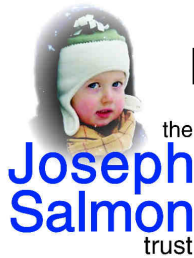


# Newsletter



## Financial Support For Those Who Have Lost A Child.

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Hello and welcome to our third newsletter. How time flies when you're having fun and fundraising! We hope that you'll enjoy looking inside our newsletter and reading our recap of just some of the events from the past 12 months. Maybe you have been to some of them. Maybe not. If not, then perhaps we'll be able to whet your appetite with some little tasters of our upcoming events (see right).

In Spring last year, the Trust was thrilled to receive Grassroots Grant (run by The Examiner in conjunction with the Community Foundation for Calderdale) of £500.00, which allowed us to expand into Mirfield. The idea with the charity has always been to help as many people as possible but in a way which ensures we don't do 'too much, too soon'. The grant came at just the right time for us and, with the applications opening up again for 2010, we hope to be fortunate once more. We would love to expand our base area even further so we are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to do this before long.

November 2009 saw the Trust launch a petition to cut VAT on headstones. Under current legislation the cost of burials is seen as a necessity and is therefore VAT exempt. However headstones are seen – perhaps

surprisingly – as a luxury – and therefore are subject to VAT at the current rate. And this VAT rate on headstones is something that is likely to touch us all one day. So in view of this, we encourage all our readers and supporters to go online and register their voice in the hope that we can stop this charge on what can be an essential part of grieving. Go to

[http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/HEA\\_DSTONEVAT/](http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/HEA_DSTONEVAT/) to register your vote.

Towards the end of 2009 we launched our new-look website. Here you can keep up to date with upcoming events, as well as read about what we've been doing recently. You can also see our Twitter feed to find out news and views from the Trust on a daily basis! The website also features a poignant perspective from two parents who lost their baby daughter. Our website address is at the end of this newsletter.

And finally, before you read on, we would like to offer our sincere thanks for the support that has been shown to the Trust over the past 12 months. This has been a difficult year financially for many people, so every penny received has been appreciated more than ever. Thank you to all, and we look forward to a successful 2010!

### Forthcoming Events

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March

*Cabaret Heaven at The Peacock Lounge, Huddersfield. Tickets now on sale - call us on 01484 506249.*

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April

*London Marathon: supporter Claire Leader is looking for sponsors - contact the Trust to register your support*

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July

*Hadrian's Walk: Roman the countryside...*

*A group of 60 walkers and cyclists will be crossing the width of the country along the 84-mile long Hadrian's Wall footpath in aid of the Trust. Find out more at*

[www.hadrianswalk.org](http://www.hadrianswalk.org)

*For details of these and other events, keep checking our website or keep in touch by joining us on Facebook*

*And, if you like to shop online, go to [www.buy.at/josephsalmontrust](http://www.buy.at/josephsalmontrust) for even more great ways to donate to us!*

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### TK Maxx

As part of our ongoing pledge to use money raised through events and donations, only for families in need and not for any other purpose, we of course need to find help with running costs from other sources. We are pleased to say that TK Maxx has stepped in this year with a donation of **£1000.00** which will help to keep the charity working hard for another 12 months. Thank you!

### Pitter Patter

One of the Trust's most faithful supporters, Amanda Clarke hairdressers at Crosland Moor, has raised money throughout 2009. Salon-owner Amanda became a mum in December, and decided to hold a 'Guess the Name of the Baby' draw in order to raise funds. Her idea resulted in a fantastic **£71.00** being donated to the Trust. Thank you Amanda, and we wish you all the best as a new mum.

### Car Boot Bargains

A number of car boot sales were organised between Spring and Autumn 2009, by Alan and Lorraine Salmon. A total of **£158.00** has been raised.

### Card Party

No not that kind! In May, Rachael Salmon hosted a charity greetings card and gift wrap party in association with Phoenix cards. There were some great bargains to be had and the consultant donated her commission - **£55.00** - to the Trust.

### This Wheel's on Fire

We are extremely grateful to Mark Newby and the Huddersfield Star Wheelers for raising over **£1300.00** cycling from Morecambe to Scarborough in just one day. That's 120 miles!! Whether their Wheels were on Fire we're not sure about - but one thing is for certain - they all will have had sore bottoms!



Helen Beresford with some of the walkers

### Comedy Capers

A great night was had by all who attended the Peacock Lounge in Huddersfield in April, for an evening of fun and laughter at a comedy night put on for the Trust with the help of Rob Riley.

Comedians Bill Wolland, Greg Cook, Mick Ferry and Dominic Woodward provided the crowd with moments of madness, genius and hilarity. The event was sold out and made **£1000.00** for the charity.

### Station Buffet

The staff and customers at the Station Buffet at Huddersfield Railway Station have continued to offer their amazing support to the Trust. Along with organising a raffle, they have ingenious ways of getting people to put their money into our collection tin. During the past 12 months, they have raised **£349.00**.

