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And now, the news …

**Guild 2012**

**Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! Preston Guild First Proclamation is here!**

“All manner of persons here present, whether inhabitants within this Borough or Foreigners” are the first words that will be uttered to start the traditional and historic Preston Guild for 2012.  The Guild Mayor, in full ceremonial robes, along with the Mayoress, the Clerk of the Guild and other civic dignitaries will take their places on the steps of the Harris Museum for the First Proclamation on Saturday 18 August at precisely 10.30am.  Lorraine Norris, Preston City Council chief executive and Clerk of the Guild for 2012 will then proceed to read the first proclamation to the assembled crowd.

This traditional ceremony will link the Guild in 2012 with medieval Preston, when important announcements were made in public as there was no television, radio, internet or even newspapers! The proclamation states that the Guild is coming and summons all those wanting to attend.  Preston Guild is an historic celebration, which dates back to 1179. It is the only Guild still celebrated in the UK and, as such, is truly unique. Held only once every 20 years, the 2012 celebration will be the first Guild in the 21st century and the first since the granting of Preston’s city status in 2002.

Another first at this proclamation will be the new Guild anthem for 2012, written by Lancashire poet Lemn Sissay and Artistic Director Pete Moser and sung by members of the choir from the Sing the Docks project. With the dramatic Heliosphere aerial show, street performers and Morris dancing across the city before and after the Proclamation, this is an event not to be missed.

Guild Mayor, Councillor Carl Crompton, said: “The first proclamation heralds the start of this year’s Guild celebrations and all that Prestonians have been looking forward to for the last 20 years.

“Mixing the traditional words and ceremony with the new Guild anthem and street performances brings the focus back to the 21st century. I am really excited and honoured to be Guild Mayor and part of this wonderful and unique occasion.”

**Theatre set to showcase tales**

A theatre company originating from the North of the Netherlands is piecing together Preston’s history for a special Guild production.  The Dutch actors are aiming to connect the city’s history to its rural roots in a production that will unearth lost stories.  ‘From Stephen to Avenham’ is the vision of Dutch location theatre company PeerGrouP.  The event will premiere in at Stephen Park in Gisburn Forest, near Preston, on Friday night before travelling to Avenham Park in Guild week as a ‘Made in Preston’ commission.  Funding for the showcase has come from the Arts Council England, Forest of Bowland AONB and £10,000 seed funding from Preston Guild 2012.  ‘From Stephen to Avenham’ comes to Avenham Park on September 7, 8 and 9.  For more information visit:

<http://www.stephentoavenham.com>

**The day soldier Jack became a Guild star**

Meet Jack Alty – one of the most unexpected stars of Preston’s Guild celebrations.  Back in 1952, the then 20-year-old unwittingly became the focus of that year’s church procession as he attempted to find his way through a crowded town centre.  He was one of 30 soldiers asked to take part in the parade to mark his army regiment, the Loyals, being awarded the freedom of the borough to mark the occasion.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/retro/the-day-soldier-jack-became-a-guild-star-1-4806948>

**Councillors to cough up**

Town Hall bosses will pay for seats at the Guild celebrations just like the general public, it has been ruled.  Preston councillors will pay £10 for grandstand tickets to watch the various Guild processions taking place in September.  The decision was taken by the Town Hall’s Guild Committee, which is made up of Preston councillors.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/councillors-to-cough-up-1-4806922>

**Striking silver for city Guild celebrations**

Medals to celebrate the heroes of this year’s Preston Guild are being struck in the city.  Apprentices at BAE Systems’ training school on Marsh Lane in the city have designed and are manufacturing the medals which will be handed to every volunteer at the event. They are making 500 medals for the ‘Guilder’ volunteers with a further 100 specially commissioned for the historic event.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/business/striking-silver-for-city-guild-celebrations-1-4809338>

**City man to take Olympic torch on the Wheel**

A trainee teacher will be spreading a little Olympic cheer when he takes his torch on a trip around the city’s Guild Wheel.  Andy Farringdon plans to complete the 21-mile circular route on foot so he can take the treasured torch with him.  In the process he is hoping raise much-needed funds for charity The Foxton Centre, which has a base on Knowsley Street, Preston.  The Foxton Centre operates a range of projects, including working with the homeless, street sex works and people with drug and alcohol problems.  If you would like to support him you can donate by going to

<http://www.thefoxtoncentre.co.uk>

                                and following the link on the home page.

**Guild Junior Hockey Festival - 2 September**

Jolly hockey sticks will be in demand when youngsters from across Preston take part in a special Guild Junior Hockey Festival on September 2. The event is being organised in conjunction with Springfields Hockey Club which runs the primary schools competitions in conjunction with the schools sports partnership.

**Band players to reunite**

The woman behind a Preston Youth Band reunion says the response she has received has been ‘great.’ Trombone player Josette Coupe is calling for people to join together again to mark this year’s Guild celebrations. Mrs Coupe, 53, said: “Lots of people have been in touch. “Someone phoned from Ireland. “We are expecting about 48 people.” The band last played together more than 35 years ago. If you were in the band and would like to find out more call Mrs Coupe on 07765230361.

