

London's LORD MAYOR SHOW

Croydon Steel Orchestra was invited to participate at the 2006 Lord Mayor's Show in London.

This annual event took place on Saturday, 11th November with a **three-mile procession** involving over **130 organisations** and more than **6,000 people** in **250 vehicles** and **71 floats** parading from Mansion House to The Royal Courts of Justice and returning to Mansion House via the Victoria Embankment. **The event was attended by over quarter a million people.**

Croydon Steel Orchestra, a well known South London youth steel band based in Croydon, Surrey and led by its Musical Director, Paul Dowie, teamed up with the Prostate Cancer Charity for the prestigious event to highlight and raise

awareness of prostate cancer. Over the last few years, the band has performed at various venues in England and has taken part in the Notting Hill Carnival and Panorama. In 2005, they won the 'Best Band on The Road' competition.

The band played a variety of music soca/calyпсо, reggae and popular music, which had the crowd swaying to the rhythms of the steel pans. The Army Marshall who accompanied the band on the route said that they were most impressive and he noticed the crowd were more receptive to the pan music than other floats present at the event. What also surprised many people was that the band comprised of mainly white British pan players. The band's performance has resulted in an invitation to next year's Show.

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Every year 32,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer in the UK. Prostate cancer is now the most common cancer diagnosed in men in the UK.

Afro-Caribbean men are three times more likely to be diagnosed with cancer than their white counterparts. The Prostate Cancer Charity has a special project to raise awareness among the Afro-Caribbean community as they are usually diagnosed at a late stage and curative treatment is not effective.

**For free and confidential information on Prostate Cancer and prostate problems please call:
The Prostate Cancer Charity Helpline on 0800 074 8383.**

