

BROTHERS OF CHARITY SERVICES - LANCASHIRE FOOD BASED ENTERPRISES

ASTLEY BAKERY – MARINA CAFE – LIFESTYLE CENTRE

Information Update

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Newsletter

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An exciting time of development within the food based enterprises is underway and it is felt that an information update newsletter would be useful to keep everyone informed of those developments. Hopefully this will outline the progress being made and address any questions or concerns that may arise. It is proposed that update newsletters will be circulated when there are further developments to share.

Astley Bakery



The much anticipated development of Astley bakery has now taken its first steps. We have recently been successful in purchasing premises at Chapel Brow in Leyland. This is for the development of a new enterprise based around producing and selling high quality confectionery products. To compliment this, it is planned that part of the building will be open to the general public as a 'nostalgia based tearoom'. This exciting development will be run by Astley Bakery, who will be moving out of their existing premises in Park Road, Chorley once the building in Leyland has been redeveloped. It is hoped that this new project will be up and running by spring 2010. We are working hard to make the transition as smooth as possible and will be working closely with individuals, parents, carers, supported living staff, transport services, social workers etc to explore the new opportunities the developments offer people. With everyone's continued support we are confident a smooth and successful transition will be achieved.

Sarah Ward the team leader of the food based enterprises will be leaving during March and everyone associated with the enterprises would like to thank her for her valued contribution over the past 16 months and wish her good luck in her future career.

If anyone has a good idea for a name for this new enterprise then please send in to Ken Murphy c/o Astley Bakery. There will be a prize of a special 'homemade' Cake for the best entrant.

Lifestyle Centre



Astley Bakery & Network 50+ which is the Brothers of Charity retirement services for people over 50 are now working in partnership with Age Concern Lancashire sharing their facilities. This new partnership is based at the Lifestyle Centre on Gillibrand Street Chorley, which is a drop in centre for people over 50.

This now means that the production of hot meals has been transferred from Astley Bakery to the Lifestyle Centre, which has had a kitchen refurbishment to meet the required specification. The meals will continue to provide a lunch club facility to network 50+ and at the Lifestyle Centre itself. A new member of staff called Stephanie Walker has been recruited to support people and run the kitchen at the Lifestyle Centre, working Monday to Friday alongside existing team members and volunteers. This exciting new venture, with its central community location, will benefit people by creating additional opportunities for interaction with the general public. Opportunities created for people at the Lifestyle Centre are open to everyone connected with Astley Bakery. Many people are now taking the opportunity to access this new partnership enterprise and explore the options it gives them.

Marina Cafe



The Marina Cafe continues to provide support for people in a busy, popular cafe environment and remains a platform for people to develop their skills towards employment. Strong links with Job Spec, the Brothers of Charity supported employment service and local partners who provide opportunities for work experience placements combine to support people to make informed choices and broaden their knowledge and skills whilst exploring the world of work. The Cafe has once again achieved the Taste Lancashire award for the quality of its food and promotes the Recipe 4 Health initiative. We are currently in negotiation regarding the extension of the lease for the premises at the White Bear Marina in Adlington.

Should you wish to discuss any issues relating to the Food Based Enterprises please contact:

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