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# Katie's Ski Tracks 2010

## News letter



## 21st Anniversary

Can anyone believe Katie's Ski Tracks is 21 years old? Formed April 1990 as Ski Across. Just where did those years go?

2011 will be the 21st anniversary of the first group to travel out to Pflersch, did you travel on the 1991 group ?

The face behind Katie's Ski Tracks,

Co-founder Kate Noctor

Kate seen here on the second group in 1992, having not long

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finished her chemo. Kate's most amazing abilities apart from talking, would be to get things done, Where everyone else would talk about ideas, Kate would get up and put the talking into practice no matter how large the challenge. Then it must have been the smile, even the chemo struggled to remove it. Sadly for



Kate her melanoma did beat her in the end but she did give it a massive run for its money. Kate was in work everyday even with her chemo her employer was amazed but of course it was what Kate knew as she came from an era where you worked hard and played hard no matter what. Kate was even putting the 3rd holiday together 3 weeks before she died at the tender age of 30. We remember Kate as always but especially now in our 21st year as Kate was instrumental in making this unique experience very possible for disadvantaged youngsters. **We remember**

## Facebook 2010

**Facebook.** This is Social networking for travellers of **Katie's Ski Tracks** formally known as Katie's Ski Across and before that Ski Across. We would love everyone that has ever travelled way back to 1991 to join our private restricted and supervised Katie's Ski Tracks page. Please pass on these details to those group members that you still keep in touch with to join us we would really love this to take off even more than last year's last year as we have lost contact with so many more people and children that are now adults themselves and families of youngsters sadly no longer with us. We would love, with your help, to reunite possibly over 650 people over 20 years. Again it was amazing last year as Facebook managed to reunite a load of lost youngsters. What are you doing now? **To Join** first you need to join Facebook and then join Michelle Dooley's page. Then do a search for "Katie's Ski Tracks. Then request to join the group.



See you inside Katie's Ski Tracks Facebook! Over 1,000 photos posted to date.

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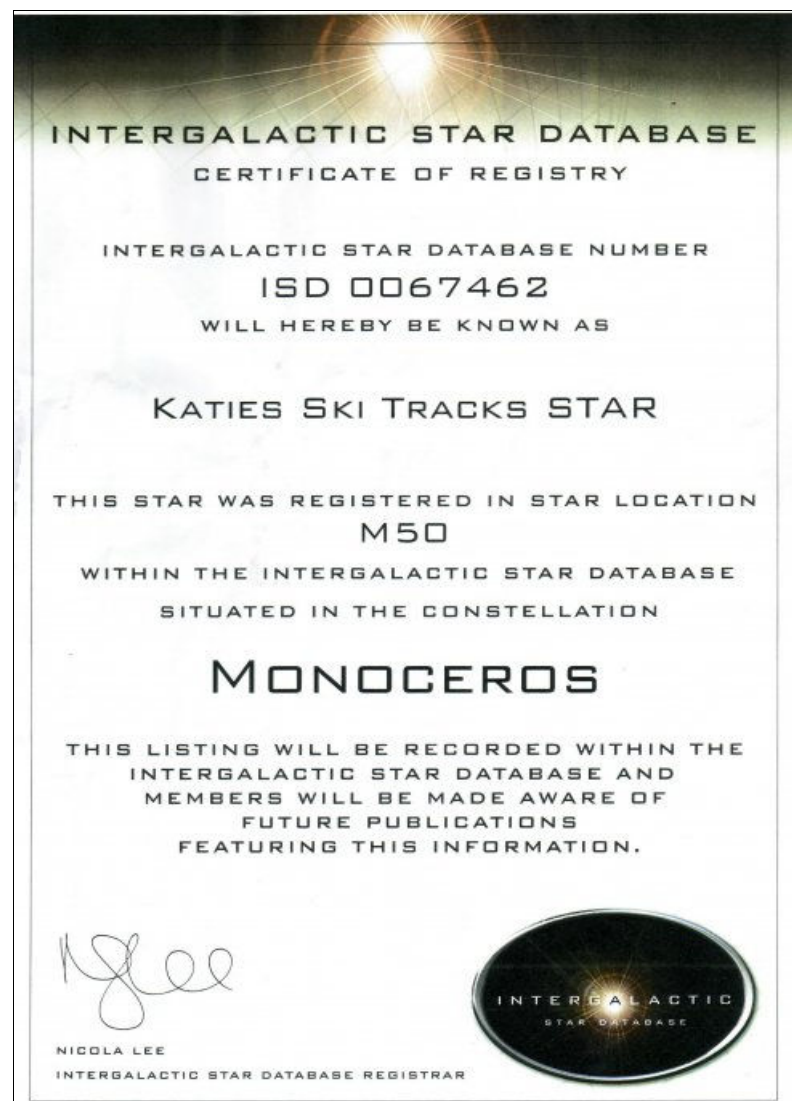
Also you may care to check out our website as it is getting a slow but sure new look and revamp. Plus all the 2010 kids are posted on there now and if you are a 2010 traveller would you please send in your story to go under your photos?

