Welcome to our weekly roundup of all things Voluntary Community Faith Sector in Central Lancashire!

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Apologies for the delay in this issue. On Friday we had an overhaul of the site to enable readers to directly subscribe to the newsletter on line (visit <http://www.cvscentrallancashire.org.uk> and follow the newsletters link). Previously subscribers had to email us and manually request that their email addresses were added to our mailing lists. Also on Friday newsletter distribution was switched from Outlook to the Mail Chimp distribution system (<http://mailchimp.com/> ) which should make future distribution more reliable. Big thanks (and a plug!) to Heckford Advertising (<http://www.heckford-advertising.co.uk/> ) for their assistance in making the changes!

Big Lottery Fund - We expect to go live with details of the Big Lottery Fund workshops to be held at the CVS and now have dates in the diary - a stall in our shop in the Guild Hall arcade on 10 September, and workshops / surgeries on 11 and 18 September and 15 October. Booking forms to follow shortly.

Yet again this newsletter contains another opportunity for one lucky reader to come and work with us! See Vacancies and Employment below. Please note that we cannot guarantee these currently monthly offers will continue indefinitely!

And now, the news …

**Guild 2012**

**Guild win for school**

Grange Primary School in Ribbleton has won Eaves Brook Housing Association’s “Create a G” competition in celebration of Preston Guild 2012. Eaves Brook, part of the Your Housing Group, launched a search for the most artistic primary school in Preston to commemorate the 2012 event. Schools were invited to decorate large wooden Gs and more than 20 schools took part. Grange Primary School’s winning artwork looked back at previous Preston Guilds and was a montage of drawing from Guilds gone by. The school was presented with a cheque for £100, which will go towards a Guild party when pupils return to school in September. The finished Gs form part of the Deepdale Outdoor Art Exhibition and are displayed on the boundary wall of Deepdale Pavilions, Deepdale Road, Preston.

**Guild Photography Competition - deadline 14 September**

The organisers of the Guild Photography Competition have received a host of entries and are encouraging more people to enter. The challenge is to capture the most creative ‘G’ photographs - to be in with a chance of winning an iPad3. The topic of the ‘G’ photograph can be anything, but there are five Guild themed categories that entrants can choose from: International; Green; People; Business; Creative. The deadline for all entries is Friday September 14 at 3pm.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/great-way-to-get-in-the-mood-for-the-guild-1-4836824>

**Singer set to put on special concert to mark the Guild**

Scottish singer songwriter Yvonne Lyon is returning to Preston for an evening concert during the city’s main Guild week. Since she last came to Preston, she has been touring and has made another three albums to wide acclaim. She will perform in Preston on Thursday September 6 at Central Methodist Church Lune Street. Doors open at 7.30pm and entry is free. For more information contact Paul Blackett by emailing [pablackett@gmail.com](mailto:pablackett@gmail.com) . Alternatively, call the Rev Sue Griffiths on 01772 774285 or http://www.centralmethodist.org.uk. More information is also available by visiting <http://yvonnelyonmusic.com>.

**Hundreds attend proclamation**

Hundreds of people packed onto the Flag Market on Saturday morning for the Guild first proclamation. The Guild Mayor, Coun Carl Crompton, in full ceremonial robes, along with the Mayoress, the Clerk of the Guild and other civic dignitaries took their places on the steps of the Harris Museum for the first proclamation at 10.30am.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/hundreds-attend-proclamation-1-4848323>

**Photos marking past Guild years on display**

A collection of historic photographs from Guild years gone by have gone on display in Preston. The displays have been compiled using photographs from the Evening Post’s archives and collections from Lancashire County Council’s Libraries and Lancashire Archives. The photos went on display in the Guild Hall Arcade earlier this week.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/photos-marking-past-guild-years-on-display-1-4842386>

**Guild’s Olympic spirit**

“The Olympics have finished and now it’s all back to ours!” Designer Wayne Hemingway has made a video appeal for Prestonians to keep the buoyant spirit of the 2012 Games going by supporting Preston Guild. Morecambe-born Wayne and his wife Gerardine are curating the Vintage Guild festival, a weekend of music, fashion, food and arts on September 1 and 2. Wayne filmed a three-minute promotional video plugging the bumper weekend of events on a recent visit to Avenham Park, the venue which will hold most of the Vintage activities.

Video and article:

<http://www.lep.co.uk/lifestyle/guild-s-olympic-spirit-1-4831043>

**Digienable Audio Trail - 1 September**

DigiEnable is working alongside Manchester based production company Sparklab Productions, to present a unique audio experience as part of Preston Guild 2012.

On Saturday 1st September at 9pm we will take people on an audio trail through the streets of Preston and past many of its most recognisable landmarks. The only difference is that they will be immersed in another world, a world in which nothing is quite what it seems.

As well as those taking part in the event, we also need some volunteers to help make this journey extra special for those involved. Roles range from stewarding the group to our destination, or even taking on a role from within the play. The audio trail will take approximately 45 minutes to get from The Flag Market, eventually reaching Avenham Park. However you decide to take part, events like this only take place once in a Preston Guild.

For more information on volunteering or to find out how to book tickets visit <http://bit.ly/BalladBurningBoy> , email us on [darren@digienable.co.uk](mailto:darren@digienable.co.uk) or find us on twitter @DigiEnable , come and join us, it's going to be an experience you will never forget.

Preston 3Twenty - Preston tells Stories

'Preston: Past, Present and Future' is the theme of Preston 3Twenty - a stunningly unique and ambitious writing project lasting two decades, created by writer David Gaffney with They Eat Culture, for Preston Guild 2012. Three high-profile authors are to each write a short story set in the city, with the first to be based in 1972 looking backwards, the second to be in 2012, considering Preston as it is today, and the final to be in the future days of 2072.

These stories will presented during the Guild celebrations as a downloadable audio walking tour of the stories' city locations. Story-lovers can walk round the story sites and live and breathe the stories as they unfold in their ears.

The first story, set in the Preston of 1972, will be written by 'flash fiction' pioneer author of Sawn-Off Tales and Aromabingo, David Gaffney, whom poet Ian McMillan has said "writes truly 21st century stories for a fragmented and fragmenting world; they're short, snappy and utterly addictive."

The second, taking place in the present day of 2012, comes from poet and author Claire Massey, whose short stories have been published in The Best British Short Stories 2011 and myriad other collections, with two of her stories recently being published as chapbooks. She has been said to have the "gift of making the extraordinary uncomfortably real" by fellow writer Robert Shearman.

Finally, the third story, to be set in 2072, from there tracking back to 2032, will be written by highly acclaimed science fiction writer Richard Evans, author of Robophilia, Exilium and the more recent Kosmonaut Zero. Described as 'Manchester's greatest science fiction writer' by Tony Wilson, and compared by many with genre greats like Isaac Asimov and Philip K. Dick, Evans is already well on his way to achieving the kind of cult status that most authors can only dream of.

