

RAVENWOOD CHILDREN'S TRUST

Charity Update

The Jarvis Family



Every year I embark on many ventures, raising money for The Ravenwood Children's Trust which in turn distributes to many worthwhile causes - St Christobels children home in Goa, Ravenwood Montessori School in Sri Lanka and St Nicholas Hospice in Bury St. Edmunds to name but a few.

It has been a busy time for the Trust and I would like to personally thank everyone for all of your generous donations throughout the last year. Here are details of our most recent challenge.



THE ENDURO INDIA TRIP

Following the success of the Enduro India trip last year, I was invited back to form part of a small team to lead 128 motorbikers through the remote wilds of the Western Ghats.

The Enduro started at Goa and after 14 days and some 2,100 miles, crossing four states, we finished at Kerala. The journey was testing and took us to some of the most remote areas in India, visiting villages that are benefiting from our donations.

It's a humbling experience knowing we are helping vital medical aid to get through and ensuring children are gaining the education they deserve.



We met so many villagers including a 104 year old lady, also presented a handmade card to the children made by my daughter and her class at South Lee School. And, how could we forget the cheeky monkey that stole my motorbikes keys from the ignition.



The teamwork was fantastic and we all pulled out all the stops to ensure every rider made it home safely, not an easy task as anybody who knows Indian roads will appreciate. We also managed to raise more money on route, one of the bikers had sadly just lost his wife (hence why we was on the trip), he agreed to shave this long beard and hair off for the charity raising a further £4,000. For this trip alone we are delighted to have raised £189,000 - The money will be donated to the Rainbow Childrens' Trust, Unicef and Enduro India's own project Ashram and I know it will make a world of a difference to many more children's lives.

Before



After

THE NEXT BIG CHARITY CHALLENGE –

By Mountain, By Road, By Turf, By Sand

This coming year will be an exciting one and, as I will be celebrating my 50th birthday in September, I have decided to up the pace of challenges and have scheduled 4 major challenges over 4 completely different terrains.

CHALLENGE 1 - By Mountain National Three Peaks Challenge

Due to take place on 10th July, this is a mighty challenge that involves climbing the three highest peaks, respectively, in England, Wales and Scotland and all within 24 hours.

The Peaks are:

- Snowdon (Wales – 1085 metres high)
- Scafell Pike (England – 978 metres high)
- Ben Nevis (Scotland – 1344 metres high)



In a team of eight, timing is everything and we only have a few hours for each mountain - target times are suggested as around 4 hours for Snowdon and 5 hours each for Ben Nevis and Scafell Pike.

I will have a designated driver to travel between mountains enabling me to sleep on route. Training is well underway and I am confident I will succeed...

CHALLENGE 2 - By Road

10k Run

The very next day after my three peaks challenge (Sunday 12th July) I will be running the Official ASICS British 10K London run, raising money for the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity. It is a popular event that takes runners past many of central London's famous historic landmarks, they are expecting over 26,000 runners.

CHALLENGE 3 - By Turf

Newmarket Town Plate

On 29th August I will hopefully be racing in the Newmarket Town Plate, assuming my horse survives the training sessions and I lose nearly two stone in weight. The race is for amateur jockeys, it is over 3 miles 6 furlong in length and was founded back in 1665 by King Charles II. By chance my horse is called 'Run of Kings' so fingers crossed he will live up to his name...



CHALLENGE 4 - By Sand

Marathon Des Sable 2010

Known as the toughest race on earth this is the ultimate endurance race across the Sahara Desert in Morocco and pushes contestants to their absolute limits. Nicknamed the Sand Marathon it covers 151 miles over just 6 days (the equivalent to running nearly 6 marathons back-to-back). In addition, competitors have to carry everything they will need to survive - it really is survival of the fittest.



I plan to undertake this challenge next year from 1st - 12th April and have started training already - I am determined to raise as much money as I can for the Ravenwood Children's Trust.

Charity Raffle Tickets

Throughout the year we are also selling raffle tickets to raise more money for the Trust. There will be some really fantastic prizes for you all to enjoy. The winners will be drawn on New Year's Eve, so if you can make our New Years Eve party you could be in for a surprise... Raffle tickets cost £10 each and are available from reception.

OTHER EVENTS

We are also organising some other events to help raise vital funds, so you too can help.

Newmarket Town Plate - 29th August



Why not share the experience at Newmarket with me? Enjoy a champagne brunch at Ravenwood, for a bit of fun, we will run a sweepstake. There will be a full day's racing with the climax being the Town Plate race. The day promises to be a good one - tickets are £85 each.

On return why not stay for dinner? Please book as soon as you can as places are limited.

Call 01359 270345.

Fashion Show - 21st October



On Wednesday 21st October our Edwardian Pavilion will be transformed into a glamorous fashion show and everyone is invited. Featuring the fabulous collections from Sally's and ICE of Ixworth there will be something for everyone. Tickets are just £10 each and include Bucks Fizz on arrival and canapies.



See reception or call 01359 270345 to book your seat

Charity Ball - 29th November



Our famous Charity Ball in the Edwardian Pavilion has turned into an event not to be missed, so we are giving you plenty of notice to book your table. This is a Christmas party combined with a celebration to thank everyone for their charity donations. We also take a look back at our money raising activities and forward to the challenges that lie ahead. The night is fun filled with a delicious 4 course meal and dancing til midnight. There are tables of ten available at a cost of £325, just £32.50 per person.

Don't be disappointed, book your table now, see reception or call us on 01359 270345

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