

Is Ken Hudson the worst comedian in the city?



Next year we are celebrating the 23rd Preston Guild, an event that is 833 years old. This year Ken Hudson declared that the Preston Guild Hall should be the 'village hall' for the City! He is presiding over the run down and demise of one of the few major venues for putting on concerts in Lancashire. If we are serious about Preston being a city then it needs a venue for major attractions, we have enough village halls!

Some say that it is not big enough in these days of massive concerts, but it has its place. Many performers prefer the smaller more intimate venue. In the past, it has held televised sporting tournaments, which have raised the profile of Preston and supported its place as a city. It is a venue for orchestras, comedians, children's entertainment, pantomimes, concerts, plays and much, much more.



Is there another agenda?

If you visit the Guild Hall, you cannot help but notice the empty shops, which line the entrance. This seems like a deliberate attempt to run it down. Cutting the number of concerts and events to a number, which cannot possibly make enough money to pay for the overheads.

Someone is having a laugh!

Staff are being told there is to be a major redundancy, reducing their number to a skeleton staffing. Casual staff, some that have worked proudly for over 20 years, are not even being told anything!

Investment not Cuts!

The knock on effect of running down this important venue, will impact on local shops, restaurants, bars and car park revenue.

There is something funny going on and it's not a comedy act!

If you are as concerned as us, about the future of this venue then please sign the petition, email or ring your local councillor and write to the Lancashire Evening Post. This is a public building and it needs a public response. Many acts that use the Guild Hall are as concerned as us and raising their voices in opposition to this disastrous decision.

If the assets of this city are being run down for a cheap sale then WE should make the decision, not a few comedians!!

Preston Against Cuts



We should never forget that it was the banking sector that caused the recession, and is ultimately responsible for the huge debts that the UK has amassed. Despite causing the crisis, the banking sector has escaped any significant regulation, and bankers are again awarding themselves huge bonuses.

There is **no need** for cuts to public services or further privatisations

Creating jobs will boost the economy and cut the deficit. Cutting jobs will damage the economy and increase the deficit

We should **invest** in areas such as housing, renewable energy and public transport

We should pursue the **120 billion** tax gap of **evaded, avoided** and **uncollected** tax

We should use the **50 billion** in banking assets that the UK holds from the bailout

We should introduce the **Robin Hood Tax** (now agreed by MEPs)

We should end the use of expensive **consultants** in the public sector

What can we do?

Attend the next PAC public meeting.

Keep pressure on the County Council and the Borough Council to stop making cuts

Lobby our MPs against the cuts

Attend the **rally in London on March 26^h**

Write to the papers, send messages to internet sites, and phone into radio and television stations condemning the cuts and telling them how you will be affected

SHOUT AS LOUD AS YOU CAN THAT THE CUTS ARE UNFAIR, UNJUST AND UNACCEPTABLE.

Say NO to JOB LOSSES!

Say NO to CUTS in SERVICES!

Say NO to DESTROYING our COMMUNITIES!

For more information please email Prestonagainstcuts@gmail.com

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