The three stories aim to be showcased as an innovative live literature event as part of a legacy project for Guild during Autumn 2012. Along with ongoing They Eat Culture project the Lancashire Writing Hub, it puts Preston and Lancashire proudly forward as a city and county that celebrate writing and creativity in all their forms.

Preston 3Twenty aims to last for 20 years, commissioning a new set of 3 stories each year with partner Lancashire Writing Hub, and getting Preston people writing stories about themselves and their city. The project - if the wind blows in the right direction - will last until Guild 2032.

David Gaffney, lead writer, said -'it's great to be bringing a longlasting literature project to Preston. All three writers are excited to be telling new tales of Preston, and getting story-lovers to uncover the stories on the streets' Ruth Heritage, TEC Director, adds 'it'll be brilliant to see people wandering round Preston looking into hidden corners of the city, while listening to the stories on headphones. And we can't wait to get Preston telling even more stories!'

Read More:

<http://preston3twenty.co.uk/>

Pick up the audio headphones in the They Eat Culture project space in St George's arcade 1st- 9th September

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

They Eat Culture, The Continental, South Meadow Lane, Preston PR1 8JP

01772 499 207

[www.theyeatculture.org](http://www.theyeatculture.org)

[www.newcontinental.net](http://www.newcontinental.net)

**Historic Guild paper found**

A mum of two from Longridge has come across a piece of history from the 1902 Guild year. Hilary Parkinson, 56, discovered a copy of the The Preston Guardian from Saturday September 13, 1902.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/historic-guild-paper-found-1-4825905>

**Ex-pat’s Preston Guild dream**

A former ex-pat is urging Prestonians from around the world to make the trip home for the Preston Guild. Joe Hindle, 72, has travelled across the globe and lived in Australia for over a decade. The former Ribble Reclamation boss and his wife Milly have returned from New South Wales after 11 years’ Down Under and now live in Cop Lane, Penwortham. Do you know Les, or do you have friends or family making epic journeys back to Preston for the Guild celebrations? Contact Neil Docking on 01772 838029 or email [neil.docking@lep.co.uk](mailto:neil.docking@lep.co.uk)

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/ex-pat-s-preston-guild-dream-1-4820470>

**Bakers step up to the plate**

Guild organisers have added another ten spaces to the giant edible map to be created for Preston Cake City because of overwhelming demand. The mouth-watering challenge to create a map of the city, using cake and icing in place of bricks and mortar, has really captured the imagination of both amateur and professional bakers. More than 40 individuals and teams of bakers have already jumped at the chance to bake their favourite Preston landmark, with one team even pledging to re-create the historic Horrocks Mill site. Because of the enthusiasm organisers have added ten new spaces to the 50m² map, which is being made as part of the city’s Guild celebrations. Preston Cake City is part of the Preston Guild Square Food Festival, taking place in Winkley Square on September 1 and 2. On September 1 members of the public are invited to come and help make the roads, cars, trees and lamp posts, all from edible treats. ?Cakes will start arriving at the map from 11am on September 2 and members of the public will be able to eat the cake city at a public picnic from 3pm. Those interested in baking their favourite Preston landmark can register at [www.prestoncakecity.com](http://www.prestoncakecity.com). The event is free to enter and the best cake creation will win a prize. The Food Festival will showcase Lancashire’s finest food and drink producers.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/bakers-step-up-to-the-plate-1-4825890>

**European City of Sport 2012 - Get Involved!**

Why don’t you get involved with your city’s status of “European City for Sport for 2012?” Yes, Preston has it all this year!

Have you got any activities or events coming up that involve sport or physical activity? If so, why not register with European City of Sport (ECoS) and receive some goodies for your event and be a part of the fabulous 100 events aimed for in 2012!

All you have to do is go on line and fill in a very easy form or just ring us on 01772 906954 and we will help you! The form can be found on

<http://www.preston.gov.uk/ECOS>

Join in. We would love to hear from you.

**The Best Dressed Street Competition**

If you are dressing up your street or sheltered scheme for the Guild, why not enter the Best Dressed Street Competition?

We are looking for streets that have been dressed in a creative and innovative way. It’s not just about bunting; we’ll also be considering green features such as hanging baskets. Streets will also be judged on how much the community has been involved.

Short listing will take place between the 27th of July and the 24th of August, and the official judges will be out visiting streets on the 28th August.

The top prize is £500, the two runners up will receive £250 for their street and there are also two prizes of £250 each for the two best sheltered schemes.

To enter simply complete our online entry form on

<http://www.prestonguild2012.com/bestdressedstreet>

or give us a call on 01772 906453

**Photography project puts faces to city celebrations**

Old, young, male, female, known and unknown. These are just some of the 100 faces that are making up the ‘100 Guild Faces’ project. Photographer, Luke Richards, set himself a challenge to showcase the diverse and changing faces of Preston to celebrate the Guild year by staging an exhibition of the people of the city.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/photography-project-puts-faces-to-city-celebrations-1-4829870>

**Last chance to meet Wayne**

Readers are being urged to upload old photos from the family album to win VIP passes to the Vintage Guild Weekend. Thousands have voted for their favourite photos from across the eras online. The winner will get VIP access to Vintage Guild events and meet curator Wayne Hemingway. Log on to

<http://www.facebook.com/PrestonGuild2012>

and click Vote Vintage.

**Blind will not miss out on party**

Blind and visually impaired people attending the Preston Guild processions are not being left out thanks to Galloway’s Society for the Blind. In association with Preston Council, visually impaired spectators will have access to seating in Birley Street where Galloway’s will be providing an audio described commentary of each float as it passes. Peter Taylor, director of Galloway’s Society, said: “The charity has been involved with every Guild since 1882 and each time has strived to ensure that blind and partially sighted people can be involved.”

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/blind-will-not-miss-out-on-party-1-4840593>

**Funding and Fundraising**

**Patagonia Environmental Grants - deadline 31 August**

Patagonia offers grants to charitable organisations in the UK working on grassroots campaigns to protect threatened wilderness and biodiversity. Patagonia is a privately held American outdoor clothing and gear company that is based in the United States and operates internationally in a number of different countries, including the UK. It offers grants to non-profit grassroots environmental groups in the countries where it works. The company is particularly keen to support “small, grassroots activist organisations with provocative direct-action agendas, working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect the environment”. Charities registered in the UK may apply for grants of between $3,000 and $8,000 (approximately £1,900 to £5,000).

<http://www.patagonia.com/eu/enGB/patagonia.go?assetid=2927>

**Crowdfunding - deadline 31 August**

NCVO and crowdfunding platform, Buzzbnk have joined together to offer 10 voluntary sector organisations the chance to raise money for a project through harnessing the power and enthusiasm of the crowd. From September to November, participants will receive free high-quality support in the form of training webinars, regular assistance from experts and a cash prize of £1,000 as they try out crowdfunding. The deadline for applications is 31 August.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/crowdfunding2012>

**Community Low-Carbon Heating Scheme Opens for Applications - deadline 7 September**

The Carbon Savings Trust has announced that its new Community low-carbon heating scheme is now open for applications. Through the scheme, community groups are able to bid for a share of £8 million to install low-carbon heating, such as solar thermal panels, biomass boilers and heat pumps, into homes in their local area. The funding is available to community-based organisations, including community co-operatives, voluntary groups, social enterprises and development trusts. Community groups will need to submit a first stage application to the Energy Saving Trust by the 7th September 2012.

