

## Press Release



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### **Dr Egg reveals all for Give a Brick**

Dr Mike Simmons gets that all over, “smooth as a baby’s bottom” look on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May when he submits himself to the tender care of hairdresser Lucia Ray, who is soon to open the Chocolate Hair Lounge in Tongwynlais, Cardiff. Mike will take on that Yul Brynner look at the Temple of Peace and Health in Cardiff when Lucia takes the razor to his head. Mike agreed some time ago that he would not go for a haircut until Give a Brick had reached its next target of £10,000.

Mike was nicknamed Dr Egg when his egg head was frequently seen on Welsh television screens, explaining the complexities of infectious diseases. As treasurer for Give a Brick, he was keen to do his bit to try and raise funds for the charity. Mike said, “It’s going to be a relief for my wife! She’s not used to all this hair.”

Eleanor Edwards, secretary and principle fund-raiser for Give a Brick said, “The Temple of Peace is often used by Dr Who as a location when filming so we thought, ‘If it’s good enough for Dr Who; it’s good enough for Give a Brick.’ We wanted a great location to capture the moment when the real Dr Egg is revealed”

“We asked Mike if we could use the Temple of Peace because he is based there in his normal role as Director of Health Protection for Public Health Wales.”

Give a Brick is a charity based in Carmarthenshire and established by Cross Hands Christian Centre members to assist in its first project to build a community centre for the Cross Hands area. However, at their last meeting, the charity trustees recognised they should be looking for ideas for their next project and invited video applications via their website at [www.giveabrick.com](http://www.giveabrick.com)

Mike will have his shave at 2pm on the steps of the Temple of Peace in Cardiff on 14<sup>th</sup> May. If you want to come and join him, please do.

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### Notes for Editors

- Give a Brick is a UK registered charity no: 1121744
- Give A Brick is a charity conceived by Cross Hands Christian Centre (CHCC), and started life as a fund raising idea. Part of CHCC's vision for the future is to make a positive impact on the local community. Having asked their neighbours what they need, plans were developed to accommodate parent and toddler groups, lunchtime clubs for the elderly, a job club and youth clubs.
- However, the Cross Hands Christian Centre building in Ty Newydd Terrace, Gorslas, Carmarthenshire has one outside toilet which is approached via a path which becomes slippery when wet. With that and youth work currently being held in an elderly portacabin, they recognized their limitations. Planning permission for an annex has been granted by the Local Authority.
- The idea of Give A Brick came about when CHCC considered that instead of worrying about where they were going to find tens of thousands of pounds, all they needed to do was ask tens of thousands of people to give one pound.
- Having raised the profile of GiveABrick and beginning the project to build the new annex to serve their own community, they saw little value in shutting the website down and telling the world to stop giving any more bricks when their first project ends.
- The day they realised they could go on to support and encourage the building of people, communities and further facilities was the day that Give A Brick determined to become a charity.
- The extended vision is for individuals and groups who, because of their age or circumstances, can not always have the best quality of life. They are interested in their stories. As a charity linked to Cross Hands Christian Centre, the charity is keen to reach out to people as an expression of the unconditional love of Christ and empower other Christian organisations to do the same.
- Using the power of the web (blog, Facebook, Twitter) Give A Brick asks everyone to Give A Brick (just £1) and asks them to ask their friends to do the same.