

Diary Dates:

Mon 10th Sept - Street Angels are helping people cross the road between Parish Church and Square Chapel (induction of the new vicar), 7.30pm.

Tue 11th Sept - Investing in Volunteers award catch-up meeting, 12noon in Street Angels office in YMCA.

Wed 12th Sept - StreetAngels display at the Freshers day at Calderdale College, 10am - 3pm.

Thu 13th Sept - the second bi-monthly Street Angels party at the home of Leah - 7.30pm onwards, see Paul (07074 342123) for directions.

Sun 23rd Sept - Harvest Festival at Piece Hall, afternoon - StreetAngels to have a display.

Sun 30th Sept - Jean Blakey is running the 13.1 miles of the Great North Run raising money for Street Angels - sponsor forms available at Fairtrade Café.

Mon 8th Oct - Rotary Club have organised a visit from some Australian Police Officers and between 9am and 12noon they will be in Fairtrade Café to hear about and meet StreetAngels...

Thu 18th Oct - Street Angels presentation and talk at 41Club, West Vale - 7.30pm.

Sun 26th Oct - Sunday Night Live (a cool evening of pop songs, video, drama, etc) 6pm at Abundant Life Church, Bradford - this could be a great StreetAngels night out!

End of November - Street Angels is 2 years old!!! How can we celebrate????

Welcome back to the Marshals - they have received funding to be on the streets every Friday and Saturday providing added security.

Raise money for Street Angels as you surf the web - see www.streetangels.org.uk

If you would like to become a Street Angel then fill in the contact form on-line or phone Paul 07074 342123 to arrange a visit.

The Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police, Sir Norman Bettison, joined Halifax's pioneering Street Angels for a night on the town.

Street Angels, an initiative of Churches Together in Halifax and Halifax YMCA, work on Friday and Saturday's between 9pm and 3am. Based at Fairtrade Cafe on Crossley Street, they wander the town and ensure the safety and protection of those who become vulnerable in any way.

Sir Norman joined Street Angels at the request of one of the Street Angel volunteers on a phone-in on BBC Radio Leeds.



After touring some of the pubs and clubs in the town, Sir Norman attended the Street Angels, St John Ambulance, Nightlife Marshals and Community Support Officers Police Briefing. This ensures all agencies are working in partnership towards a safer town centre.



He then went on patrol with the police and met clubbers, talked to Street Angels and others working in the town, and was filmed for Yorkshire Television's Calendar news programme.

Halifax has seen a 42% reduction in violent crime over 2006 and Sir Norman was very impressed with the huge efforts that have gone on in Halifax. He described the dramatic turnaround as "a great success".

Street Angels launched in Halifax November 2005 as a response by the church in the town to the problems on Friday and Saturday nights. Street Angels have assisted over 2000 people including, on the night of Sir Norman's visit, providing accommodation for two young ladies who were camping outside the town's theatre waiting to buy tickets for McFly.

Following the success in Halifax, churches and police have formed partnerships launching Street Angels in Wakefield, Huddersfield, Manchester, Harrogate with Bradford starting up later this year.



As was touched on in the August Newsletter Christians Together in Halifax have appointed Paul as the Project Manager for Street Angels. This is part of Street Angels being the Community Foundation for Calderdale's Project of the Year and is thanks to a generous donation from HBOS.

Paul's role will include:

- * *expand and improve the fantastic work of Street Angels;*

- * *improve the commitment to volunteers;*

- * *form better links with partner organisations;*

- * *help other towns and cities set up Street Angels*

One of the first things Paul would like to carry out is to meet up with all those who volunteer (including those who have volunteered in the past). It would be great to find out any ideas and thoughts you have about Street Angels, look at what gifts you can give to improve what we do, and to look at any comments you have...

Please contact Paul on 07074 342123 (or at his office on the ground floor of the YMCA) and arrange when you would like to meet for coffee, do lunch, etc...



News from Pontefract - excerpts from the Pontefract and Castleford Express:

COURAGEOUS crime crusaders will take to the streets to tackle the bloody trend of booze-fuelled violence in Pontefract town centre.

Church leaders across the town have pledged to set up Street Angels - volunteers who will patrol trouble hotspots from 9pm to 3am every weekend to safeguard the lives of revellers on nights out in the town.

Wayne Phillips, chairman of Pontefract Churches Together, said: "This is in response to cries for years from the people of Pontefract to what has been happening on their streets. Street Angels are an obvious answer to a very prominent question."

The Angels will patrol the town to spot potentially dangerous situations and take vulnerable people to a safe place to sober up or phone for a friend or taxi.

Mr Phillips said: "We would be an extra set of eyes for the police, with the aim of reducing alcohol-related crime. Street Angels started in Halifax, and has reduced crime there by 42 per cent. If we could get half that in Pontefract it would be a major step forward."

The scheme - which also runs in Wakefield city centre - has received the backing of Pontefract police, landlords, and door staff but needs funding to get off the ground.

PC Dave Malik, the district's licensing officer, said: "Every time I open the paper, I read about violent assaults, usually two or three a week. It's something that we are all aware of.

"This has been happening in Pontefract for a long time - as long as I can remember - and they're mostly on the street, not in specific licensed premises - so there's little the premises can do if they don't know about it.

"I think Pontefract would welcome the Street Angels. They have worked brilliantly in Wakefield. Anyone who's prepared to give up their own time on weekend nights deserves credit."

Anyone who wants to help fund the project should contact Pontefract's All Saints' Church office on 01977 600230.



Please sponsor Jean as she attempts the Great North Run half marathon (13.1 miles) in Newcastle on Sunday 30th September 2007 raising money for Halifax Street Angels...

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