**Gig planned for Guild**

The countdown is on for a Preston Guild charity concert.  The Big Guild Gig starring Ronnie Scott’s All Stars Orchestra and Tony Christie takes place at the end of the month.  The huge concert, which will be staged at the Charter Theatre, has been organised by the Preston Twinning Partnership.  It will also see acts from two of Preston’s twin towns - Nimes in France and Kalisz in Poland - make the journey to the city for the event.  As well as marking this year’s Guild celebrations the gig aims to raise money for 12 different charities.  The charities include St Catherine’s Hospice, the LEP Lifesaver appeal, Heartbeat, Rosemere Cancer Foundation and Galloway’s Society for the Blind.  The Big Guild Gig, which is also known as the Ronnie Scott Concert, takes place on August 31.  Tickets priced at £35 are available from the Guild Hall Box office on 0845 344 2012 or online at: <http://www.prestonguildhall.com/site/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=59&Itemid=78#biggig>

Please help by printing and displaying the poster: <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/10/A4_Layout%201.pdf>

**Funding and Fundraising**

**Big Lottery Fund: Calling all groups in Preston!**

Last year in Preston 24 community groups shared just over £197,000

Last year in Preston NO community groups were awarded Reaching Communities grants

We want to see more applications from your area...

Please see the attachment below and watch this space.  We are currently working with the Big Lottery Fund to address the problem and will be reporting progress shortly.

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/10/BLFPrestonInfoSheet.doc>

**Preston City Council: Invitation to Submit a Proposal - deadline 10 September**

Invitation to Submit a Proposal : To Raise Awareness of the risk of shisha tobacco usage in BME communities, including where this is a cultural and traditional practice

Expressions of interest should be submitted via email to [e.molloy@preston.gov.uk](mailto:e.molloy@preston.gov.uk) no later than 10th September 2012. In your submission you should indicate how you plan to deliver the above aims, including contact details for the project lead, a breakdown of costs and how you propose to evaluate the information gained.

Download:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/10/Shisha%20CommunityEngagementProject.doc>

For any further information please contact Eirian Molloy by email [e.molloy@preston.gov.uk](mailto:e.molloy@preston.gov.uk)   or on 01772 906332.

**Whizzkidz - Win a Playstation**

Would you like a brand new Playstation 3?  One could be yours for just £1!  Mark Waddington, the CVS's volunteer coordinator, is fundraising for Whizz Kidz and if you'd like to help, and possibly win a Playstation 3, you can buy raffle tickets for £1 each.  Just call into the CVS in the Guild Hall Arcade in Preston and ask to buy a ticket!"

**Cancer Research UK announces £680,000 rebranding in a bid to improve fundraising**

The charity hopes the rebrand will boost its income, which has fallen from £515m in 2010 to £493m in 2012. The charity is spending £680,000 on the rebrand this year, but it hasn’t said how much it will spend on the new image in total.   The rebrand will come into effect from September and will be publicised through outdoor events and social media platforms. It will also be promoted through television adverts next year.  About 100 of its 550 shops will be refurbished this year as part of the initiative, with the remaining shops updated over the next two years.  CRUK said that the existing logo was too long and did not stand out.   "We rely solely on the generosity of our supporters to fund our life-saving research, and our brand plays a major role in people’s decision to fundraise for or give to us," said Taylor. "That’s why we need to make sure they feel connected to us and understand everything we do."  The rebranding comes 10 years after CRUK was formed following a merger of the Cancer Research Campaign and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

**2012 Funding Roadshows**

Central Hall Westminster 18 September; Birmingham 20 September; Leeds 25 September

Meet the leading statutory, lottery and trust funders at the 2012 Funding Roadshows presented by Action Planning, in partnership with ACEVO, CAF and Blackbaud. These events provide an important opportunity to hear and question the key decision makers in charity funding.   The attendance fee of £127 includes lunch, all presentation materials and a networking reception. You can book online by clicking on the event dates page, e-mail [admin.events@actionplanning.co.uk](mailto:admin.events@actionplanning.co.uk), phone the Events team on 020 8661 8060 or by completing the form on the conference brochure.

<http://actionplanning.co.uk/events-conference.aspx>

**People with more Facebook friends are less likely to give to charity, research suggests**

Kimberley Scharf, professor of economics at the Centre for Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy at the University of Warwick, argues in a theoretical research paper that when people have larger online social networks, they rely on other people to pass on information about opportunities to give. This phenomenon is called ‘free-riding’.  In her paper Private Provision of Public Goods and Information Diffusion in Social Groups,  she says that people with a large network of friends may even rely on others to donate.  Facebook declined to comment on the study.

                                Paper:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/research/centres/cage/research/papers/kim_working_paper.pdf>

**Payroll giving reaches four-year high, accountancy firm's figures show**

The number of people donating to charities through payroll giving has risen for the first time since the credit crunch began four years ago, an accountancy firm has found.  Figures from Wilkins Kennedy reveal that 15,000 more employees used the payroll giving in 2011/12 than in the year before, taking the total to 735,000. It is the highest number taking part in the scheme since 2008/09.  Employees also gave a record £118m through the scheme last year, the highest total since the scheme began in 1990.  John Howard, head of charity and not-for profit at Wilkins Kennedy, said that the rise offered "a slight glimmer of light"  but added the recovery in payroll giving could be short-lived if the economy enters a sustained double-dip recession.

