

A Lifetime Dream Coming True For Fiona

Yes, I'm going to Everest Base Camp at last. It had all been planned two years ago but then I got ovarian cancer and had to pull out of the trip. I began to wonder if I would ever achieve my dream, but I am now fine (thank you for asking).

Meant to Be

An amazing set of coincidences has led me to Himalayan Kingdoms, a trekking company that says in its itinerary for Day 11: "You may wish to visit the Himalayan Rescue Association Hospital at Pheriche". Well, you may remember that this is the very hospital that our intrepid doctor, Sandy Scott, and others, have refurbished through their charity the **Everest Memorial Trust**. I'm told that it has been transformed and I'm going to go and see it for myself in October of this year.

I will pay for the trip myself, and will donate the £500 that the Committee of this magazine kindly gave me for scanning back-copies of the magazine onto the website. I would very much like to try and match that amount by fundraising in the Wychwoods for a project that started in our villages. I am



very aware that many people have already given generously via Sandy over the years, but the hospital obviously has ongoing expenses. I am hoping that my physical effort will merit some sponsorship, and that you will welcome the opportunity to continue supporting the **Everest Memorial Trust**.

Most Challenging Yet

I have done challenging treks and bike rides for charity before, and get a lot of pleasure from raising money for worthwhile causes, but this may be the most challenging yet. The distance, the altitude and the cold will all be very testing. Would you like to help? Any amount, however small, would be much appreciated, and I will write a full article for the magazine telling you all about the 14 day trek when I get back.

Fiona Walthall

Suggested ways of donating are: by Cheque or cash to Fiona Walthall, Wychend, Leafield Road, SuW, OX7 6EA, by handing money or a cheque to anyone involved with the Wychwood Magazine or through my fundraising page at: www.justgiving.com/fionawalthall

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