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MP Newsletter

CONSTITUENCY NEWS

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Dear Constituent

Hello and welcome to my latest newsletter. I hope you find it interesting and informative.

In this issue, you will find out about my recent visits in Preston as well as details of my upcoming surgeries. If you need to get in touch, my details are at the bottom of this page.

Best wishes

Mark unveils new Richard Arkwright Royal Mail Stamp



Mark recently unveiled the plaque of inventor Richard Arkwright on a postbox in Church Street, Preston to mark the 50th anniversary of Royal Mail's much-loved modern Special Stamps programme.

50 special stamp plaques are being installed on postboxes across the UK. Each plaque features one of the most popular stamps that has a special connection with the UK city, town or village, in which it is located.

Richard Arkwright, born in Preston in 1732, was an inventor and leading entrepreneur during the industrial revolution. He was commemorated on a Special Stamp in 2009 as part of the Pioneers of Industrial Revolution issue.

Mark said: "I am delighted that Royal Mail has chosen this unique way to celebrate a special local landmark through a stamp on a local postbox, giving the community an opportunity to share in the tribute."

Royal Mail Delivery Director Adrian Fielding added: "The UK's towns and cities have influenced stamp designs over the past 50 years. We are proud that one of our postboxes in Preston features the stamp of this famous person. We hope that all our customers and visitors to Preston enjoy this special stamp plaque and might even take their own photograph as a memento."

The Royal Mail modern stamp programme has featured a total of 2,663 Special Stamps since July 1965 and every new stamp design is approved by Her Majesty, The Queen before it is issued. The special stamp programme has mirrored the changes in society and culture at large.

Best of Britannia North

Mark visited the first 'Best of Britannia' aka BOB North event held in the city centre on 17th May 2015

BoB Organisers, along with Marketing Lancashire, Creative Lancashire and Preston City Council, helped to create a pop-up department store over three floors of the former Central Post Office building in the historic Flag Market. The adjacent covered market was used to house a food and drink courtyard as well as a stage for performances from local acts.

Top Right: Mark speaks to exhibitors from University of Central Lancashire, Fashion 'Kitch'en, and the Biomechanics exhibition from The Allied Health Research unit at UCLan (bottom right).



The Big Lunch



Mark with (from left) Cllr Mark Yates, David Borrow and Rebecca Yates

Mark attended the Big Lunch event in Ashton Park on Sunday 7th June 2015. The idea of The Big Lunch comes from the Eden Project and every year communities come together on the first Sunday in June to eat their lunch together.

The Big Lunch started in 2009 and thousands of events have taken place across the UK. Last year, 4.83 million people got involved in their local Big Lunch, taking to the streets, gardens, parks and community spaces.

This year's event in Preston was the biggest Big Lunch event that has ever taken place in the city. The event featured bouncy castles, free food, and entertainment and there are already plan to organise next year's event. Any proceeds from the days event to the Armed Forces Group, Dig in North West and the Space Centre.

Sikh Vaisakhi Celebration



Mark with (from left) Cllr Jennifer Mein, Veronica Afrin and Fr Timothy

Surgery Dates

Saturday 4th July 2015
11-1pm

Harris Museum & Art Gallery
Market Street
Preston
PR1 2PP

Saturday 18th July 2015
11-1pm

Wycliffe Memorial Church,
Tulketh Brow
PR2 2SH