**St Catherine's Hospice: Epic pub darts charity event**

Staff and regulars at the Shawes Arms in Walton-le-Dale raised more than £3,000 for St Catherine’s Hospice during a marathon darts challenge. The ‘1,000,001’ event at the pub in London Road ran for around 36 hours and generated £3232.52 for the charity.

**Small charities fundraising**

Silver River Productions are producing a new documentary series for BBC Television which will help small charities raise funding. They are looking for charities that are local, volunteer-run organisations. They need to have an income of £10,000 or less per year and are struggling to raise funds. If you know of a charity that fits these criteria and they would be happy to appear within the series, please contact [charity@silverriver.tv](mailto:charity@silverriver.tv)  for an application form. Due to editorial time constraints, the deadline for applications is 22 of August.

**Vacancies and Employment**

**Lancashire BME Pact - Development Officer - closing date 15 August**

Lancashire BME Pact has a vacancy for a Development officer Part time, 24 hours per week, salary range £11000 - £12000 per annum. Fixed Term Contract for 2 years.

Closing Date: 5 pm 15 August 2012, Interviews to be held on 22 and 23 August 2012

For an application pack please contact:

Administrative Office, Lancashire BME Pact, 15 Cross Street, Nelson, Lancs. BB9 7LE

[info@pendleradio.org](mailto:info@pendleradio.org)

<http://www.lancashire-bme-pact.org.uk>

                                Tel: 01282 – 723455

                                Documents will be sent and received by email, unless otherwise requested

                                For an informal chat please contact the Chair Anayat Mohammad on 07966382879

**Child Action Northwest - Placement Officer (Care & Accommodation) - closing date 16 August**

Maternity Cover (9 months)

Hours of work: 37 hours per week. Flexible working to include evenings as required

Salary: Scale range 17 (£17,168) pa

Office Base: Child Action Northwest, Whalley Road, Wilpshire, Blackburn BB1 9LL

Contact for more details: Lisa Johnson - 01254 248282

Please complete an application form and forward this to Sally Francis by 5pm on Thursday, 16 August 2012.

Sally Francis

HR Administrator

Child Action Northwest

Whalley Road, Wilpshire

Blackburn, BB1 9LL

t: 01254 244705

f: 01254 244701

<http://www.childactionnorthwest.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=40&Itemid=41>

**Lancashire Probation Trust -Young people to get taste of career - closing date 17 August**

Three young apprentices are being offered the chance to get a head start in a career working with offenders.  Lancashire Probation Trust has created three apprenticeships to give young people earn money and learn about the industry, working in a variety of departments.  Kerry McKevitt, director of human resources, said: “We understand that now more than ever it is really difficult for young people to have the chance to gain experience and develop new skills.  “We have demonstrated this by achieving the Gold Investors in People standard, awarded to just three per cent of employers nationally, and are looking forward to welcoming our new apprentices to the headquarters team.” The closing date is August 17 and for more information visit:

<http://www.lancashireprobation.co.uk/jobs-and-careers/vacancies_item.php?id=184>

**Lancashire Women’s Network - closing date 20 August**

Administrative Officer, Accrington

20 hours over 4 days (some evening and weekend support may be required from time to time)

£13,468 per annum, pro rata

September 2012 till end of November 2012 subject to 1 month’s probation

The closing date for this post is Monday 20th August 2012 at 12noon.

Interviews will take place on Wednesday 22nd August 2012

For an application pack, please contact Naz Zaman or Aimee Wilson at Lancashire Women’s Network on 01254 392 974 or alternatively email [naz.zaman@lwnmew.org.uk](mailto:naz.zaman@lwnmew.org.uk)

**Unpaid government work placements 'are not slave labour', rules High Court**

Government schemes that require unemployed people to take unpaid jobs are not slave labour, the High Court ruled on Monday.   Cat Reilly, a museum volunteer, launched a judicial review after she was told she had to undertake an unpaid work placement in order to retain her Jobseeker’s Allowance. Reilly had argued that making her work unpaid at a Poundland shop for two weeks or risk losing her benefits was a breach of human rights.  Jamieson Wilson, an unemployed HGV driver, also challenged the government’s use of work placements for job seekers using human rights legislation.   Charities have come under fire from pressure groups for accepting unpaid work placements from government work schemes.   But the judge, Justice Foskett, ruled that the government’s Community Action Programme and Work Academies Scheme were lawful and were a "very long way removed" from slave labour. "Characterising such a scheme as involving or being analogous to ‘slavery’ or ‘forced labour’ seems to me to be a long way from contemporary thinking," he said.  However, Foskett did rule that the Department for Work and Pensions should improve the clarity of the letters that warn claimants of potential sanctions should they fail to participate in the schemes without good reason. The department is appealing this ruling, but in the meantime it has revised its standard letters.  Iain Duncan Smith, Work and Pensions Secretary, said: "We are delighted, although not surprised, that the judge agrees our schemes are not forced labour. Comparing our initiatives to slave labour is not only ridiculous but insulting to people around the world facing real oppression.  "Thousands of young people across the country are taking part in our schemes and gaining the vital skills and experience needed to help them enter the world of work – it is making a real difference to people's lives."

