



It was great to have Linda Riordan, MP for Halifax, join Street Angels on Friday 6th February. Although it was a cold and icy night, Linda went on patrol with several volunteers and saw how the project had developed since her last visit and heard of how Street Angels and similar projects operate across the UK.

Spotted on the Facebook group "You know you're from Halifax when..." - You owe your life to the Street Angels that rescue you when you are off your face.

Street Angels has now got a Facebook Page - add yourself to our 405 fans - and our pictures are now at <http://picasaweb.google.com/halifaxstreetangels>



FIRE SOWERS



The Firesowers events were a great success. At the beginning of February Emy and Gaspere from Naples, Italy joined Street Angels for a weekend and enjoyed meeting the volunteers, Halifax's MP and police and seeing how the project works.

The Business Lunch had a fantastic response with over 25 guests hearing about Street Angels and other Christian projects such as FGBMFI, Project Colt, Leprosy Mission, King's Church & Coffee House, CICS and Pregnancy Crisis Centre. The High Sheriff in particular spoke very highly of Street Angels and how the two nights spent on the streets were among the best visits made during his year as High Sheriff.

Visitors from Brazil, Manchester and London heard about or saw the project and will take the exciting story of Street Angels back home with them as well as give continued prayer support to the project - which in the case of the Brazilian churches is through over 1700 worshippers!

A great time which made a difference in the lives of many. Thanks to Ana, Damian, Daniel, Geoff and Mark from Street Angels who helped with these events.

Well Done!

Well done to Ana, Dave, Karly, Ben, Georgia, Daniel and Leah (above left to right) who all successfully completed the Four Day First Aid at Work course...

Following various meetings, the decision on First Aid is that volunteers are insured through the YMCA insurance to offer basic first aid on the streets but not in venues. Street Angels is not a first aid provider, though several of our volunteers are First Aid at Work qualified. Street Angels are asked not to carry any visible sign of being First Aid qualified (ie a badge or green bag).

A group of Street Angels are currently looking into the possibility of forming a separate Nightlife First Aid scheme which will have its own admin, insurance, finances, jackets and structure.

Halifax Street Angels runs every Friday and Saturday 9pm - 3am based in Fairtrade Café.

Todmorden Street Angels runs every Friday 9pm - midnight following the Youth Caravan, 7pm - 9pm.

Young People meet to pray for Street Angels and the town and watch DVD's and play WII - every Friday 9 - 12pm Halifax YMCA.

Mon 2nd March - 11am Hostel Idea meeting in Fairtrade Café (this is gathering support from Calderdale Council, councillors, housing associations and various agencies)

Tue 3rd March - Paul is invited to the High Sheriff's final luncheon in Leeds on behalf of Street Angels

Wed 4th March - 10am - 1pm "Embedding the Safeguarding Agenda" training meeting (looking

at how groups work with children and young people) at Halifax Elim Church, Hall Street. Street Angels are part of this process

Wed 4th March - Vickie is speaking on Street Angels at Holywell Green and Stainland URChurch - 3pm.

Mon 16th March - Paul speaking at Sedgefield Methodist Church, TS21 3BT, on Street Angels - a group are looking at launching Street Angels across the North East of England.

Tue 17th March - Paul speaking at St Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, EH1 2EP on Street Angels, 2pm

Wed 18th March - Halifax Charity Gala meeting at North Bridge Leisure Centre 7.30pm a volunteer needed to attend please - ideas for procession & stall also needed

Sat 21st March - Paul leading a workshop at a St Vincent Paul

young peoples weekend in Wales.

Easter Sunday, 12th April - Long March - can you walk 26 miles and raise money for Christian Aid? If so visit www.longmarch.org.uk - Street Angels will run Easter Sunday 9pm - 3am and then help with stewarding the Long March after 3am - if you are around and want to help see Paul.

Bank Holiday's - Easter Sunday 12th April, Sunday 3rd May, Sunday 24th May - extra night of Street Angels.

Canal Angels needed on Sat 12th September to help steward a Walk of Hope from Leeds to Skipton on the canal raising money for The Leprosy Mission.

Happy Birthday in March

to: Beth Ward (Town Centre Manager - 13th); Hitendra Palmer (17th); Leah Carbery (30th)



Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network News

www.streetangels.org.uk



The Deputy Mayor of Calderdale Councillor David and his wife Mrs Susan O'Neill joined Todmorden Youth Caravan and Street Angels to experience a typical Friday night in Todmorden. They spoke to a number of young people around the town centre and in Centre Vale Park. They praised the work of the Caravan and Street Angel volunteers and thanked them for the investment they make into Todmorden. The Deputy Mayor was impressed with the relationships the volunteers had built up with the young people in the town. Councillor O'Neill said "I was very impressed with the dedication of volunteers at both the Caravan and Street Angels and the help they give to those in Todmorden."

Please pray this month for: w/c 2nd March - Halifax Street Angels; w/c 9th March - Harrogate Town Pastors; w/c 16th March - Hebden Bridge Street Angels; w/c 23rd March Hereford Night Shift; w/c 30th March - Huddersfield Street Angels; for North East region, and Edinburgh holding meetings to talk about launching Street Angels; for York, Manchester and Dorchester who are looking at options for their towns.

From the Salvation Army's 14th February Salvationist magazine: "After hearing Jeremy Clough speaking about his calling to minister to young people on the streets of Harrogate - which led to the establishing of Harrogate Town Pastors - corps office Captain Stephen Noble took the vision back to the city's Churches Together Youth Committee. With Jeremy's help, the Ripon City Pastors project was launched.

The project sits under the Salvation Army banner but is run by a leadership team from within the city's churches. The Mayor (Councillor Sid Hawke) and the Chairman of Ripon and District branch of the Royal Engineers Association (Councillor Kenn Hart) were on the first team.

Captain Noble said: "This initiative will have a significant impact on our city as people can become members of a church without walls."



Claire Green, coordinator of Ripon City Pastors, updates "We have been out three times now and have had lots of good opportunities to make our work known with the Pub Landlords and the people on the streets. We have had numerous opportunities for significant conversations which has been a great encouragement to us all. Our volunteer numbers have increased by three but in order to go weekly we need a lot more volunteers."