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Motivated to Travel

The Ian Gardener Memorial Lecture will take place on 6th March at the Royal Geographic Society in London. We are delighted that our guest speaker this year will be the BBC Security Correspondent Frank Gardner. Frank will be talking with slides about some of his more unusual travel experiences. We anticipate a high demand for tickets so book early to avoid disappointment. Frank will be available after the lecture to sign copies of his book "Blood and Sand".



Frank Gardner tells us why he was 'Motivated to Travel'.



Join us in Bath for the Motivation Ball.

Put your glad rags on!

A ball to raise funds for Motivation will be held on Saturday 11th October 2008. The ball will be held at the famous Pump Room in Bath, Somerset. This one-off fundraising event was the idea of loyal Motivation supporter Ian Gardener. The ball will replace our October Motivated To lecture. We look forward to seeing you in Bath!



Christmas Cards

Thank you very much to everyone who bought Motivation's Christmas cards last year. You helped us to raise almost £8,000. We'd especially like to thank Mick and Jane Howey for their invaluable support in coordinating the distribution of the cards. Thanks also go to Linda Alvis, one of our Christmas card artists, whose annual bazaar in November raised over £950. We'd like to thank Brenda Light, Rita Langler, Pat King, Cheryl Piper and Jean Constantine, who all volunteered to sell Motivation's cards in their local communities.

If you wish to stock up on sale cards a selection are available to order online for a limited period from www.christmas-cards.org.uk/motivation

Christmas Appeal

Once again Motivation supporters showed their support by taking part in our gifts in lieu appeal. Thank you to everyone who bought a pressure relief cushion, wheels, frame or a whole wheelchair. In total your generosity will help us to build 64 wheelchairs for individuals in developing countries.

Due to the demand for these items, we will be writing to you a little earlier next year in the hope that we can help even more people requiring a wheelchair.

Beijing to Paris Car-free – an amazing adventure

Motivation would like to extend a huge thanks to Olly Powell, Wu Yi-Ting and their team of 16 people from across Australasia and Europe, for their amazing adventure raising money for Motivation.

On 10th October, exactly four months after leaving Tiananmen square in Beijing, Olly and Ting arrived in Paris. They had cycled 12,600km on bikes that they had designed and built themselves. Their challenge was to raise money to change the lives of mobility disabled people and demonstrate the importance of mobility. Their adventure marked the 100th anniversary of the 1907 Peking to Paris motor challenge and demonstrated that there are safer, healthier and more efficient means of transport. As Olly says, "The trip was the adventure of a lifetime. From the day we left Beijing there was seldom a dull moment, always a new challenge or surprise."



Olly and Ting tackle the elements from Beijing to Paris.

They experienced terrible roads, extreme weather and even robbery on their epic journey, but were encouraged along the way by the people they met and their drive to achieve their challenge. Congratulations to all the team.

To find out more about their adventure visit: www.beijingtoperis.com

Motivated to run for Motivation?

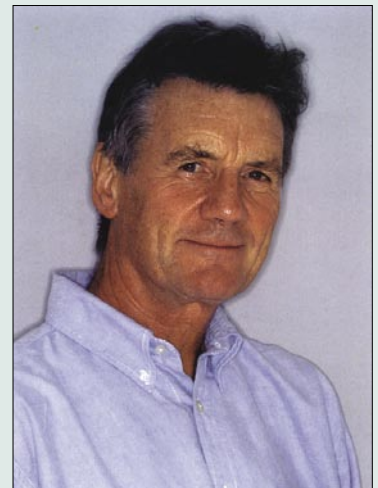
Motivation would like to congratulate three runners who took part in the Great South Run in October last year. This is a fantastic achievement and we would like to say a huge thank you to all those who helped to raise over £18,000 in running events during 2007.

Taking part in a running event is not only a great challenge but also a fantastic way to raise money to help change people's lives. Jean Munroe ran both the British 10K and Great South Run in 2007 and says; "I enjoyed every minute...It was nice to know that I was not just running for myself but also for someone else. My pains and aches were worth it."

For further information about opportunities to run and raise money for Motivation, contact Lucie Pannell on 01275 464012.

Date for your diary

Michael Palin will make an appeal on behalf of Motivation. Tune in to BBC Radio 4 on Sunday 13th April. The appeal will be aired at 7:55am and 9:25pm. The appeal will be repeated the following Thursday at 3:25pm.



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a button

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