<http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/renewable_ener/premium_pay/rhpp_community/rhpp_community.aspx>

**LankellyChase Foundation Announces New Grants Programme - deadline 14th September**

The LankellyChase Foundation works to bring about change that will transform the quality of life of people who face severe and multiple disadvantage. Through its new grants programme the Foundation wants to form a funded network of 15-20 organisations who are working to transform the lives of people who face severe and multiple disadvantage. The network will promote the exchange of ideas and learning and the creation of a strong evidence base to show how positive interventions can be both transformational and cost effective. The Foundation are looking to fund projects that address the impact of severe and multiple disadvantage at different stages of the life course, from early years through to adulthood.

<http://www.lankellychase.org.uk/accessing_funding/funding_opportunities>

**Core funding and free training for health charities - 2013 GSK IMPACT Awards - deadline 21st September**

GSK’s IMPACT Awards are designed to reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people’s health. Organisations must be at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK with income between £10,000 and £1.5 million. Up to 20 awards will be made ranging from £3,000 to £40,000 plus free training valued at £4,000.

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/current_projects/gsk_impact_awards/>

**Idlewild Trust - deadline 21st September**

The Idlewild Trust is a grant making trust that supports registered charities concerned with the encouragement of the performing and fine arts and crafts, the advancement of education within the arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of lands, buildings and other objects of beauty or historic interest in the United Kingdom. During the last financial year to 31 December, 2010, the Trust received 373 applications and awarded 65 grants totaling £129,305.

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

**Social Incubator Fund - deadline 21st September**

The Big Fund, which administers non lottery funds, has announced the launch of a new £10 million “Social Incubator Fund”. The aim of the fund is to increase the finance and support available to social enterprises that are at an early stage where the financial return is too low and/or the financial risk is too high for investors. The Fund will make grant awards to up to ten organisations (social incubators) to help them provide investment and support at least 50 early stage social ventures over the life of the project. The funding will be made available over three rounds of awards. Grants for the first round will be awarded in January 2013; subsequent rounds will be launched in 2013 and 2014.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_social_incubator_fund?tab=1&regioncode=-uk>

**Sport England Improvement Fund - deadline 29 September**

Sport England has announced the launch of its new £45 million Improvement Fund. The fund will provide capital grants to medium-sized sports projects that will improve the quality and experience of sport and help more people acquire lifelong sporting habits. Grants will be distributed via five funding rounds with £3m available this year (2012/2013), £9m in 2013/2014 and £11m per year in 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017. In its first round Sport England are focusing on projects that will improve artificial grass pitches (AGPs) and swimming pool changing rooms. Not for profit organisations such as constituted community and voluntary groups, local authorities and schools, etc can apply for grants of between £150,000 and £500,000. The Improvement Fund is not an open application programme but will operate a two stage process. Organisations interested in applying to the fund need to complete the Improvement Fund Checklist and email it to: Improvement.fund@sportengland.org. Sport England will then decide on whether to invite you to submit an Expression of Interest form.

<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/improvement_fund.aspx>

**GDUK - Jeans for Genes Day grant programme - deadline 30th September**

Genetic Disorders UK (GDUK) is the UK charity which aims to change the world for children with genetic disorders. The grant programme means that thousands of families with some of the rarest conditions in the world can benefit from the money raised on Jeans for Genes Day. If you are a UK-registered charity which helps support children and families with genetic disorders, you may be eligible to receive one of their grants, ranging from £500 to £25,000.

<http://www.jeansforgenesgrantprogramme.org/applyforagrant>

**Customer Donation Fund - deadline 30 September**

Organisations that bank with the Co-operative Bank using their Community Directplus Bank Account, have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Bank’s Customer Donation Fund. The Customer Donation Fund grows directly in relation to customers' deposits. For every £100 increase in collective balance held in Community Directplus accounts, the Co-operative Bank will add 20p to the fund. Then, twice a year, in April and October, the Bank will judge customers' applications for project funding and distribute a minimum of £5,000 amongst those customers that are successful. Every Community Directplus customer is entitled to make an application for funding for up to £1,000.

<http://www.co-operativebank.co.uk/servlet/Satellite/1196151412586,CFSweb/Page/Business-CommunityBanking>

**Wellcome Trust Small Arts Awards - deadline 26 October**

The Wellcome Trust has announced that the next application deadline under its Small Arts Awards is the 26th October 2012. The Small Arts Awards provides grants of up to £30,000 to projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts. The aim of the awards is to support arts projects that reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including, among others, artists, scientists, curators, filmmakers, writers, producers, directors, academics, science communicators, teachers, arts workers and education officers.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Funding-schemes/Arts-Awards/index.htm>

**Young Roots - deadline 31 January 2013**

Young Roots offers grants of between £3,000 and £50,000. The scheme aims to involve 11 - 25 year-olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement. Projects needs to be related to the heritage of the UK. For example, it could involve young people researching a local archive or doing practical casework on a nature reserve. Projects must also show how young people are managing and participating in the project.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/youngroots.aspx>

**The Ernest Cook Trust - deadline 31 January 2013**

Registered charities, schools and not-for-profit wishing to encourage young people's interest either in the countryside and the environment, the arts or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy can apply for funding to the Ernest Cook Trust (ECT). The Trust operates two grant making programmes. The small grants programme (under £4,000) supports state schools and small registered charities which would like to undertake projects which meet the Trust's objectives and require a small amount of pump-priming in order for such projects to take place. Meetings to consider applications for the small grants programme take place bi-monthly throughout the year and the large grants programme (Grants over £4,000) is aimed at more comprehensive education programmes. Grants are normally awarded for one year only. The next closing date for applications for the large grants programme is the 31st January 2013.

<http://www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/index.html>

**Funding to Tackle Stigma and Discrimination Facing People with Mental Illness (England) - deadline 30 March 2013**

Time to Change, a new campaign to end the stigma and discrimination that faces people with mental health problems, has announced it’s second funding round. Time to Change will provide grants for projects which will change public attitudes and behaviour towards mental health problems. The grants fund will distribute £2.7 million to approximately 75 community projects across England from May 2012-March 2015. All applications should evidence how people with personal experience of mental health problems will be involved in shaping, delivering and managing the project. The grants available range from £10,000 through its small grants programme to up to £100,000 through the Flagship grants programme.

