



The KJ Trust Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter. The Katherine Jacobs Trust was established in 2006 and was officially registered in May 2007.

We are a small charity named after Katherine Mary Jacobs who died of Necrotising Fasciitis in 2005. The charity has the following objectives:

- To raise awareness of Necrotising Fasciitis (NF) and support research into the infectious disease.
- To promote educational excellence in Leicestershire.

You can find out more at our website www.kjtrust.com where you can also meet the 4 trustees: Alan Jacobs, Sylvia Cole, Sheena Edgar and Tony Boswell.



**Holywell Primary School Climb Everest Fundraising Event
June 2006**

If any family or friends would like to share memories of Kathy to be included in future newsletters or in my pictures and stories of Kathy's life send to info@kjtrust.com for Alan.

Kathy –by Alan Jacobs

Kathy, what can I say about her that that you don't already know? However, you may be reading this newsletter and never had the good fortune of knowing her. So here is my attempt to help you. She had many qualities, in particular making time for family, friends, and colleagues and of course all the children she taught. Shortly after Kathy died I received an acrostic poem from pupils' at Holywell Primary School using Kathy's teacher name' Mrs Jacobs:



M - Merry
R - Radical
S - Super
J - Jolly
A - Amazing
C - Cool
O - Open & honest
B - Bright
S - Supportive

Kathy loved life and in particular talking to people. Always willing to learn she loved music, art and literature. The only time Kathy was interested in football was when Martin played or when she was planning and teaching football lessons for her pupils.

Her love and devotion to teaching shone through and ensured that her expertise, professionalism and personality was imprinted on the children she taught and the colleagues she worked alongside. She loved her family dearly and always wanted to be a good mum and always put Sarah, Martin and Jenny first.

Always cheerful and smiling she has left us all with many happy memories. I am lucky to have had Kathy as my "special person".

What is Necrotising Fasciitis?

NF is a rare bacterial infection that can destroy skin and the soft tissues beneath it, including fat and the tissues covering the muscle (fascia). Because this tissues often die rapidly a person with NF is sometimes said to be infected with 'flesh – eating' bacteria especially *Streptococcus pyogenes*. For further information an informative website is: www.nfsuk.org.uk.

The internet will produce numerous links about necrotising fasciitis. We encourage you NOT to believe everything you read about NF and to be aware of graphic images.



Ex Pupils Raise Funds - Loughborough High School pupils raised **£139.42** for the Trust. Two pupils in 11JAL, who went to Holywell Primary School, were instrumental in choosing Kathy's Charity. They held a number of events such as a cake and donut sale and a cafe type event in the school hall. A **BIG** thank you to all the pupils of 11JAL.

A caring donataion - Brenda Spurr is president of the Granby Outdoor Bowls Club and for her charity president's day she chose to donate the money raised to the KJ Trust. She presented the £110 to Alan, thank you Brenda.

A big thank you to all the people who have donated money to the trust.

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What have we been up to since we began?

Holywell Everest Challenge

The staff and pupils of Holywell managed to reach the top of Everest (8844m) a few minutes before the end of the school day. In fact, they climbed an extra 364 metres! A total of 384 individual climbs were completed during the challenge.



Sponsored Walk Sheena organised a 5 mile walk in Harefield. The walk followed the Grand Union Canal for about 2.5 miles and then climbed to Harefield Village, with beautiful views of the surrounding area. Raising just over £2000 – Well done!

The Great North Run 2006 - Alan, Sarah, Jenny and Pete all successfully completed the Great North Run, rasing over £1000. Not having done enough running Alan and Jenny also completed the Nottingham Robin Hood Half Marathon on Sunday 16th September 2007.

Forthcoming Events:

- Ceilidh - 8th March Quorn Village Hall
- Great North Run 2008

If you have any ideas for fundraising events please feel free to contact us at info@kjtrust.com

We will be producing a twice yearly newsletter to begin with. So to keep up to date please subscribe entering your e-mail at www.kjtrust.com to receive future newsletters and events.

Thank you for reading,
Alan Jacobs & trustees.