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Special points of interest:

- The Kenyan Paraplegic Organization and The Kilimanjaro Association of Spinal Injuries has been funded by the CJSIT again.
- Colin has been nominated for a Beacon Fellowship award

The Sky's The Limit

One of Colin's aims when he returned from Africa was to take to the sky and that is exactly what he did.

In April Colin took the controls of an adapted Shadow microlight over Stonehenge with an organization called Aviation for Paraplegics and Tetraplegic



www.disabledflying.org

Just a thought

'Things turn out best for the people who make the best out of the way things turn out'

Art Linkletter

Tetraplegic Adventurer Colin Javens has recently spearheaded the development of the West Midlands Branch of Spinal Research—a branch solely focussed on raising funds for research into the repair of injured spinal cords

Hereford Dinner Dance – Spring Ball

This year Val Javens and Spinal Research West Midlands Branch's steering committee organised a charity dinner, auction and dance in the Shirehall, Hereford. In total 220 supporters attended the dinner and thanks to some very generous donations to the auction and raffle, including trial flying lessons, a fantastic Kenyan safari and a pearl necklace, a total of £11,500 was raised..

Guests enjoyed a three course meal, auction and then danced the night away to one of Hereford's most popular soul bands called Soul Supply.

Once again The Hereford Lions

supported Colin's cause by running the bar and even donated the proceeds to the final total.



Colin and Val would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who donated a prize to the auction and to all of supporters who have helped them raise a significant amount of money that will help fund a cure for paralysis. **Date for your Diaries Next year's event will be on 17th May**

Local Hero Award

In the April edition of the Readers Digest magazine it was announced that Colin had won the 2006 'Local Hero Award'.

Colin received over half of the votes making him the successful contender out of 11 nominees.

Colin is delighted to have won the award and he would like to thank everyone who voted for him.



Cranfield University Sportsman's Dinner – The Long Room

Amount raised £32,000. For the 3rd year in a row and in conjunction with the MBA students from Cranfield University a dinner was organised to raise funds for the MBA Sports Fund and



The view from The Long Room

money for Spinal Research.

160 guests attended the 3rd Annual Sportsman's Dinner at the prestigious Long Room, Lords Cricket Ground on the 23rd May and it was a great privilege to have the event sponsored for the second year in a row by Vodafone.

During an out of this world three course meal the atmosphere and history exuded from the Long Room. The determined auctioneer, Bill Jackson put all of the auction prizes under the hammer; including 9 nights for 4 at the Presidential Villa in the Seychelles, a fantastic Tanzanite Pendant and a Kenyan Safari. Finally, it was very fitting that Geoff Miller,

an Ex-England cricketer finished off the night by sharing some of his hilarious cricketing stories with the audience.

Three quarters of the funds raised will be donated to the Spinal Research West Midlands Branch, leaving a quarter to facilitate the needs of the MBA Sports department. Once again Colin and Val are extremely grateful to Cranfield University, Martin Bursik, the MBA students, Vodafone, Derek Breed and all those involved in the evening for supporting their cause.

For more information on the event go to: <http://www.som.cranfield.ac.uk/som/mba/sportsmansdinner/>