<http://www.time-to-change.org.uk/grants>

**Funding for IT Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Groups - deadline 1 November**

Funding is available to organisations with innovative IT related project ideas that can make a positive difference to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups - in the UK, developing countries and around the world. The funding is available through the Nominet Trust. The aim of the Trust is to fund innovative Internet projects that make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people, primarily in terms of education, safety and inclusion. The Trust is particularly interested in funding projects that can be scaled up and replicated. There is no minimum grant application and applications for over £100,000 require an interview. Organisations wishing to apply, need initially to complete and online application form. Those organisations deemed successful will be invited to complete the Stage 2 application form.

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

**Wallace & Gromit’s Children’s Foundation - opens 1 October**

The Wallace & Gromit’s Children’s Foundation has announced that its grants making programme will open for applications on the 1st October 2012. The Foundation supports projects in children’s hospitals and hospices throughout the UK to enrich and enhance the lives of patients. In the past, the average grant awarded was just over £9,000.

<http://www.wallaceandgromitfoundation.org/about/apply-for-grant/>

**Foyle Foundation Small Grants Programme - no deadline**

Small charities operating in the areas of the arts and learning that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum can apply for funding of between £1,000 and £10,000 through the Foyle Foundation’s Small Grants Programme. The Foundation which is one of the largest grant making trusts in the UK provides grants that are helping to make the arts more accessible by developing new audiences, supporting tours, festivals and arts educational projects; encouraging new work and supporting young and emerging artists; and that address special educational needs and learning difficulties. Larger organisations can apply for funding through the Foyle Foundations Arts and Learning Main Grants Programmes.

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/>

**Football Foundation's Build the Game Scheme - no deadline**

The Football Foundation is currently accepting applications for funding through its Build the Game Scheme. The Build the Game scheme provides grants of up to £50,000 to community football clubs, local councils and sports associations, etc to improve their facilities. For example Malden Saints FC received funding of £14,500 towards the provision of a club room including male, female and accessible WCs, a kitchen with a servery and a small storage area. To be eligible to apply projects must demonstrate they can support the growth and retention of grassroots football and applicants must have security tenure either by freehold or leasehold and a minimum of 10 years security of tenure. Before applying, applicants must receive advice and support from their County Football Association. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/build-the-game/>

**Lloyds TSB Foundation £2 million funding programme for charities whose work supports older people - deadline 20th September**

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales has launched a new £2 million funding programme for charities whose work supports older people, in particular, innovative and proactive work that encourages empowerment and independence of older people.

<http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/FundingProgrammes/Pages/Olderpeopleprogramme.aspx>

*After Cancer Research last week, this time it's Samaritans ...*

**Samaritans updates its brand**

Samaritans has refreshed its brand as part of plans to boost its annual income from £11.5m to £14m by 2015. The charity’s new image is aimed at breaking down the barriers that prevent people from seeking its help and donating, which include the stigma around mental health and talking about suicide. Its new image cost about £150,000 and will be launched to the public on 20 September with an advertising campaign. The charity’s logo will stay the same, but it will be ‘humanised’ with doodles including brackets or arrows, as if someone was scribbling notes while on the phone. This a week after Cancer Research UK spent £640,000 in a bid to boost fundraising and shed its "geeky" image.

*And it continues ...*

**Prostate Cancer Charity changes name to Prostate Cancer UK**

The Prostate Cancer Charity has changed its name to Prostate Cancer UK as part of a £190,000 rebrand. The charity said it hoped its new "man of men" logo – a large man made up of many small ones – and website would make it synonymous with providing clinical and emotional support for men with prostate cancer. Seamus O’Farrell, director of marketing and communications at the charity, said the new name and branding would make the charity feel more like a national brand and authority on the diseases in terms of support and the research it commissions. The charity has also announced it will be Royal Mail’s charity of the year for the next two years. The charity was selected by the company's 36,000 employees in a staff vote. Prostate Cancer UK hopes at least £2m will be raised over course of the two-year partnership.

**Bid to raise money for terminally ill children**

A leading charity is raising £40,000 to build a new sensory garden. Bosses at Derian House, in Chorley, want to create a new outdoor space for terminally ill children. To achieve this, they must raise in the region of £35,000 to £40,000. People are being asked to take part in Greenfingers Week, run by charity Greenfingers, who will be developing the garden. This will run from September 17 to 23, and people are being asked to hold their own events or organise activities to help raise cash. For further information about Greenfingers Week and to download a fundraising pack, visit

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

If you would like to donate but are unable to fundraise, you can text GRDN12 to 70070 or visit

<http://www.justgiving.com/greenfingers/donate>

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/bid-to-raise-money-for-terminally-ill-children-1-4845812>

**Incomes of grass-roots sports charities 'have fallen in past eight years'**

Grass-roots sports clubs and charities have suffered a slump in income over the past eight years, according to new research. The Charities Aid Foundation, which published the figures, warned that the Olympic sporting legacy was at risk of evaporating before it had begun because of the funding shortage. CAF said that sports clubs and charities with annual incomes of below £100,000 were the worst affected and had seen a fall of 15 per cent in their incomes since 2004. But larger sports organisations, with annual incomes of more than £100,000, fared better in the study, reporting a 3 per cent increase in funding during the same period. CAF analysed the financial returns of 1,624 amateur sports clubs and charities over eight years to compile the figures.

**Sports charity in line for £20m of Sport England funding**

The sports participation charity StreetGames has said it is in line to receive £20m from Sport England to improve sports provision in deprived communities. The charity will run a £500,000 pilot project for its Doorstep Sport Clubs initiative, which aims to ensure that facilities are available close to home. The pilot will run between September and March. If that is successful, it will receive £20m from Sport England that will go towards creating 1,000 new sports clubs, the charity said.

Street Games website

<http://www.streetgames.org/www/index.php>

**Cabinet Office gives £2m to new Olympics volunteering legacy charity**

The Cabinet Office has provided £2m to a charity set up to build on the Olympics’ volunteering legacy. The Join In Trust will encourage people across the country to get involved at their local sports facilities and promote volunteering in local community organisations and other institutions. A spokesman for the charity said that it had received about £2m in funding through the Cabinet Office’s Social Action Fund, which would finance the group in its first year. The charity will stage a Join In Local Sport event this weekend that will involve about 5,000 local sporting events taking place at sports clubs across the country. The Join In Trust board of trustees will include Justin Davis Smith, chief executive of Volunteering England, and Lucy de Groot, chief executive of Community Service Volunteers. The board will be chaired by Sir Charles Allen, a former chief executive of ITV.

Local infrastructure organisations to lose 19 per cent of income this year, poll finds

Local infrastructure organisations are expected to see an average 19 per cent drop in their income over the next year, according to a report published by Navca today. A survey carried out by the local infrastructure umbrella body among 90 of its 350 members in April and May showed that average income was expected to fall from £477,500 in 2011/12 to £385,000 in 2012/13. A report produced about the findings, Funding Local Voluntary and Community Action, aims to highlight the effects of cuts to public sector spending on local support and development organisations. It looks at changes and sources of members’ income as well as how organisations are using their reserves and going about generating new income. It says that 60 per cent of respondents reduced their staffing levels between 2011 and 2012, with a further 40 per cent planning make reductions before 2013.

