

DRIVING HOME

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

Expedition complete!



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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Postcards for sale

12 selected stunning images from the expedition have been designed into postcards. They sold extremely well at the RGS and are now available to buy through the website—£3 for 6; £5 for 12 Please contact: val@drivinghome.co.uk with your order. All profit to the Trust. Thankyou

Jersey Gala Evening

This Saturday Lesley Garret will be performing at the Hotel de France on the island of Jersey. There will be a dinner for 500 people, sponsored by RBS International and an auction led by Lord Harry Dalmeny, Chairman of Sothebys. All proceeds will be split between The Colin Javens Spinal Injury (Jersey) Trust and Family Nursing and Homecare Jersey Inc.

And to the future...

As reported last week Caroline and Jo will be leaving the Trust and at the end of this month and November respectively. Colin and Val will now be taking up the fundraising challenge in the West Midlands. Please contact Colin directly at: colin@drivinghome.co.uk about speaking in schools or Val on val@drivinghome.co.uk about ideas, events and activities. A huge thank you again to you all for your help, sponsorship and enthusiasm over the last two years on the Driving Home project. It has been great fun!

Driving Home celebration at the RGS

We were honoured when Frank Gardner OBE agreed to interview Colin at the Royal Geographical Society about the challenges and achievements of the Driving Home expedition across Africa.



expedition and, as he puts it, the best six months of Colin's life.

Thank you to Land Rover for kindly sponsoring the evening.



300 people attended the interview, to hear both Colin and Frank's experiences of living with a spinal injury, and to see the expedition brought to life with pictures and film.

Questions from Frank and the audience, who warmed to Colin's cheeky humour and steely determination, brought out his true experience of the



Some favourite expedition memories



'An Explorer's Evening'

Join us at the prestigious RAC Club in Pall Mall on Wednesday 1st November for a dinner to celebrate Colin's achievement and to raise more funds towards research into spinal cord repair.

We will be joined by Dr. Mukul Agarwal who is the doctor for the Paralympic Track and Field Team, and for the BBC series, 'Beyond Boundaries'.

There will be a champagne

reception, three course dinner and an auction with some fantastic prizes.



RAC Club, Pall Mall

For more information, or if you would like to sponsor the evening, please contact Jo on 01483 898 840 or jo@drivinghome.co.uk

Defender for Sale

Do you know of someone looking to escape and the chance to travel overland? The Defender vehicle is still for sale and is ready to take them... Call me on 07876 452 117



'Land's End to John O'Groats' success

13 days, 971 miles, 3 punctures, 4 solid days of rain and 1 very bruised knee...



A sunny day in Cornwall

Jonny and I made it from Land's End to John O'Groats!

Thank you to everyone who fed us, washed and dried

clothes, provided very comfy beds and also to those who kindly sponsored us.

We are very pleased that we raised over £7,000 for the Trust.

Additionally the support crew of Colin, Chrissy and Yuliya were well received at Southport, Oswestry and Glasgow spinal units, and

even outside Asda, all fascinated and inspired having listened to Colin's story.



Elated to be at the finishing line at John O'Groats