



# Newsletter

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October is a special month where we get to celebrate two birthdays. Kiran's Trust is now One year old, and on the 9th it is Kiran's 21st, a special birthday that means a lot to us! So a big Happy Birthday to Kiran as you watch over us!

In this newsletter, as well as our regular updates, we have some exciting news about Kiran's memorial garden in Skye, we spotlight one of our scholars and Kiran's Trust is going onto the race track and much more...so



## Memorial Garden



This year our good friends at Skye Serpentarium, Catherine & Alex Shearer, created a small memorial garden outside the Watermill Cafe. In September I was asked to unveil a plaque in memory of Kiran. As you'll see from the photograph the heathers are in full bloom.

Some of you will remember that we had a prize at one of our events for a holiday on Skye, which was donated by Catherine & Alex. The prize was won by Sharon & Ray who dropped a note to say: *"This has been the best prize we have ever won. The B&B was superb and Catherine & Alex provided hospitality second to none. They told us all the places to go visit and see...we definitely will go back! We would just like to say thank you all so much for this great time."*

*Our aims are simply stated. Kiran's Trust supports the activities and recognises the achievements of others in areas aligned to Kiran's interests. Without your generous support we wouldn't be able to this. Thank You!*

## MEMBERSHIP

Many of you have responded to our appeal to create a membership. Our target is to achieve a member base of 100 people and to date we have managed to sign up 40 members which is a good achievement for our small charity.

Membership provides a great way to build a sustainable base...and you receive a gift of Kiran's own work as a thank you. If you want to become a member of Kiran's Trust the cost is £10 each year. The membership year runs from 9th October annually.

How do you join? Easy, you can make your payment online at:

[www.justgiving.com/kiranstrust](http://www.justgiving.com/kiranstrust)

If you want to join offline or have any questions about the charity then please email us at

[info@kiranstrust.org](mailto:info@kiranstrust.org)

### Just a word on Gift Aid and UK Tax

**Payers.....**Gift Aid increases the value of donations to charities by allowing them to reclaim basic rate tax on your gift. If you pay higher rate tax you can claim extra relief on your donations. This means that if you give £10 then it is actually worth £12.50 to the charity. There is a lot more info on the benefits of Gift Aid and giving on the HMRC website.

Just Giving handles all the gift aid for us on your online donations. We also submit offline donations to HMRC ourselves once a quarter.

## EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

In our last newsletter we mentioned our friends at the Cumberauld Co-Op--John Mark and Drew--were embarking on their walk along the West Highland Way and also climbing up Ben Nevis on our behalf. Well they completed that and raised a terrific sum for the fund!! They were also sponsored by the Glasgow firm Morrisons Facility Services. We thank both

John Mark and Drew for their valiant efforts and Morrisons FS for their valued support.

Over the summer we have been running Operation Smartie. The idea of this is to get a Smartie tube from Jordyn--one of our Taekwondo scholars--enjoy the contents and then fill the tube up with 20 pences. You give the filled tube back to Jordyn and she gives you another tube filled with Smarties and off you go again. If you'd like to get involved then let us know at [info@kiranstrust.org](mailto:info@kiranstrust.org)

We ran a Pub Quiz at Behind the Wall in Falkirk in August...talk about a hot August night! It was a great night with a fun quiz. We think we should do more of these...what do you think?

Our Taekwondo scholar Joe and his sidekick Jamie, or Double Trouble as they are known, busked in Falkirk Howgate Centre (below) in September. In a couple of hours their hats were overflowing. Well done lads on raising the sum you did, it was fantastic. You will read more about Joe in our Spotlight feature in this edition. Also keep your eyes open for a special Double Trouble night next year!



Friends of Kiran's Trust contribute to our fund in a formal and informal basis, so to all of you who continue to give in a selfless way many, many thanks.