The report establishes several key trends emerging from local surveys of the sector conducted by NAVCA members:

\* The majority of local charities and community groups have suffered cuts, although some areas are suffering more than others.

\* Local charities and community groups are facing increased demand for their services and a significant proportion say they are unable to meet these demands.

\* Children and young people's organisations are consistently reported as being particularly affected by cuts in funding. In many areas, organisations that work with the most deprived communities have also faced significant cuts or are likely to do so in the near future.

Download the report here:

<http://www.navca.org.uk/funding-local-voluntary-and-community-action>

**Tentative rise in voluntary sector employment**

Somewhat paradoxically Skills Third Sector has also published sector health indicators.

Employment in the voluntary sector has experienced its second consecutive quarterly rise. Latest analysis of the Labour Force Survey (LFS) shows that during the first three months of 2012the number of paid employees in the sector increased by approximately 20,000, representing an increase of 2.6% on the previous quarter and equating to a total of 779,000 paid employees. This follows on from employment levels experiencing a slight recovery during the final quarter of 2011, according to earlier LFS analysis, with 36,000 employees entering the voluntary sector’s paid workforce between October and December 2011. These findings were produced by Skills –Third Sector with support from the Third Sector Research Centre (TSRC) and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).

<http://www.skills-thirdsector.org.uk/news_media/news/tentative_rise_in_voluntary_sector_employment/>

**CDX (Community Development Exchange) to close**

CDX, the national, independent membership organisation for community development, have announced the very sad news that they are preparing to wind up CDX as a formal entity. A full statement is on their website.

<http://www.cdx.org.uk/news/future-cdx>

**Vacancies and Employment**

**Help Direct Development Coordinator - closing date 22 August**

Based in Chorley

Salary Scale 6 pt 26 to pt 28 £22221 - £23708

35 hours per week funded until 31st October 2013

Help Direct is an exciting project which has been commissioned by Lancashire County Council. Help Direct is an innovative service, which is open to all adults to help them get that bit of extra support they need to stay independent, to keep healthy, to keep their home and garden in good order, to take part in leisure activities or have opportunities to get involved in their local community.

Due to the nature of this post, enhanced disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau will be sought.

Closing date for applications is 22/8/12 and interviews are planned for the 28/8/12.

For an application pack please email [fionar@loc.helpdirectlancs.org.uk](mailto:fionar@loc.helpdirectlancs.org.uk) or telephone 01524 387855

**Armed Forces Group Preston Liaison Officer - closing date 24 August**

Salary: £15,000 pa

Employer: CVS Central Lancashire

Experience Required: GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF SERVICE LIFE AND THE NEEDS OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY.

Skills / Qualities / Competencies: Good IT skills (ECDL desirable). Drive, Enthusiasm, Excellent Administration skills. Ability to network, outgoing personality, self motivated. An ability to operate in a customer facing role in demanding situations. Interview skills (desirable), cash handling (desirable), management of volunteers (desirable).

How to Apply: Contact Lee Griffiths, North West Employment Caseworker. [leeg@poppyfactory.org](mailto:leeg@poppyfactory.org) or 07785 667829

**Parkwood Healthcare Ltd Community Engagement Officer - closing date 31 August**

Parkwood Healthcare Ltd has secured a contract to act as the Host Organisation for the Lancashire LINk and to establish the Lancashire Local Healthwatch programme. We are seeking the following personnel to take responsibility for this exciting opportunity:

Community Engagement Officer

One 40 hour per week post and one 20 hour per week post

Based in Bamber Bridge, Preston

Salary – Up to £18,000

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/17/CommunityEngagementOfficer.pdf>

**Training**

**Help Direct Mental Well-being & Community Based Support Interventions**

As part of Help Direct's drive to actively support adults and communities the service has united with Lancashire Adult Learning and Disability Equality North West to deliver a FREE Mental Well-being course featuring key themes such as Confidence Building and Managing Finances. The course is open to organisations who support adults (18 +) within relevant fields such as health, mental health and well-being, social services, counselling, advocacy, police and judicial services etc and to members of the public and the wider community.

Details:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/17/HelpDirectMentalWellbeingTraining.docx>

**Leading Edge Programme: MA in Voluntary & Third Sector Management**

VCS Learning is delighted to announce the launch of 'Leading Edge' a professional development programme which builds on our hugely successful Big Lottery BASIS project. This project has seen over 200 learners recruited from the North West to the 'PG Certificate in Voluntary Sector Management'. Working in partnership with 'Edge Hill University', 'One Lancashire' and 'Transforming Local Infrastructure' (TLI) partners, we are now able to fund a further progression route for professionals working in the sector.

More details:

<http://vcsleadingedge.eventbrite.com/>

**Developing and Managing your own Social Enterprise - 10 weeks starting 17 September**

Are you thinking of setting up your own Social Enterprise?

If the answer is "Yes" why don't you sign up for our ten week course "Developing and Managing your own Social Enterprise" starting in September.

The course will cover all aspects of setting up, developing and managing your own Social Enterprise including:-

What is a Social Enterprise? What are the Legal Structures for a social enterprise? What are your ideas for your Social Enterprise? What you need to set up your Social Enterprise? Setting your Social Enterprise as a Company; The responsibilities of company director; What a company director can and can't do; The different roles of a company director; The internal structures of a Social Enterprise; Preparing and running a board meeting; Writing minutes and keeping other board records; What is a business plan? The structure of a business plan; Planning your business plan; Writing your Business Plan; Developing your financial plan; Developing a funding strategy; Looking at funding applications; Keeping financial records; Developing different roles within your Social Enterprise; Writing job descriptions; Putting together an application pack; The recruitment process.

This course will run on Monday afternoon from 1.30pm to 4.30pm starting on Monday 17th September 2012 at Oak House, 317 Golden Hill Lane Leyland PR25 2YJ. The cost of the course is £180 per person (formerly £300) including all written material. For booking information please email:

[Martin.yates@northernindependentliving.org.uk](mailto:Martin.yates@northernindependentliving.org.uk)

**Volunteering**

**Central Advocacy: Volunteer Advocates Required**

Interested in becoming a volunteer advocate in the Preston, Chorley South Ribble or West Lancashire Area?

