

**NEWSBRIEF****Jazz treat for holiday**

JAZZ singer Sue Parish will perform at a Lancaster pub on Bank Holiday Monday.

She will be at the Robert Gillow, Market Street, accompanied by two of the North West's finest young musicians – pianist Andrzej Baranek and bassist Nick Blacka.

The music starts at 9pm and admission is free.

**Fairytale way to aid charity**

TICKETS are now on sale for a fairytale ball in aid of a Lancashire children's charity.

Legacy Rainbow House is hosting their annual black tie dinner-dance at the Pines Hotel in Clayton-le-Woods, near Chorley, on November 21.

A live band, DJ, auction and raffle will add to the fun. Tickets cost £55 or £500 for a table of 10 people. Call Charlotte on 01704 823276 or email c.hay@thelegacy-rainbow-house.com

**Healthy trek**

GET some fresh air and exercise at an organised trek. A Leyland Healthy Walk will take place on Tuesday September 1, from 1pm to 2pm at the Broadfield Arms pub car park, in Leyland Lane.

**Fete on way**

BANK holiday revellers are getting ready for the Walmer Bridge Fete. The event will take place on Sunday August 30 and Monday August 31, from 12pm to 5pm on Gill Lane, Walmer Bridge.

**Hall's bid**

SALESBURY Hall in Ribchester has applied for permission to change a store building into a boiler and communications room.

# Save 'The Becc' in memory of Frank

## 'Mrs Mc' in call to stop demolition

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A 92-YEAR-old former landlady has issued a rallying call in a bid to save her old pub from the bulldozers.

Una McBride – known to people in Hesketh Bank as "Mrs Mc" – spent 25 happy years running the Becconsall Hotel, Station Road, with late husband, Frank, before retiring in 1987.

The landmark building was once the jewel in the village's crown, but now stands derelict and vandalised.

Mother-of-four Mrs McBride hopes to save the pub, as a mark of respect to her husband who died 14 years ago and to create a legacy for the future generations. She said: "It's for Frank. It's respect and because I care. He would be very upset to see The Becc so run down, I am sad.

"He would have said and done something to try to save it. Frank was an honest, brave, caring, honourable man and I am doing my best to speak out for him now, before it's too late."

The building, owned by overseas company Twirl International Incorporated, has been closed since June and locals fear it will be knocked down to make way for houses or flats.

Mrs McBride's daughter, also



**SPEAKING OUT:** Former landlady of the Becconsall Pub, Una McBride, with a photo of her husband Frank, and campaigners who want to keep the pub for community use

called Una, wants people to put forward ideas for the future of the pub.

She said: "The Becc is not just a lovely building, it's history and was once the happy heart of this village. It's 25 years of hard work, tender loving care and happy memories and it's in danger of being destroyed to build yet more houses.

"Dad cared about this village – he had the courage to stand up for what he believed in."

Una McBride said she would like to see her mother's former pub transformed into a multi-functional building, possibly comprising a hotel which could also provide respite care for elderly or disabled people, a smaller pub area with restaurant and

function room overlooking the bowling green and a large alcohol-free area for community functions.

Hesketh Bank parish councillor Maureen Baldwin said: "It should be saved for the community. We have no pub in the village at all. It's a lovely building

and it really needs a lot of money spending on it to bring it back into order."

The pub is on the market for £2.2m and Coun Baldwin believes it would cost up to another £1m to bring it back to its former glory.

Mrs McBride added: "It would be very a sad day for me and the people of the village, to see The Becc bulldozed down."

People are being urged to sign a petition or submit their ideas to Top Shop newsagents, Station Road. And on September 7, people can attend the next parish council meeting at the village hall at 7.30pm to listen or give views.

Twirl International Incorporated was unavailable for comment.

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## Banking on holiday health care

MEDICAL help and advice is available over the Bank Holiday weekend.

NHS Central Lancashire wants people to know the opening hours of dentists and GP surgeries and ensure that when they are unwell they choose the right services to get the best possible treatment.

Health bosses say that quite often there is no need to see a GP with common illnesses, as pharmacists can give helpful advice and recommend appropriate medication without the need for a prescription.

For GP out of hours services for Preston patients, people should call Preston Primary Health Care Centre on: 01772 788058.

Chorley and South Ribble patients wanting out of hours GP services can call Chorley Medics on: 01257 418010.

People needing emergency dental care over the holiday who do not have access to routine NHS dentistry can ring the Dental Access Team on: 01772 777397 or NHS Direct on: 0845 4647 to find the telephone number of their local emergency dental service.

People that are unwell and unsure which service to access can check the "Choose Well" section of the website at: [www.central-lancashire.nhs.uk](http://www.central-lancashire.nhs.uk)

## Futuristic playground

A FUTURISTIC playground will come to Carnforth this coming weekend. The Folly Portable Pixel Playground, which teams digital technology with inflatables and a sandpit, will be at the railway station from 11am to 4pm on Saturday. It allows children to control movement of virtual bugs by playing with the sand.

### EVENING POST COMPETITION

# Calling all grans, nans, grandmas and grannies...

CALLING all grandchildren..... Do you have a gorgeous gran?

We want you to enter her into our fantastic Gorgeous Gran competition and she could win some fabulous prizes, including a holiday in Tenerife and a framed portrait!

If your gran is fabulous at 50, or sensational at 60 or 70, then we want to know about her. Does she live life to the full and let everyone know about it, is she always open to

exciting new ideas and experiences? Does she light up the room with her lovely smile?

Then your gran could win a fabulous holiday for two to Tenerife, courtesy of Jet2holidays.com

Our lucky winner and guest will head off to the sun this winter and enjoy a seven-night self-catering holiday, staying at The Laguna Park 2 hotel in Playa de las Americas, on a hillside location offering magnificent



views over the resort and ocean. With a selection of bars, shops and restaurants in the vicinity, the complex offers a superb base for couples and families to explore this lively resort.

Our lucky winner will also be treated to a superb makeover photoshoot worth £600 from Studio D Photography of Blackpool.

To enter your gran, e-mail a picture of her with full de-

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Selected entrants will feature in the LEP, and the top 30 finalists across the North West will be invited to attend our live final at the North West Life Begins... exhibition at Ribby Hall Holiday Village, Wrea Green,

near Preston, on Sunday, September 20. Closing date is Friday, September 4. Standard competition rules apply.

● Jet2holidays.com – winner will be notified by letter/email with full terms and conditions. Prize is for two people, flying from Blackpool, for seven nights on a self-catering basis sharing one bedroom excluding transfers. Prize to be booked by October 31 2009 and taken by December 15 2009. Holiday dates are subject to availability. All rights reserved.