## Katie's Ski Tracks STAR

**Thanks to Ellie Mae-** Kilroy who travelled 2009 we now have our very own star out there named after Katie's Ski Tracks

So kid's next time you are feeling a bit low just go outside look up into the sky and make a wish

Thank you Ellie that was very kind and thoughtful of you



## New Drivers at Coach Company Ausden Clark

Well what a difference a day makes and what a difference having two dedicated coach drivers make? Both Dug and Hawkeye not only met all our needs on route and in resort but it was obvious that they could see the ethos of Katie's and joined in with all the action and fun at all levels truly becoming group members 49 and 51 respectively and loved by kids and helpers alike. Well done lads.



## New Charity Number & Registration

We have now become a charity in our own right and a company Ltd by guarantee. Trustees are Jackie Henderson - Treasurer, Dr. Liz Baker - Group doctor for the past 9 years, Kelvin Rushton - former group nurse since 1991, Ian Goring - cameraman for the past 12 years, Michelle Dooley - chief bottle washer and dogs body having to put up with the Chairman since 1993 and Martin Newman MBE. - Co-founder Chairman since 1990



Aintree Racecourse home of the Grand National again providing us with safe housing for our ski trailer and equipment. Also this year the Scottish helpers and youngsters got to walk out in front of the grandstands as they were staying overnight next door at Premiere Inn before departure. So again a big thank you to Lord Daresbury Chairman of Aintree & Lady Daresbury

## Annual Raffle

## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Please Can You Support This Years Raffle as we have a massive short fall of £20,000? last years raffle brought in £2,297.00 this is more than enough to send 1-child to the mountains. Can you help to at least match this amount if not enlarge on it? We would be most grateful to you all, as we really do need your support in these times of the credit crunch and our 2-years of serious funding having now finished with Clair Southwell at Wild Girls on Snow and we don't know the outcome from the Freemasons long term funding from Germany. If you really can't sell them all perhaps you would be so kind as to return them to the address on the tickets to be reissued or better still send a small donation if possible, Many of you in the past have asked for even more books to sell, and for this we can't thank you enough and to those too numerous to mention who also sent donations. Again please do not hesitate to ask Nicky (0151 928 9033) for more books. Otherwise email us at Katie's. **Don't forget the closing date, Last post will be 1<sup>st</sup> class, Tuesday 20th July for the Draw Friday 23rd July 2010**

AND PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS YEAR TRAVELLED ON REAR OF CHEQUE  
PLEASE WEIGH STUBS AT POST OFFICE BEFORE POSTING THANK YOU

## Trustee Joel Bradley sadly resigns after 18 years

**Joel came on the scene way back in 1992** when we were looking for a cameraman to shoot and edit then VHS tape video for our second expedition to Pflersch. Booked on was a young lady helper Madeline Childs who happened to be the daughter of Ted Childs Chief Executive



Producer of *Minder*, *Morse*, *Boon* and many other high ranking TV programmes of their day. Madeline immediately nominated Joel not only for his camera and skiing skills but for his great sense of humour and ability to interact with young and old alike,. Joel one of life's great characters.

Joel did manage to write of the camera that we borrowed from the news room at Central Television Birmingham but it wasn't his skiing that let him down it was the ice he encountered as he made a short cut across the car park to get the best shot of the group walking up to the church for the torch light ascent on the last night, you should have seen Madeline's face with her dad's camera in two pieces

Joel was itching to have a role in the entertainments as he could see what he could bring to Katie's. Giving the chance he moulded various characters into sketches that we now have all come to love and remember especially the likes of Lilly Savage along with his Dolly Dealers. Joel was always looking for an acting career outside of being a freelance camera operator and hence the now long hair and beard as he has hopes of being cast as an



hairy biker along with his love of motorbikes and now his motor boat. Of course we all have to make sacrifices but Joel no less has always given up work with no holiday pay to travel with the kids at the busiest time of the year for him especially now in these troubled times as his work in his industry has all but disappeared, hence part of the reason for Joel not being able to commit to Katie's future trips

**We guess we will all have our special memories of Joel?**

**Joel - Thank you a million times for 18 years of giving to Katie's Kids.** I am sure all the kids, helpers, drivers and fellow travellers would like to join the trustees in passing on very heartfelt best wishes to Joel and of course to his partner Jo for a happy successful fulfilled future

Don't forget Joel—Keep Reaching for the Stars!

