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COLIN'S AN INSPIRATION TO EVERYONE IN A WHEELCHAIR



Colin Javens - stuck in a wheelchair, but living life to the full

Last Christmas's edition of Festive News told in a front page story of the daring expedition by wheelchair bound Colin Javens of Moreton on Lugg to drive from Hereford to Cape Town in South Africa in his specially adapted Range Rover. A mission successfully accomplished.

Despite being paralysed from the neck down, after a freak accident diving into the sea, Colin and his team completed the trek across Africa in 164 days and raised £300,000 for spinal injury research. Colin also visited spinal injury centres along the way with his inspirational message of hope. He has also told his story to several local schools.

He told Festive News, "I'm one of the luckiest people in the world to have had such an amazing experience."

He and his mother, Valerie, have now set up a West Midlands branch of Spinal Injury Research to raise more funds for the vital research work. Contact him on 07968 753886 for information.

No sooner was he back from South Africa, than Colin was off again on his fund raising adventures. This time he was acting as back-up driver for friends, John and Caroline Orange, who cycled from Lands End to John O'Groats, a trek which took 13 days and raised over £5,000.



Lions Club support Colin's endeavours and when the team passed through Hereford on the Lands End to John O'Groats cycle trek Lions Dave Hartland, John Weatherall and Martin Exell were there to greet them.