

# DRIVING HOME

A Project in aid of The Colin Javens Spinal Injury Trust (charity number 1107143)

24 days on the road



Driving Home is a pioneering overland expedition from London to Cape Town, led by Colin Javens who is tetraplegic. Driving Home will raise funds towards spinal research and welfare of the spinally injured, and will promote disability awareness in the UK & Africa.

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## FW de Klerk becomes a patron

FW de Klerk, Former President of South Africa and joint winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 with Nelson Mandela has agreed to support the Trust and its work with his patronage.

## Extract of the teams diary

"The Sun was well and truly bedded down for the night..we have now got the routine of getting Col ensconced in his heat saving haven down to a fine art..the cold is not really an issue these days. Those long cold nights of our training weekends seem to be paying off. Our thoughts very much with the amazing folk still carrying the torch for Col's causes back home. To all those of you who ran in, or sponsored those running in the Jersey half marathon, a heartfelt thanks from us all."



Project Managers Caroline and Jo with Chairman Derek Breed at the departure celebration.

## Next month

- More journey progress
- Trust and fundraising update
- Future plans

## The team reach Egypt on time

Thankyou to everyone who cheered the team on their way from Hereford, Stoke Mandeville and Jersey. The departure celebrations were a great opportunity for Colin and the Trust to thank everyone for their ongoing support.



Sir Jimmy Savile cuts the tape

The team had a busy first couple of days en route in Jersey visiting schools,



The team leave Stoke Mandeville

attending the annual Ashburton conference as a guest speaker and giving press interviews. Then it was to Europe and the open road, through France and Italy and across to Tunisia.

They are currently on track travelling through Egypt, spending last night at the Pyramids. Only a few minor

issues, including the ability to update the website so apologies that the diary has been infrequent. Border officials have often put the teams negotiating skills to the test and Colin burnt himself with a cup of tea which meant 1 day in bed. He is now fully well and is relishing in the challenge of driving the length of Africa.



The open road ahead

## Press at the departure

Hopefully you caught some of the publicity from the Driving Home departure, whether it was in The Times, The Telegraph, British Satellite News, ITV Central, BBC South, BBC 3 counties radio, BBC Jersey, Jersey Evening Post among others.

If you did miss out on it all you have a chance to read the articles on our website where we will also post future news and magazine articles.



## Jersey half marathon runners raise £39,500

Congratulations to everyone running in the Ashburton CJSIT team at the Jersey half marathon last weekend.

It was a beautiful course through Jersey countryside although with perhaps one too many hill for my liking!

Craig Farley from Ashburton recorded the fastest time of the team of 1.28 followed by

Ed Lauanders over from the UK in 1.35. The girls were led by myself in 1.55 hotly pursued by the rest of the team which awarded us the 1st Open Ladies Team prize.

Derek Breed—our Chairman and Pauline his PA also participated, finishing the course strongly.

The event is expected to raise around £39,500 which is a fantastic effort—Thankyou Ashburton for their support and to everyone who ran, supported and fundraised.



Ashburton CJSIT running team