**Training**

**Social Media Surgeries in Chorley and Preston with DigiEnable - 16 and 23 August**

If you are interested in learning more about how Facebook, Twitter, Blogging, online sharing and storytelling can benefit your organisation or community group, then this is definitely for you.

The concept is simple. A space in provided in which you can bring your questions and put them to Social Media Experts. You will then have up to two hours to sit with someone and work through any questions, issues or concerns that you have. There will be no standing at the front of the room and lecturing you, there will not be an agenda dictating what can be discussed; this is your opportunity to raise issues specific to your organisation and find a solution together.

The Preston and Chorley Social Media Surgeries are for charities, community groups, residents groups and anyone with an interest in making Preston and Chorley's third sector a stronger and more digitally engaged community. Our surgeons are experienced, enthusiastic, and will not baffle you with jargon and terminology.

Our role is to make Social Media easy to understand and accessible to everyone, and it's all FREE!

The Preston Social Media Surgery is on 16th August 5.30pm at The Arts and Media Centre, Fox Street

The Chorley Social Media Surgery is on 23rd August 4pm at Chorley Community Centre.

For more information click here

<http://bit.ly/digienablesms>

or call 0161 408 0130

**Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) - 18 September**

                                What is it?  How it happens & its impact on all sectors of life

                                Twilight meeting 7 – 9 pm

                                Pear Tree Children's Centre, 29 Station Road, Kirkham, PR4 2HA

                                This twilight event is to provide FASD awareness and to develop a support group.

                                £ 15  per person; FREE Parents/cares & grandparents

More details and booking form: <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/new%20flier%20for%20pear%20tree.docx>

**Volunteering**

**Cinnamon Trust: appeal for walker**

A charity is seeking a willing volunteer to walk a dog owned by an elderly person in Preston. The Cinnamon Trust, which supports elderly and terminally ill people to look after pets, is seeking someone in the Fulwood area. For details, call 01736 758707.

**Events**

**Iftar (break fast) with the Homeless, Preston Flag Market - 11 August**

On Saturday 11th August, Preston Muslims are hosting an Iftar (break fast) with the Homeless @ Preston Flag Market at 8.15pm.

Iftar (break fast) is a communal activity, we hope to share this experience with the homeless of Preston. The long fasts during this summer, create empathy with the poor and gives an understanding of how it feels to be hungry and thirsty. This is our way of showing solidarity with the homeless and sharing food together.

Please join us and share this experience.

Please forward this email onto your networks and contacts.

Further information on our fb events page.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/331845193571011/>

**Preston & District Blind Bowling Club Open Day - 11 August**

Preston & District Blind Bowling Club are holding their annual Open Day on Saturday 11th August at the bowling greens on Moor Park in Preston.

It will start at 10.30 a.m. and anyone who is interested in bowling, particularly by visually impaired people, is very welcome to come along.

                                For more information, please contact Henry Edwards on 01772

                                435566 or Steve Dewitt on 01772 731576.

**CRaB Table Top Car Boot Sale, Catherine Beckett Centre - 18 August**

The next CRaB Table Top Car boot is Saturday the 18th August 2012 10-3pm at the Catherine Beckett Centre. table are still available at £5 and a bouncy castle for the kids weather permitting.

Poster: <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/10/carbootposter.doc>

**Museum of Lancashire, Joseph Delaney, Meet the Author - 20 August**

20 August, 6.30 pm. Museum of Lancashire Youth Voice, a group of young history enthusiasts who meet at the museum, have organised an evening with local author Joseph Delaney at the Museum of Lancashire.  Joseph Delaney's best selling Wardstone Chronicles series are based on the myths and legends of Lancashire and are particularly relevant for this year as we commemorate 400 years since the Lancashire witch trials.  The series is also being adapted for film starring Oscar winning actor Jeff Bridges, due out in October 2013 under the title 'The Seventh Son'. Joseph will give a talk about his inspiration for writing the books,  read from the latest installment 'The Spook's Blood' and answer questions from the audience.  Places are free but must be pre-booked on 01772 534075

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/museumoflancashire](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/museumoflancashire)

**Walk for fair trade - 88 miles starting 24 August**

People have been invited to join a walk to celebrate 70 years of fair trading. Bruce Crowther, director of The Fig Tree centre in Garstang, the first fair trade town in the world, is inviting people to join the walk along the Heritage Trail from the Wyre town to Keswick in the Lake District. The 88-mile walk starts on Friday, August 24 to raise awareness of the fair trade movement and money for Oxfam. For further details visit