## 2010 Holiday



The  
A  
Team

We keep saying it, but yet another successful holiday and once again the youngsters all reached for those stars achieving far more than our expectations. A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered this year and made the holiday a memorable and a truly once in a lifetime opportunity for all the youngster's. We truly had a great team of helpers working together in the ethos of Katie's. We know its not right to single out individuals but we feel we

should mention one or two new helpers, young 21 year old Loughborough University student Jonesy, Adam Jones for stepping in at the last minute on the entertainments. Jonesy had very big boots to fill but what an amazing job he made of it as everyone agreed especially as he had to make it up as he went along bringing new ideas to the floor. Then Alice and Felix bringing an whole new dimension to the video with some great ideas and sense of fun, cant wait for the DVDs

**Guess what?** the plumbing in the hotel as has been fixed after 20- long years Hooray!

Again we were able to stage the two major surprises and another BRILL new one and further to this the piste man Gergio made us a huge pile of snow and suggested we dig the kids an igloo. At first it was a non starter but the idea slowly got the better of our imagination. Well all the girls said it was a mans thing but after 4 longish stints it was opened on the Thursday night and everyone made a visit wheelchairs included. It was adorned inside with lovely T lights and outside with huge wax torches. The unique part of it was the kids all skied over the top of it the next day.



**On arrival** our dear friend Guenther the liftman was not to be seen, we were informed that he had 3-weeks before suffered a major heart attack and had undergone a quadruple by-pass operation, On the Monday he came to see us and wish us well and said he was very happy to be alive and that he had stopped smoking and it was not a problem for him. Best wishes from everyone that has travelled Katie's Ski Tracks

**Treasurer Stuart Schofield retires** **Stuart** is based in the Cotswolds where Katie's Ski Tracks originated and as Kate Noctor our Co-founder employer he very kindly took over the mantle when she died back in 1993. Stuart is now retiring from his successful insurance broker company and with it many years of unsung toiling as our treasurer. We now feel his retirement should not pass without our most sincere recognition. Stuart we wish you and Jo every happiness in retirement and thank you

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### **Making the impossible possible**

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Jackie Henderson

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### **Hotel Argentum**

The owners are going back to court to settle their family disagreements so again we cannot make any firm commitment with Albert for 2011 but he does expect it to be available and is just waiting for the contract to be signed around May time. Dates for the next holiday 2011 should be 25th February to 6th March

### **Youngster Jack Spencer**

from 2008 will be looking for sponsorship as he is competing in his wheelchair in the Bupa Great Manchester Run. Please show your support. Thanks Jack for thinking of Katie's

## **Katie's Ski Tracks Supporting each other**

**Token Collection** Thanks you to everyone in the Merseyside area who has collected tokens from the Liverpool Echo's' make a wish campaign as the more tokens we get the bigger share of the Echo £50,000 share out, sounds good but there are 350 applicants

**Loughborough Students Union** Thanks to Ski Guide Helpers Phil Elly and Jonesy for securing £280.00 from Loughborough students union



### **Helper Warren McDonough**

Warren secured £1,500 from his work place Jacobs Mc Vities biscuits charity and also £100 from his Jacob's gym club. He also sold over 400 pounds in raffle tickets. A really brilliant effort

### **Callum Netherton group 2009**

Callum's dad Andrew fundraised £450.00 Donation from the Customers of Seamus O'Donnell's. In Birkhead Thank you for thinking of other kids travelling Katie's

### **Boogie woogie boy Cody Lee 2010**

Cody fresh from travelling Katie's, set about raising Katie's some funds with his amazing piano skills. He arranged a solo pub venue raising much needed funds of £200 well done Cody You must check Cody out on Utube, just Google boogie woogie boy (6 mins 3rd Nov

Tim Nuttal Ski Guide donated £200 and hopes to do some fundraising later in the year

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**Thank you to everyone that has helped even if we failed to give you a mention!**

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