrade Café and on streetangels.org.uk

Thursday 3rd Dec - FGBMFI Christmas Dinner with speaker **Barry Woodward** - Barry is a former heroin addict and drug dealer whose life is now turned around. 7pm at The Raggalds - see www.fgbmfi.co.uk/ 07806 913976.

Friday 4th Dec - Paul is speaking at the **York Street Angels** launch service, 7pm.

Friday 11th, Saturday 12th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th Dec - 7pm to 9pm - campaign to promote safety to young women (see article).

Friday 18th Dec - Mad Friday! Meet at 6pm at Fairtrade Café for a meal together (please book with

Paul if you would like a meal - this will be at Julio's). **7pm at Fairtrade Café for the safety campaign and 7.30pm - 3am for Street Angels.**

Saturday 19th Dec - **Community Carol Sing**, 2pm in Piece Hall.

Sunday 20th Dec - **Ice Sculpture Trail** around town - **Street Angels** needed to help steward a sculpture between 10.30am and 3.30pm.

Sunday 20th Dec - **Street Angels Christmas Party** at Leah's - 7.30pm onwards.

Christmas Eve - 9pm - 11.30pm Street Angels and then an **informal Midnight Mass** at 11.30pm to help celebrate Christmas!
NO Street Angels Christmas Day or Boxing Day

New Years Eve - Street Angels from 9pm onwards, also Power

Praise in YMCA, 8pm - 12.30am - we will join Power Praise for supper and to see in 2010!

NO Street Angels New Years Day or Saturday 2nd January

Tue 5th Jan - 10am Paul speaking at **Elland Central Ladies Probus Club**.

Wed 6th Jan - 7.30pm **Prayer for our Borough** in Halifax Town Hall.

Thu 7th Jan - 11am - 2pm **Street Angels and St Augustine's Centre** holding an **information day** for various **Christian based organisations** in Calderdale at King's Church.

Happy Birthday in December to: Marcus Bull (6th); Mark Powell (9th); Rebecca Graham (12th); Jamie Westwood (20th); Diane Park (24th); Alan Kendall (25th); Jesus (25th); Sarah Goodwin (27th)

Merry Christmas!

Halifax Street Angels wish all our friends, supporters, volunteers, those we have helped and projects across the UK a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2010...



Don't forget the **Christmas Quiz** which is helping raise money for Street Angels - there are 8 great prizes and the sheet costs £1 - available from Fairtrade Café, Street Angel volunteers, various churches, Tourist Information in Piece Hall or on our web site.

Many thanks from the Town Centre Ambassadors and Marketing Halifax to the 8 Street Angels who helped steward the Christmas Lights Switch-on. Also thanks to those who helped at the Brighthouse switch-on and those who went to Stockton to talk to Town Pastor volunteers as part of the training (and Daniel enjoyed his skate!!!)

Instead of buying presents between volunteers this year, Steve and Becky suggested we **donate money to charity** - so we have chosen Martin House Children's Hospice

Damian, Daniel and Paul were interviewed on **Voluntary Action Calderdale's Phoenix Radio** show - this is podcast on our web site (our web site has also had an overall recently and now has a fresh new look!)



Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network News

www.streetangels.org.uk

Please pray for: Stockton Town pastors who launch on Fri 4th Dec - they have an amazing team of volunteers, steering group and Steve Brock who is Project Coordinator - www.stocktontownpastors.co.uk/; **York Street Angels** who hold a Launch Service on Fri 4th Dec - www.streetangelsyork.com/; **Middlesborough Street Angels** who have backing and funding from the

council and police but need an increase in volunteer numbers; for **Guildford** who have just appointed a Town Centre Chaplain - Rod Boreham - www.gtcc.org.uk/; for **Milton Keynes Street Ministers** entered in the "Pride of Milton Keynes" awards and for George Booty who is doing a fantastic work - www.streetministers.org/; for all projects over Christmas