<http://www.fairtradecentre.org/>

**FRIENDS Charity Seminar, UCLAN, Preston - 29 August**

10:30am until 12:30pm

The presentation focuses on the positive contributions that disabled students can offer towards society. It will be held in the Darwin Lecture Theatre, UCLan, Preston.  The purpose of FRIENDS Charity is to provide funding for disabled students. The purpose of FRIENDS Charity is to fund postgraduate education for disabled students who achieve a first class honours in their undergraduate studies.  The seminar is a celebration of the potential for disabled individuals to contribute towards society, as well as highlighting the goals and aspirations of FRIENDS Charity. We have invited representatives from local media such as radio and papers, MPs, Counsellors, local disability groups and educational representatives. If you know of anyone else who may be interested in education, social inclusion and/or disability please feel free to forward an invite to them.  Please register if you're attending: It would be greatly appreciated if you could register for this event at the following link, no tickets will be required but this will enable us to calculate numbers for refreshments:

<http://www.eventzilla.net/web/event?eventID=2138969702>

Car parking is free but will require a ticket. Please contact us via email or phone so that we can arrange one for you:

[friendscharity@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:friendscharity@yahoo.co.uk)

[www.friends-charity.co.uk](http://www.friends-charity.co.uk)

                                07703 770386 (Robert Green)

Do forward this information onto anyone who may be interested in the charity, or anyone who wants to find out more about disability or education.

**Launch of the Safer Future Communities Lancashire Network - 12 September**

Date for your diary: Launch of the Safer Future Communities Lancashire Network – you are invited to the this event which will take place on 12th September 2012 4pm to 6pm at St Cuthberts Church Centre, Lytham Road, Preston.  Further details will follow – it’s your chance to meet the candidates for Police and Crime Commissioner.

**Galloway’s Society for the Blind: Walk the lights for charity - 14 September**

Galloway’s Society for the Blind’s annual sponsored walk through Blackpool’s famous illuminations will take place next month.  Since Galloway’s, based in Penwortham, first organised the walk in 2003, more than £20,000 has been raised towards the cost of the charity’s work with more than 7,000 local blind and partially sighted people.  For more info call Mr Turner on 01772 744148 or 07743 825818 or email

[fundraising@galloways.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@galloways.org.uk)

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/walk-the-lights-for-charity-1-4811850>

**UCLAN Careers Fair, Preston - 22 November**

We very much look forward to welcoming you to the event.  Once we have received all forms, we will confirm your booking and provide you with more detailed information about the venue, parking, maps and so on.  The form includes a section for marketing purposes.  This information will form part of the booklet provided to students about the exhibitors, so please could you give as much information as possible.  If you email your logo to us, we can include this in the promotional booklet. We really hope you are able to attend this event.  If you need any further information at all, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01772 895858

                                Please click here for the booking form

<http://bit.ly/exhibitorbookingform>

                                Futures Team (employability, careers and enterprise service)

                                University of Central Lancashire

                                Preston

                                Tel: 01772 895073

                                E-mail: [futures@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:futures@uclan.ac.uk)

**Crafty days at city gallery, Preston - every Wednesday during school holidays**

Drop in at The Harris Museum to discover a variety of arts and crafts every Wednesday during the school holidays. Stay for 15 minutes or the whole two hours. The free event is suitable for ages 5-12 and runs between 13:30pm to 15:30pm.

**Public Notices**

**Information Commissioner's Office offers charities data protection tips**

The Information Commissioner’s Office has issued five top tips to charities to help them avoid breaching data protection legislation.  The ICO warned that serious breaches of data protection could result in fines of up to £500,000 for any organisation.  Charities are more susceptible to data protection issues than some organisations because they often handle sensitive personal information such as medical records, the ICO said.

The ICO’s five top tips

- Tell people what you are doing with their data and who it will be shared with. This is a legal requirement.

- Give staff the correct training on how to store and handle personal data.

- Use strong passwords to protect data, including upper and lower-case letters, one digit and, ideally, a symbol.

- Encrypt all portable devices such as laptops and memory sticks.

- Keep personal data only for as long as it is needed and then delete or destroy it.

<http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

**Employment charities Careers Development Group and Shaw Trust agree to merge**

The proposed merger between employment services charities the Careers Development Group and the Shaw Trust will go ahead.  The charities announced in February that they had held merger discussions but confirmed today that they would join together after a due diligence process concluded that a merger would be a positive step.  The Shaw Trust helps disabled and disadvantaged people into work and has been a registered charity since 1982. The CDG helps people in London and the south east to return to work after periods of long-term unemployment and also became a registered charity in 1982. The Shaw Trust employs 1,000 staff and the CDG has 350 employees.

**Church of England disinvests from News Corporation**

The Church of England has sold shares worth £1.9m in the Murdoch media group News Corporation in the wake of the phone hacking scandal at its British newspapers.  The Church Commissioners and the Church of England Pensions Board took the decision on the advice of the CofE’s Ethical Investment Advisory Group.  The Church of England already excludes investment in companies involved in military products and services, pornography, alcoholic drinks, gambling, tobacco, human embryonic cloning and high interest rate lending.  News Corporation was unavailable for comment.