### SPOTLIGHT on Joe Evans

Joe is passionate about Taekwondo. He first became involved in Primary 4 through the out-of-school learning club, run by Master David Bailey of Central Taekwondo Academy, Falkirk. Almost instantly he became fully committed to the training offered by the Academy in order to continually improve in his preferred discipline



of Poomsae (Technical Patterns). Since then Joe has competed in tournaments all over the country, becoming last year's British Champion and this year's Irish Champion for individual and pairs in his category. His dad Tommy said he is extremely fortunate to have been selected as the recipient of a scholarship from Kiran's Trust. The spirit in which the Trust supports young people in Sports and the Arts has undoubtedly contributed to Joe's motivation towards Taekwondo, knowing how much Kiran herself loved the sport. Joe sums up his personal feelings about Taekwondo: *"It keeps me really fit and keeps me feeling happy."*

As we've seen elsewhere in this newsletter Joe's other passion is music. Joe and his friend Jamie Greenaway perform as the duo Double Trouble. They have been performing for just over a year and have raised a lot of money for various charities and sports clubs. They are in the same class at school and have been playing guitar since they were five, attending guitar lessons with Falkirk-based Harry Sullivan.

The boys are creating their own music, composing and writing the lyrics for their song "I Never Forgot", as well as performing a varied range of cover versions in their current set. Their musical influences include Nickelback, Oasis, Scouting for Girls, Snow Patrol and Status Quo.

The gig list is growing for the boys. Their next performances will be opening the Bonfire Night Celebrations at Callendar Park, Falkirk on 5th Nov and performing at the remembrance concert in Falkirk Townhall the evening before Remembrance Sunday.

Watch this space for an announcement of a Double Trouble performance next year for Kiran's Trust.

### Art Scholar

In the next newsletter we will spotlight Victoria, our art scholar.

Victoria continues to show creativity and maturity in Art and Design and is working hard towards gaining her Higher Art and Design.

### SUMMER PRIZES

Hollie and Johnny went along to the Larbert High School summer prize-giving back in June. The guest speaker was Sir Tom Farmer. He presented prizes on what proved to be one of the hottest evenings of the year. Kiran's Trust awarded 3 prizes that evening: Creative Design, Creative Music and Creative Writing. To have Sir Tom present these was a thrill for us and the students.

## Kiran's Trust takes to the race circuit.....

We received an exciting email a few weeks ago from Ross Stewart, who asked us if we would allow him to put a Kiran's Trust sticker on the car he was building for the BTCC - British Touring Car Championships. Of course was our answer. When we saw the photos we realised this was a big deal and Kiran's Trust was very prominent on the car.

Johnny met with Ross at the Dreadnaught Garage in Callender, a well-respected garage with a pedigree in MG

sports cars and racing. A story began to emerge of a car built to race by MG Rover, but ended up no more than that--it was a shell never fitted with an engine, to be adorned by a Brit-Pop girl band for a photo shoot. Then it passed through various owners and the slippery slope towards the scrap corner, never to have had the rush of air through it's radiator....if it had one.

Ross said to Johnny, *"Once the car is run-in, the plan is to hit many of the track days in Scotland and elsewhere in the UK. With Kiran's Trust onboard I'm hoping to give*

*everyone the chance to experience what it's like to be a race car driver in the BTCC--the speed, the noise, the power! Someone could be sitting next to me very soon!*

There is a bigger story to tell about this car and we will cover it's rebirth over the coming months as Ross prepares it for the track. And provide details of how/when you to can experience the thrill of the track!



## WEBSITE

As we go to press we have completed the graphic design for the website and are in the process of having this coded. The site is being developed for us by IDEAS, Falkirk.

Our web address will be

[www.kiranstrust.org](http://www.kiranstrust.org)

Also follow us on Facebook by searching for Kiran's Trust.

## PHOTO COMPETITION

Remember we're looking for photos of the Kiran's Trust logo in the most exotic or unusual location, so as you travel around remember to take a copy of the logo with you and get clicking. Send your photo of you with the logo to [photo@kiranstrust.org](mailto:photo@kiranstrust.org)