

# **CENTRAL NORWICH CITIZENS' FORUM**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FORUM TEAMS UP WITH NORWICH SOUTH MP CHARLES CLARKE IN NEW INITIATIVE**

The Central Norwich Citizens' Forum (CNCF) is pleased to announce today two new initiatives it hopes will add a new dimension to its ability to meet its aims, broaden its audience and increase its ability to communicate with its potential members.

The first is the creation of a new partnership with Norwich South MP Charles Clarke with whom it has joined forces to provide a series of meetings for city centre residents to enable them to raise the issues that matter to them concerning their quality of life in the city centre and, together, to find ways to overcome difficulties and improve things in the future. Charles Clarke said today "The Central Norwich Citizens' Forum has a long established record of campaigning to improve conditions for the community living in the city centre and I have teamed up with them to give residents an opportunity to meet us and discuss issues with us, the Police and the City Council. I am sure this new partnership will be fruitful for all of us."

The first meeting will be held at Mercy Nightclub at 6.30pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (courtesy of Peris Leisure who have generously again made their premises available free of charge). All residents living in the city centre will be sent a survey form and asked to complete it before the meeting so that concerns may be expressed and priorities established and therefore the occasion is hoped to be brief and businesslike and will last only an hour. Julian Foster, Chairman of the Citizens' Forum, will act as chairman for the evening, welcomed this opportunity and said "We shall, as a result of this new working relationship be able to target everybody in the city centre using our MP's comprehensive mailing list and we expect a large audience as a consequence." Invitations have been sent to the Police and the City Council to send speakers.

Coincidentally, the Citizens' Forum has also announced the creation of their new website which can be found at [www.cncf.co.uk](http://www.cncf.co.uk). The site has been designed by Paul Eastaugh who is a Director of the CNCF and himself a professional IT specialist. The website will advertise all Forum meetings and has links to the other organisations in the city with which it is joined in partnerships. It is hoped that members will sign up, on the website, to receive newsletters, agendas and minutes and there is space for all to contribute their views and opinions. Paul Eastaugh said today "I have designed the site to be user friendly and I hope that it will enable us to keep much more closely in touch with each other and our partners and thus strengthen our partnerships and our ability to communicate with each other."

*Note to Editors. Julian Foster can be reached on 01603-767066, Charles Clarke MP on 01603-209902 and the meeting at Mercy Nightclub is expected to attract at least 80 people which is why it was chosen as being one of the biggest and most prestigious venues in the city and one that is easily accessed by would-be participants.*