**Navca voices fears over Serco's involvement in National Citizen Service bid**

Companies might cherry-pick the easiest cases and leave the rest to charities, infrastructure body says. The local infrastructure body Navca has raised concerns about the involvement of the private sector services firm Serco in a consortium to run a large part of the government’s National Citizen Service.  It emerged over the weekend that Serco is part of the NCS Network, a consortium that also includes youth charities Catch22, the National Youth Agency, Vinspired and UK Youth. The consortium is bidding for eight of the 19 contracts on offer to run the NCS in 2013 and 2014. The eight contracts are worth an estimated £100m.  Acevo, the national body for charity chief executives, said it believed a partnership of this kind would work, but had reservations about the structure. Ralph Michell, director of policy at Acevo, said: "Our only reservation is that with a large contract such as this, run by government, it ends up being a bit one-size-fits-all."  But UK Youth defended the bid, arguing that the third sector lacked the infrastructure to deliver such large-scale contracts. A spokesman said: "It’s about charities leading businesses and making sure they do it right. We know what young people need because we work with them: Serco has the infrastructure to help us deliver."  A spokesman for Serco confirmed that it had bid for the contracts but declined to comment on Navca's concerns.

**Anti-social behaviour training 'could defuse conflict'**

Members of the public should be given lessons in how to tackle anti-social behaviour, a report has suggested.  The Royal Society of Arts (RSA) says the training could be provided by police officers or volunteers, which could include how to defuse conflict.  But the Police Federation said officers did not have the resources to offer such training because of the cuts.  The RSA, a charity which aims to find "solutions to social challenges", says the English riots of a year ago "laid bare both the risks and strengths of self-organised citizen defence".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-19174108>

**‘Inspirational’ youth worker remembered**

A youth worker hailed “an inspiration” to thousands of Lancashire youngsters has died just a year after taking early retirement.  Ron Blenkinship spent almost his entire working life helping teenagers and young people in schools and youth centres across Penwortham, Lostock Hall and Leyland.  Tributes are pouring in for the 59-year-old father-of-two, who originally trained as a professional actor, including many from young people he inspired and empowered through his 28-year career.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/inspirational-youth-worker-remembered-1-4812030>

**It's 100 days until the election of Lancashire's first ever Police and Crime Commissioner**

Today, help us to spread the word about this important election…

…We're asking you to 'Just Tell One'.

It's simple: we'd like you to take just a couple of minutes today to tell someone else about the election of Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) on November 15.  Help us to build on our 'Be Part of It' campaign. You could simply forward this newsletter to a colleague, a friend or a member of your family. Or, you could post a message on your Facebook page, re-tweet one of our comments on Twitter or share one of our videos.  You have registered to receive information about the PCC election in November so we know there's a reason why the outcome in November matters to you. So today, 'Just Tell One' person about this election and be part of something bigger.  If everyone takes one simple action to help our campaign grow, the combined impact could make all the difference to the awareness and turnout on November 15.  Thank you being part of this new campaign, share our message and help someone else be part of this election.

Take a look at how voting in this election is important for the people of Lancashire:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-4DC8kPZQM>

Be Part of it! For more information on the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner, visit our website

<http://www.lancspcc.co.uk>

JUST TELL ONE!

In a recent review from Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC), Lancashire Police Authority was praised for its work in preparing for the incoming Commissioner. The report said: “Lancashire Police Authority has already put in place sound plans for managing the handover to PCCs. These include ensuring partners are involved in the transition and making the public aware of what the changes will mean to them.”

LPA Chairman Bruce Jassi said: “The Authority is continuing to work hard to prepare for the arrival of the Police and Crime Commissioner. There is still a long road ahead.

“Today marks a significant milestone for the Authority. With 100 days to go we are continuing to manage internal matters appropriately whilst guiding the people of Lancashire through this transition and informing them of the many changes it may bring.”

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/residents-urged-to-vote-in-police-poll-1-4811888>

**Lancashire Wildlife Trust: Digging deep to give something back for crimes**

A team of offenders have been digging deep to help pay for their crimes.  People sentenced to unpaid work by the courts have helped transform a patch of unused land in Preston into a community allotment.  Situated in Hudson Street, Avenham, the allotments have been created to allow residents to develop their horticultural skills and grow fresh produce.   Steph Baxter, community payback practice manager for Lancashire Probation Trust said: “Community payback schemes are organised and supervised robustly and are of great value to the communities in which they take place.  The allotment scheme was nominated by Chris Taylor, Community Food Growing Project Officer at Lancashire Wildlife Trust. He said:  “I nominated the project as part of NHS Central Lancashire’s Community Food Growing scheme, which promotes healthy living as well as physical and mental wellbeing.  “We have set up a number of similar projects such as the ones at Moor Nook and Ribbleton Library and we would not have been able to achieve anywhere near what we have done without the help of community payback.”  The project was set up with the help of land owners Contour Housing and Preston mental health charity Moving On Lancashire.  An ‘Awards for All’ Lottery grant provided the funding and labour was worth £1,600.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/digging-deep-to-give-something-back-for-crimes-1-4809213>

**Lancashire Wildlife Trust: Arson yobs slammed over beauty spot blaze**

Arsonists who burned down a hide at a Lancashire nature reserve have today been slammed as “selfish.”  Firefighters tackled the blaze at the Penisular Hide at Brockholes Nature Reserve, Preston, at the weekend.  Two fire crews from Preston fire station were called on Friday night and battled the blaze until the early hours of Saturday morning - but were unable to save the £14,000 building.  Staff at the Lancashire Wildlife Trust, which runs the reserve, has assessed the ?damage and today described it as ”heartbreaking.”  She added: “As a nature conservation charity we cannot afford this kind of attack.  “These hides have been funded by individuals wanting to do their bit for wildlife and now we have to go to them and explain that the hide has been destroyed.”

