

CELEBRITIES

Annie Lennox

singer Annie Lennox (right) performed at an event in London last year for the charity Sisters2mothers, which works with migrant women and new mothers living with HIV in Africa. She said: "Sisters2mothers reaches one in five of the world's positive women phenomenon movement." The event raised £200,000 for the charity.



World Aids Day, on 1 December. The Stand Up, Stand Out campaign invites people to wear red underwear for a day in December in return for a £2 donation to the charity.

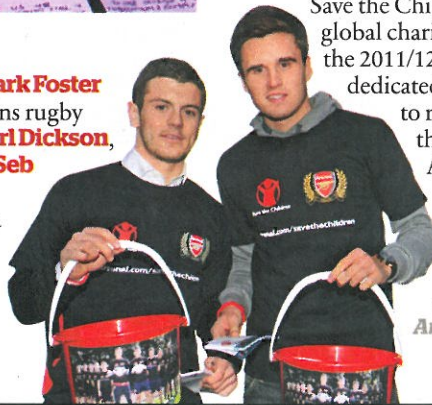
The actors **Liz Smith**, who played Nana in *The Royle Family*, and **Lacey Turner**, who played Stacey Slater in *EastEnders*, have recorded greetings for an electronic advent calendar on behalf of Contact the Elderly, which aims to alleviate loneliness among older people. The calendar can be found on the charity's website.

The Arsenal footballers **Jack Wilshere** and **Carl Jenkinson** (left and right, below) rattled buckets outside the club's stadium before its match against Fulham on 26 November to raise funds for Save the Children. The club, which appointed

Save the Children as its global charity partner for the 2011/12 football season, dedicated the match day to raising funds for the charity.

Arsenal players agreed to donate a day's wages to charity as part of the event.

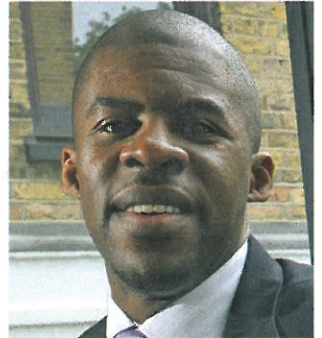
Andy Ricketts



The Princess Royal and the award-winning campaigner **Brooke Claxton** were among the guests at St James's Palace for youth charity UK Hearing Unheard Voices on 29 November. The awards recognise young people from disadvantaged backgrounds who have campaigned on various issues. Princess Anne is the charity's patron.

The swimmer **Mark Foster** and the Harlequins rugby union players **Karl Dickson**, **Sam Smith** and **Sebastian Stegmann** gave their backing to a campaign by the Terrence Higgins Trust to tie in with

MOVERS



Paul Amadi

The director of fundraising at the NSPCC and former chair of the Institute of Fundraising will become director of fundraising at Diabetes UK in January.

Anne Shinkwin (below) is the new director of fundraising at Ambitious about Autism, which supports children and young people with autism. She was previously head of corporate partnerships at Unicef UK.



Paul Flynn has been appointed head of fundraising at the performing arts charity the Orpheus Centre.

The stoma support charity Ostomy Lifestyle has appointed **Lynn Love** as chief executive. She was previously director of operations at the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society.

Sue Dibb has been appointed executive director at the Food Ethics Council, which provides advice on the ethics of food and farming. She was formerly head of the enabling sustainable lives team at the Sustainable Development Commission.

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings has promoted deputy secretary

Matthew Slocombe (left) to the role of director. He will take up the post in 2012. *Sylvia Rowley*



Week Neil Goulder 'wrestles with anacondas' and Excel

Monday I attend a second audition as a potential volunteer performer at the Olympics opening ceremony. About 14,000 of us started on this day, and there is a huge buzz of excitement. We can reveal nothing about what we do at the auditions. "People you've been wrestling with anacondas," says the director.

Tuesday My role encompasses IT as well as finance, and we are about to commission a new contacts and management database. We have about 12,000 records on our old system, plus another 4,000-odd on spreadsheets for various events. All this data will need to be cleaned up and structured in Excel before we migrate it to the new system.

Wednesday I meet my commercial director to discuss the government's package to get 400,000 young people into work. We were one of the



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delivery partners for the Future Jobs Fund and have been awaiting its replacement. The funding of the new scheme is only 35 per cent of the sum per placement of its predecessor, but with more than a million young people out of work, we believe the scheme can succeed if administered cheaply.

Wednesday I attend a seminar on cloud computing. It's complicated stuff, but it is important to keep

abreast of technologies. In the evening, I have a rehearsal for a local production of *Beauty and the Beast* - I am playing the clock character Cogsworth. I'll be word perfect in a month - we open in a fortnight.

Thursday It's confirmed at an investment conference that equities are ideal for long-term investment, but not for less than 20 years. A startling statistic is that half of small and medium-sized enterprises are financed by their owners' credit cards.

Friday We have a meeting of the blog group. We are trying to get a steady stream of well-written, bite-sized entries on the vInspired website. We agree on a running order, which includes a number of first-time bloggers like myself. I Google "blogs for dummies" in search of inspiration. *vInspired provides opportunities for young people to volunteer*