Please see attached poster and consider printing and displaying:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/17/POSTERADVERTRETRAINING.doc>

**Reward for eight years as volunteer**

Lancashire County Council has urged people to become involved in volunteering after making a Pride award. Volunteering as a countryside information assistant, befriending an older person or helping young people are just some of the opportunities on offer. To find out more visit

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/volunteer>

or call 01257 248118

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/reward-for-eight-years-as-volunteer-1-4827281>

**Lancashire County Council call for volunteers**

Lancashire County Council is urging people to become involved in volunteering across the county. Volunteering as a countryside information assistant, befriending an older person, or helping young people are just some of the opportunities on offer. Call 01257 248118 for more information

**Samaritans: Guild recruitment drive**

The new director of the Preston branch of the Samaritans, Neil Gray, wants to bring its number of volunteers in the city to 120. Neil has taken over the role from Stephen Hall, who has been in charge of the charity, which offers support to people in distress, for three years. Neil, 56 a father of two and company director from Longridge, has been actively involved in recruitment in Preston and has seen the number of volunteers grow to 92. Now Neil is hoping this Guild year can help boost the numbers. To find out more about volunteering for the Samaritans call 01772 822022.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/charity-s-guild-recruitment-drive-1-4832707>

**Government launches £2m Olympic volunteering legacy charity**

A new £2m government-backed Olympic volunteering legacy charity, has been set up by David Cameron, with volunteering leaders Lucy de Groot, and Justin Davis Smith as trustees. The chief executives of CSV and Volunteering England, respectively, will help lead the Join In Trust - set up to promote volunteering in local community organisations. Its first project, Join In Local Sport, has been heavily promoted today on an official Olympic email to millions of people.

<http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/governance/news/content/13163/government_launches_2m_olympic_volunteering_legacy_charity>

**Police panel recruiting**

People are needed to join a new panel that will scrutinise and support the work of Lancashire’s new Police and Crime Commissioner. As the first commissioner for the county is elected in November, the panel will include 18 elected members from the councils in the police force area and two independent co-opted members. Two committed and energetic people, who either live or work in Lancashire, are required to serve as co-opted independent members for a four-year term from late summer 2012. For details call Mike Neville on 01772 533 431.

**Events**

**Take out of hours walk with police, South Ribble - 20 - 24 August**

Residents can go for a walk with police and a tenancy enforcement team to identify anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhood next week. New Progress Housing Association will host its first community safety week in South Ribble from August 20 to 24. Activities include bicycle safety, a day in the life of the tenancy enforcement team, an introduction to the new powers to tackle anti-social behaviour and mediations skills. The week will begin at The Best Western, Leyland Hotel, where the association will announce the winners of its Good Neighbour Awards and Standing Up For Your ?Community awards. Free skips will be available across Bamber Bridge, the Wade Hall and Broadfield estates in Leyland, and Penwortham, while out of hours walkabouts will be held with the tenancy enforcement team and neighbourhood policing teams, giving people the chance to identify any anti-social behaviour. To book a place call 01772 450600 or email [community@progressgroup.org.uk](mailto:community@progressgroup.org.uk) .

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/take-out-of-hours-walk-with-police-1-4829698>

**Canal Boat Festival, Preston - 25 - 27 August**

A Canal Boat Festival will take place over the bank holiday weekend at the Lancaster Canal at Haslam Park. It is being held to celebrate the Preston Guild and the 10th anniversary of the Ribble Link. It will run from August 25-27.

**FRIENDS Charity Seminar - 29 August**

Wednesday 29th August, 10:30am until 12:30pm

What it is about: 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 fund postgraduate education for disabled students who achieve a first class honours in their undergraduate studies.

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:

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

Phone: 07703 770386 (Robert Green)

**Preston and District Canine Society: Dog show - 9 September**

The Preston and District Canine Society annual open dog show will take place on September 9. Sponsored by Vantage Toyota in Preston, the show will take place at Longridge Civic Centre. For more information about the show call Gary Nicolas-Steele, on 01772 768873.

**Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust meeting - 18 September**

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust will hold its annual members’ meeting on September 18. The meeting will be held from 6pm to 8pm at the Wellington Park Hotel, Burlington Gardens, Leyland. To reserve a place, contact 01772 676021 or [membership@lancashirecare.nhs.uk](mailto:membership@lancashirecare.nhs.uk)

**Cleft Lip and Palate Association: Fundraiser, Preston - 21 September**

A fundraiser with entertainment for all the family will take place in Preston in aid of the Cleft Lip and Palate Association. The event will take place at Ingol Social Club on Whitby Avenue, Ingol, Preston, on Friday September 21 from 7.30pm until late. There will be a DJ, raffle, children’s entertainment, fancy dress, face painting, bingo and much more. Tickets are £2 each or £5 for a family ticket for two adults and three children. Call 07758 764130.

**Babybeat Appeal: An Evening with Peter Shilton MBE OBE - 11 October**

Organised by the North & Western Chamber of Commerce, hosted by Mark Lawrenson

Join us on October 11th at The Preston Marriott Hotel, 7.30pm and listen to tales of Peter's fabulous career, sharing the joy and drama as told by the man who has seen it all. Chamber Members will also be able to attend a VIP Reception before Dinner with Peter & Mark.

Price: Individual Tickets £55+vat, Corporate Tables £450+vat

(Price Includes a 3 Course Dinner)

To reserve your place or further details call 01253 347063

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Shilton>

**Integrate Preston and Chorley: Brass Band & Choral Concert - 13 October**

in aid of the Mayor of Preston's charity fundraising

STACKSTEADS BRASS BAND & 7th DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH GOSPEL CHOIR

Brass Band & Choral Concert & Last Night of the Proms

Saturday 13th October 7.30pm at St Walburge's Church Hall

Tickets

Adults: £7.50

Children under 12: £5.00

This includes hot pot supper

Ring 01772 333805 and ask for Joan Durkin or 07917041251 and ask for Jim Leaver regarding tickets

Poster:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/17/BrassBand-ChoralConcertPoster.docx>

**Public Notices**

**Introducing Volunteer IT Professionals to Charities Needing IT Help**

Welcome to iT4Communities. We are the UK's leading national IT volunteering programme. Our main areas of activity are:

Helping charities and community/voluntary groups to find volunteers to help with their IT needs

Helping IT professionals to find suitable IT volunteering opportunities

Providing support for volunteering projects from project definition to project completion

iT4Communities can help charities, community groups and social enterprises access free IT support from IT professional volunteers and make substantial savings

<http://www.it4communities.org.uk/it4c/home/index.jsp>

**Mayor opens new CAB offices - South Ribble**

Residents will be able to get an enhanced service from the Citizens Advice Bureau following its move to new offices in Leyland. The CAB's new base at the former police station building on Towngate was officially opened by the Mayor of South Ribble, Councillor Colin Clark, on Friday. South Ribble Borough Council, which owns the property, offered the whole ground floor to CAB on a long lease at a peppercorn rent after they asked for help finding a new home in the town.

<http://www.southribble.gov.uk/Section.asp?sectiontype=listseparate&catid=301267&docid=3241>

**Work starts on new allotment site - Chorley**

Work has started on a new allotment site as Chorley Council looks to get more people growing their own fruit and vegetables. Twenty new plots are being created at the new site off Manor Road in Clayton-le-Woods to meet the popular demand for allotments in the Chorley borough.