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/arson-yobs-slammed-over-beauty-spot-blaze-1-4809505>

**Deafway: Charity centre given go ahead**

Plans for a new flagship arts and heritage centre have been given the green light.  Deafway has been given the go ahead to build a new Deaf Arts, Culture and Heritage Centre at Brockholes Brow.  The charity is going to demolish its existing buildings and replace it with a part two storey, part three storey building.  The new building will house offices, a theatre and accommodation for residential courses.  The move will also lead to the creation of 10 new full-time and part-time jobs.  Parking at the venue will also be increased from 30 spaces to 84.   Chief executive of Deafway David Hynes said: “I think it is absolutely fantastic news. We are just over the moon. What I will say is that the hard work of raising the money begins. If anybody would like to help with the fundraising in anyway they would be most welcome to get in touch.”

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/charity-centre-given-go-ahead-1-4809393>

**Community Futures has a selection of office furniture, in excellent condition, FREE to a good home!**

                                2 Beech Bookcases

                                12” depth, 30” width, 79” height

                                5 Grey Office Desks

                                1 X 32” depth, 63” width, 28” height

                                1 X 30” depth, 72” width, 28” height

                                3 X 46” depth (at deepest point), 64” width, 28” height

                                2 Drawer beige/brown metal filing cabinet

                                24.5” depth, 18.5 width, 28” height

If anyone is interested in the above they would need to arrange their own transport/collection etc.  For further information please contact Marion Bolton 01772 717461 as soon as possible.  The furniture will be given on a first come, first served basis.

Please circulate this email through your networks – many thanks!

Marion Bolton

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**FareShare and Sainsbury's link up for another Million Meal Appeal**

The food redistribution charity FareShare has joined forces with Sainsbury’s for the second year running to launch the Million Meal Appeal 2012.  On 6 October, volunteers at 600 of the supermarket chain’s stores will greet customers and ask them to buy an extra item of food from the appeal’s shopping list.  FareShare will then deliver the donated items to the 700 charities and community projects it works with.  Last year, the partnership allowed the charity to deliver food for more than 1.2 million meals. The initiative won the Single Project category at Third Sector’s Business Charity Award in May.  The charity is looking to recruit 1,200 volunteers to help with the appeal.  It is estimated that around 5.8 million people in the UK live in deep poverty and struggle to afford basic items such as food. Last year, FareShare says it rescued 3,600 tonnes of food, which contributed to 8.6 million meals feeding 36,500 people a day.

                                Links:

                                Fareshare

<http://www.fareshare.org.uk/>

                                Million Meal Appeal:

<http://www.fareshare.org.uk/?page_id=1837>

**Cyclists reminded of security**

Cyclists are being reminded to keep their bikes safe and secure.  It comes after statistics showed that the theft of pedal cycles is on the increase in South Ribble and Chorley.  Chief Insp Andrew Gilbert said: “Evidence gathered by police shows that pedal bikes in South Ribble and Chorley were the most common taken item in non-household burglaries in July just past.  “The overwhelming majority of bikes stolen were those that have been left outside a property or building, without any sort of lock which is a gift for the opportunist thief.”  People are advised to keep bikes locked up in a shed or garage and have it invisibly marked.

**Consultations**

**Safer Future Communities Network - deadline 6 September**

We would be very grateful if you would complete the attached survey prepared as part of work on a new Safer Future Communities Network for voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise groups in Lancashire (including Blackburn and Blackpool).  Survey feedback will be presented at the launch of the new Safer Future Communities Network on 12 September 2012 (16:00 – 18:00) at St Cuthbert’s, Lytham Road, Preston (see events above) – plus additional events in north and east Lancashire (further details to follow on all events).  Survey feedback will also contribute to a position statement to advance the sector’s views during the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner and development of the Police and Crime Plan.

                                Survey:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/10/SFC_SURVEY%20%20AUG12.doc>

The survey is seeking views on community safety/ policing and your priorities as an organisation as we approach far reaching change in how services are planned and funded. This includes:

-  the election a Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire in November

- the forming of a Police and Crime Panel

-  a new Police and Crime Plan setting out service priorities.

This changed environment is likely to have a major impact on the work, services and funding of voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise groups. Please respond if you are interested or involved in community safety, eg:

• representing or working with sections of the community or groups affected by community safety or policing provision

• currently funded or seeking funding for a service that forms part of this broad agenda

•  involved in community safety forums

•  interested in community safety or policing as it affects your local area

Your views are vital - whether you are a large, small, staffed or wholly voluntary organisation. Please email the survey back by 6 September to:

[kevingoodall@lancastercvs.org.uk](mailto:kevingoodall@lancastercvs.org.uk)

**Health**

**Local Healthwatch regulations - a summary report of engagement**

From April to June 2012 the Department of Health sought the views of stakeholders and the public relating to the issues around the local Healthwatch regulations. They have produced a report setting out the key issues that arose from discussions and providing information on their approach to the drafting of the regulations.

<http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/healthwatch-engagement>

**Weight training 'reduces diabetes risk'**

Weight training helps to prevent type 2 diabetes in men, research suggests.  Researchers found regular weights reduced the risk by up to a third, in the study of more than 32,000 men published in the Archives of Internal Medicine journal. It is already well known that regular exercise can prevent the disease.  But the report is considered important as weights provides an alternative to aerobic exercises such as running for people who are not so mobile.  Researchers from Harvard School of Public Health in the US and the University of Southern Denmark followed the men over an 18-year period, during which time nearly 2,300 developed the condition.  They found 30 minutes of weights a day, five times a week could reduce the risk of diabetes by 34%.  But they also reported that even less regular exercise - up to an hour a week - had an impact, cutting the risk by 12%.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-19147646>

**Website warned over MMR claims**

A website offering parents advice on vaccines has been ordered to remove information about the MMR jab after claiming it could be linked to autism. Babyjabs.co.uk said the three-in-one jab may be causing "up to 10%" of autism in children in the UK.  But the Advertising Standards Authority ruled the claim was misleading and must not appear again, after getting a complaint.  The website was also told not to repeat other claims it made about MMR.  These included the suggestion that "most experts now agree the large rise (in autism) has been caused partly by increased diagnosis, but also by a real increase in the number of children with autism".  Another claim said the vaccine-strain measles virus had been found in the gut and brain of some autistic children, which supports many parents' belief that the MMR vaccine caused autism in their children.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-19163717>

**Policy**

**Institute of Chartered Accountants calls for end of summary information returns**

The Charity Commission should abandon the summary information return element of charity accounts and introduce fines for organisations that file their accounts late, according to the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.  The membership body for chartered accountants made the recommendations as part of its response to the commission’s consultation Register of Charities: A Review of Information Collected from Charities.  The ICAEW added that it supported the introduction of a fining system by the commission for charities that failed to file their accounts within the 10-month deadline, pointing out that the current naming-and-shaming approach was inadequate. But the institute acknowledged that there should be consultation to determine possible exceptions to the fines and how they should be collected. It also opposed introducing incentives or rewards to charities that file early, saying that such a move was unlikely to "have much impact".

**Charities are better placed than private providers to run schools, report argues**

Charities and other not-for-profit providers are better placed to run schools than commercial businesses, according to report from the Institute for Public Policy Research.  Not for Profit: The Role of the Private Sector in England’s Schools examines the role of private providers in the education systems in the US, Sweden and Chile and concludes that not-for-profit providers generally prove more successful than  commercial alternatives.  Rick Muir, associate director for the IPPR, said: "The argument that the profit motive is needed for raising schools standards is simply ideological. It is not supported by the international evidence at all."

<http://www.ippr.org/publication/55/9492/not-for-profit-the-role-of-the-private-sector-in-englands-schools>

**Appeals**

**Preston FM: Local Musicians and Artists To Help In Our Project**

David Gilson recently did a interview with Nicky Cuthbert of the ISAIAH Trust (find out more here -  <http://www.isaiahtrust.org/> ) who help street kids in Kenya, out of this came an idea to produce a set of CDs to send out to the children in Kenya. They are looking for tracks from local schools, colleges, bands and producers as to contribute their work of music to the album. This is non-profit and is just something for the children.

If you fall in any of these areas schools/college local band musician get in touch with David on [dgilson@preston.fm](mailto:dgilson@preston.fm)

**Lancashire County Council: Older volunteers to participate in Travel Diary Survey**

We need your help to improve road safety and public transport provision for older people in Lancashire.

We are looking for volunteers to participate in our Travel Diary Survey as part of the SaMERU Project  (Safer Mobility for Elderly Road Users).

A travel diary is a survey in which older people can record their travel movements each day for one week.  It will provide a detailed record of travel patterns and modes of travel throughout each day, and help us understand how, when and why older people travel and any particular problems or difficulties that they may face.  This will allow us to prioritise road safety actions and public transport provision and give a better understanding of the mobility issues facing older people.

The travel diary will only take a couple of minutes each day for one week to complete, we will supply printed copies of the diary and pre-paid envelopes for their return.

Please let me know if you or someone you know would be interested in helping us with this important survey or if you have any questions or comments.

Many Thanks,

Dominique Smith-Hart | Project Support Officer | Lancashire County Council | County Hall | Preston | PR1 0LD

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**Headway Preston & Chorley: Premises required in central Preston**

Headway Preston & Chorley is seeking to rent premises twice a month (one must be a Tuesday) to deliver its services.

The requirements are:

A central to Preston location.

117 sq meters area minimum- plus kitchen facilities.

Must be accessible (ground floor)

Parking

Please contact Liz on 0792 900 5897 or email [headwayprestonandchorley@gmail.com](mailto:headwayprestonandchorley@gmail.com)

**Call for items**

Do you have any items of interest for the sector? Please feel free to email details to info@prestoncvs.org  to have them circulated through YOUR CVS network. Comments?, suggestions? Please email them to the same address.

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