<http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3909>

**Get on the sports bus- Chorley**

Young people living in outlying parts of the borough are being urged to get on the sports bus as part of a new initiative by Chorley Council. To help encourage more youngsters to get active, free transport will be put on to and from leisure centres where they can take part in free sports such as football, handball, dance and inline skating. The service will run every Saturday for people aged 12-16-years-old serving all parts of the borough from Adlington and Coppull to Mawdesley and Brinscall.

<http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3907>

**Two-thirds of charity staff against trustee payment, survey finds**

More than two-thirds of charity and voluntary sector staff disagree with Lord Hodgson’s recommendation that large charities should be allowed to pay their trustees without Charity Commission approval, according to an online poll. Hodgson’s review of the Charities Act 2006 last month recommended that charities with an annual income of more than £1m should be able to pay their trustees without seeking permission from the Charity Commission, as is currently required. But a poll conducted by the volunteering social networking site ivo.org among 1,100 visitors to its site found that 67 per cent of respondents were against the proposal. The remaining 33 per cent were in favour. Jay Kennedy, head of policy at the DSC, said the results of the poll were in keeping with feedback that his organisation had received. "I do not think there’s support for it within the sector," he said. "We believe in the voluntary ethos. Even if you have an organisation with paid staff, people should be there for altruistic reasons."

**Mark Hendrick MP Surgery Dates**

Mark's surgery dates / venues for the remainder of the year (15 September - 15 December 2012)

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/17/MHendrickSurgeryInfo.doc>

**Parents urged to report abuse in madrassas**

Police in Preston are urging parents of youngsters who attend madrassa to be on their guard against abusive teachers. The warning comes after man who taught children to read the Quran at a mosque in Blackburn was found guilty of beating two of them. Staff from Preston’s Police’s diversity unit say they are not aware of any problems at the city’s 20 madrassas but added that parents should “not be complacent.”

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/parents-urged-to-report-abuse-in-madrassas-1-4820510>

**Katy Trust: Van kitted out for Katy Trust**

A charity set up in the memory of tragic cancer victim Katy Holmes has been given a flash new look. Workers at BAE Systems’ spray shop at its fighter jet-building factory at Warton, near Preston, have resprayed a van owned by Katy’s dad, Dave. He got the vehicle back this week after it was kitted out to promote The Katy Holmes Trust, which aims to raise money to raise awareness of brain tumours in memory of Katy, who died a year ago, aged 10.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/van-kitted-out-for-katy-trust-1-4820534>

**Police warning over PPI telephone scam**

Police are warning Lancashire residents to be on their guard against fraudsters claiming to be able to recover cash spent on payment protection insurance. Over the past 12 months one report per month has been made to police by people who have been contacted by cold callers claiming to be from a PPI company. The caller will tell them that they have several thousands of pounds waiting for them and advise them to obtain a ‘Ukash’ voucher for a set amount, usually between £100 and £900 claiming that they need the voucher in order to release the funds. The victims will obtain the voucher, send it off but then they never hear back from the company.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/police-warning-over-ppi-telephone-scam-1-4819088>

**'Beyond Violence: Breaking cycles of domestic abuse**

The Centre for Social Justice have published 'Beyond Violence: Breaking cycles of domestic abuse', a report that exposes the prevalence of domestic abuse that affects 2 million people a year. It calls for changes to enforcement to put the law on the side of voiceless victims and suggests the introduction of a new offence, 'coercive control', to end harmful mind games and controlling strategies being used in the home.

<http://www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/client/media/DA%20Full%20report.pdf>

**Celebrate and Participate - Looking Back at Our Past and Casting a Future**

(A BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2012 Photography Project)

As part of Black History Month 2012, Lancashire County Council's Libraries, Museums, Archives and Arts Development Team are running a photography project to empower and up skill young members of the African and Caribbean communities in Preston in photographically documenting and recording elements of their culture and communities.

The young people will be participating in a 3 one-day workshops in August, working with and learning from the professional photographer Peter Sanders and on Thursday 23rd August we really would appreciate your support!

People of the Preston African and Caribbean community of all ages are invited to attend a Community Photo Shoot with the professional photographer, and the young people at the Museum of Lancashire on Thursday 23 August, anytime between 11am and 12.00 pm and then between 1 pm - 4pm to have their portrait taken and tell their story.

Please come along on Thursday, 23rd August and support the young people with their project.

The project will culminate in the launch of an exhibition of photographs and stories at the Museum of Lancashire on Wednesday 3rd October 2012 as part of Black History Month 2012.

For more information, or to let us know that you will joining us, please contact [gill.irvine@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:gill.irvine@lancashire.gov.uk) or telephone 01772 534837 (Mobile: 07768475808)

**Appeals**

**Renovation of Preston's Cenotaph**

In the last few months we have undertaken a number of short pilot projects to promote awareness of the project and develop partnership working. Our aim is to reach the widest possible audiences and deliver a programme that people want to engage with.

Information:

http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/17/PRProjectIntro16July12.docx

Could please pass on this information to your groups and let us know what you and they think about the above projects and if they have any further ideas.

Lead Contact:

Debbie Walker, Preston Remembers Project Coordinator. Email [d.walker@preston.gov.uk](mailto:d.walker@preston.gov.uk)

Tel. 01772 90 6874

**Health**

**Commissioning board and Trust Development Authority directors handed responsibility for 2012-13 delivery**

Senior leaders appointed to the NHS Commissioning Board and NHS Trust Development Authority are to take on ‘management responsibility’ for the delivery of NHS performance in 2012/13 from 1 October, six months before the abolition of PCTs and SHAs. This is in addition to existing respective responsibility for commissioning development and the foundation trust pipeline.

**Latest health figures revealed**

A study has found women in Preston are more likely to die as a result of alcohol-related illnesses than anywhere else in the country. New figures by the North West Public Health Observatory rated the city worst in England out of 326 local authorities with 33 alcohol-related deaths per 100,000 people a year. Alcohol-attributed mortality includes alcohol-specific conditions such as liver disease or alcohol overdose plus conditions that are caused by alcohol in some, but not all, cases such as stomach cancer and unintentional injury. Preston’s local authority saw a 45% increase in alcohol-attributable mortality in females; significantly worse than the regional and national average.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/health/local/latest-health-figures-revealed-1-4842343>

**Navca Health and Social Care Briefings**

Caring for our Future

The Government recently published the Social Care White Paper Caring for our Future: Reforming Care and Support. We have summarised the key points and suggested how NAVCA members can contribute a briefing for members. We are also inviting members to apply for funding to host a consultation event on the White Paper.

<http://www.navca.org.uk/social-care-wp-consultation>

Local Healthwatch briefing

The Government recently set out its thinking about the implementation of local Healthwatch. The final details will be published in the autumn.

<http://www.navca.org.uk/local-healthwatch>

Joint Strategic Needs Assessments The Government is consulting on draft guidance on the future of Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and the associated Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies.

<http://www.navca.org.uk/health-and-social-care-act>

**Ownership programme re-launch events for the Greater Preston and Chorley & South Ribble clinical commissioning groups**

The Greater Preston and Chorley & South Ribble clinical commissioning groups will be launching their respective Ownership programmes in September. Details of these events and how to register for a place are attached. These events will be advertised in the local media next week. Places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

**NHS Greater Preston clinical commissioning group (CCG)**

NHS Greater Preston clinical commissioning group will be launching their ownership programme and are inviting members of the public to take part.

Date: Wednesday 12 September 2012

Venue: To be confirmed

Start time: 12pm lunch and arrival / 12.45pm start of meeting

Close of meeting: 2.30pm

The event is to discuss how health services can be developed across the greater Preston area and look at future aims and aspirations of this new organisation.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you wish to be a part of this event please book by emailing [Haveyoursay@centrallancashire.nhs.uk](mailto:Haveyoursay@centrallancashire.nhs.uk) or call 01772 777917.

**NHS Chorley and South Ribble clinical commissioning group (CCG)**

NHS Chorley and South Ribble clinical commissioning group will be launching their ownership programme and are inviting members of the public to take part.

Date: Thursday 13 September 2012

Venue: To be confirmed

Start time: 12pm lunch and arrival / 12.45pm start of meeting

Close of meeting: 2.30pm

The event is to discuss how health services can be developed across the Chorley and South Ribble area and look at future aims and aspirations of this new organisation.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you wish to be a part of this event please book by emailing [Haveyoursay@centrallancashire.nhs.uk](mailto:Haveyoursay@centrallancashire.nhs.uk) or call 01772 777917.

**Local clinical commissioning groups Equality and Diversity strategy survey**

Our local clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) are keen to ensure that their Equality and Diversity (E&D) strategy meets the needs of everyone. With this in mind each CCG has produced a short survey as part of a consultation on their Equality Strategy. To complete the survey please click on the relevant link below and this will take you to the appropriate CCG questionnaire.

West Lancashire CCG E&D Strategy Survey

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7YZC8XC>

Chorley and South Ribble CCG E&D Strategy Survey

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7CTFDW6>

Greater Preston CCG E&D Strategy Survey

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7JT2ZZP>

If would prefer to complete a paper copy of the survey please contact us. If you would like a copy of the draft Equality and Diversity Strategy they are available on the website of each CCG and at:

<http://www.centrallancashire.nhs.uk>

For more information please contact Dawn Clarke at [dawn.clarke@centrallancashire.nhs.uk](mailto:dawn.clarke@centrallancashire.nhs.uk) or telephone: 01772 644489

**Speedier diagnosis reduces ‘anxious’ wait for patients**

Breast cancer patients have received a real boost following the opening of a new unit at Chorley Hospital. It will speed up patients’ diagnosis which can be crucial in saving lives. Around 150 patients a week will be seen in the unit which received a £980,000 investment. Clinical investigations and tests can be carried out in one day and diagnosis in the majority of cases can be made within one week. Previously, a patient could be seen a number of times for a variety of tests and investigations before a diagnosis. Karen Partington, Trust Chief Executive, said: “This investment demonstrates our commitment to providing the highest quality services at Chorley and South Ribble Hospital, and will ensure breast patients receive the best care.”

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/speedier-diagnosis-reduces-anxious-wait-for-patients-1-4828356>

**Social network sites to keep up with health**

A health organisation is making it easier for the public to engage with them with the use of social networking sites Facebook and Twitter. Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust will be keeping the public up to date with upcoming events, campaigns and their latest news via their Facebook and Twitter accounts. Beverly Pickover, head of communications at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: “Social networking is being used more than ever before and is a great way of really engaging and reaching out to the public. “Twitter and Facebook have allowed us to make contact with people who may not normally get in touch with us. “It is important to us as a trust to move forward with the times and communicating to a much wider range of people in this way will help us to break the barriers between us and the people who access our services.” Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust will publish information such as news stories, details about a range of health topics and links to job vacancies on their social networking sites and will also answer questions and queries about their services. Visiting www.facebook.com and search for the Lancashire Care page and follow the trust on by visiting

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/lancashirecare>

Twitter

<http://www.twitter.com/lancashirecare>

**Exercising in midlife protects heart, says research**

Making sure you get enough exercise in midlife will help protect your heart, according to research. Even those who make the switch in their late 40s and 50s can still benefit, the study of over 4,000 people suggests. And it need not be hard toil in a gym - gardening and brisk walks count towards the required 2.5 hours of moderate activity per week, say experts. Maureen Talbot of the British Heart Foundation, which funded the work, said: "Donning your gardening gloves or picking up a paint brush can still go a long way to help look after your heart health, as exercise can have a big impact on how well your heart ages.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-19243633>

**Consultations**

**Social Enterprise North West study of the sector**

Social Enterprise North West is to undertake its largest-ever study of the sector in the region to provide an up-to date and accurate account of what social enterprises are currently achieving and how they view the future. This wide-ranging study will gauge details on the scale and scope of the sector, its social impact and how it meets the CSR agenda and Public Service Act, attitudes and potential barriers to accessing finance and its future growth potential. We would greatly appreciate your time in completing the confidential survey and, as an added incentive, one participant will be picked at random from a draw and the winner will receive a fabulous new iPad. For more information, contact the team at SENW on 0151 237 3986 or email [admin@senw.org.uk](mailto:admin@senw.org.uk)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/senwsurvey>

**Consultation on the Sustainable Communities Act**

The Government is consulting on whether to allow Town and Parish Councils to submit proposals under the Sustainable Communities Act. At a time when communities are suffering from cuts to local services and an economic recession, Town and Parish councils could use the Act to provide a vital lifeline to struggling local areas. Please note that the consultation closes on 5 September 2012:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/scaconsultation2012>

**Life Chances website**

The Centre for Crime and Justice Studies has launched a new website showing the differences in young people's life chances. Users can find detailed breakdowns by education, employment, training and caring responsibilities for young people in different areas.

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

**Alcohol strategy**

The Government is to consult on elements of their Alcohol Strategy and is keen to give prior notice of this consultation to maximise responses. They will be consulting on the level at which a minimum unit price for alcohol should be set, the introduction of a ban on multi-buy promotions in the off-trade, and the introduction of a new health-related objective for alcohol licensing related specifically to cumulative impact.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/alcohol-drugs/alcohol/alcohol-strategy>

**Charity Commission asks for more feedback on public benefit consultation**

The Charity Commission is urging the sector to contribute to its consultation on public benefit after receiving a limited response so far. A spokeswoman for the commission said there had been 27 direct responses to the consultation to date, while a live blog covering the consultation had received 30 comments. The consultation was launched on 26 June and will close on 26 September. Under the revised guidance, charities would need to demonstrate that they provide public benefit through their stated purposes rather than their activities. It also says that charities must show who benefits from their purposes and how they benefit in order to demonstrate public benefit.

<http://publicbenefitconsultation.blogspot.co.uk/p/home.html>

**Call for items**

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

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