### A Very Special Walk

The family of Ryan Hawkins were the very first family that the Trust were able to help.

Although we seek no repayment from families whom we assist, we are always especially touched when they decide to do something to benefit the charity.

This was the case with Ryan's family when, in May last year, Helen Beresford and her co-walkers took part in the Examiner Charities Challenge and raised over a staggering **£720.00** for the Trust. Our thanks and best wishes go out to them all.

### Musical Auction

Marguerita Bailey, Choir Mistress for the Junior Choir at St Stephen's Church Lindley, organised the auctioning off of musical instruments which were in great condition but not used very much. Mrs Bailey had previously bought many of the instruments herself and we are especially grateful to her - and the buyers - for raising a total of **£100.00**.

### Don't Forget to Remember

As ever, the staff of Don't Forget gift and card shop in Marsh, have not forgotten the Trust.

One of the highlights was when they raised **£368.00** over one weekend by holding a tasting event, profits from which came to the Trust. On offer for people's culinary delectation were a range of jams, marmalades and chutneys courtesy of The Star Inn at Harome, and Mrs Darlington's (aka Darlington and Daughters).



Alison Rayner of 'Don't Forget' & Rachael Salmon at the 'Don't Forget' tasting event

### Christmas Fayre

For all those organised Christmas shoppers out there, in November St Phillips Church Birchencliffe organised a Christmas craft and gift fayre in their new community centre. The Trust was in attendance with a Christmas-themed tombola stall and a 'Guess the Name of the Teddy'. The event raised **£154.00** for the Trust.



**Alice and the walkers**

### **In Memory of 'An Amazing Mate'**

October saw another group of people pounding the pavements in order to raise money for The Joseph Salmon Trust. Family and friends of the late Shannen Harker, who tragically lost her life in a car accident in 2008, took part in a sponsored walk in her memory. The walk was organised by Alice Enderby, Shoni Gale and Fiona Nicolson and began at Rastrick Cemetery, through Bailiff Bridge in Brighouse, where the car Shannen was in crashed, and ended at the Old Ship Inn on Bethel Street. The seven-mile route was walked by dozens of people and they donated **£453.00** the Trust.

### **Tuck In!**

The generous and talented children of Huddersfield Grammar School once again organised a number of break-time tuck shops last year, raising a total of over **£200.00**. That's a lot of cake! Thank you very much to Eleanor Moorhouse, Claudia Bartholomew, Martha Gurr and Laura Thornton who helped to run the tuck shops, and to Mrs Moorhouse and Mrs Bartholomew for their organisational skills!

### **Corporate Sponsors**

We are extremely grateful to the following companies for assisting us with our running costs. The 'big four' are:

- **TK Maxx**  
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### **Night of a Thousand Spices**

A balmy evening in August saw crowds of the charity's supporters piling into the Shama Balti restaurant in Fartown, to indulge in a delicious 'all you can eat' buffet.

The evening was a huge success and as people left the restaurant with full stomachs and smiles on their faces, it was clear that it was a winning formula. People were quite insistent that we hold another – and soon!

Our thanks go out to Zaf, Billy and all the team at Shama, for helping to make this happen. And as well as raising awareness of the Trust, we raised a fantastic **£1950.00**.

### **Casino Night**

As the nights began to draw in, the charity's trustees decided that what was needed was a great night out for our supporters. To help us with this in stepped Marsh Liberal Club, who kindly offered to host a casino night for the Trust.

So it was then that on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 'Marsh Casino' opened its doors for business! Guests were each given a stash of chips on arrival, and the two people with the most chips at the end of the evening were awarded a prize. The top winners received a 'Royal Flush' casino experience courtesy of Grosvenor Casino Huddersfield, and a pair of rail tickets to Blackpool, courtesy of Northern Rail. Entertainment was provided by a very talented group of performers; Joe Williams, Sarah Jay, Dezzi Dee and Steve Symons. The event was a great success and raised **£1200.00** for the Trust. A big thank you as well, to Guy and Wendy, Events Co-ordinator Rob Armitage and to all the club's members who helped run the night.

### **New Trustees**

We are very pleased to start the New Year with 2 new trustees. Helen Beresford and Daniel Hughes have agreed to join the team and we look forward to working with them. Trustees along with all our volunteers are unpaid ensuring that every penny raised go to the families who really need it. All our overheads are covered by our Corporate Sponsors – see left.

### **Remembrance Night**

'A Night of Remembrance' was truly that when in October, Suzie Calvert arranged an 'all singing all dancing' show in memory of two young people, Brianna Jones and Andrew Spencer. Profits from the evening were split between and Andrew Spencer Trust and The Joseph Salmon Trust and we were extremely grateful for the donation of **£500.00**.

### **Bowled Over**

Headed up by Wendy Cowgill, the Ladies Bowls Section of Syngenta Sports Club in Huddersfield, organised a bowling tournament which was held in August. Besides the tournament a quiz and raffle also took place and, thanks to their dedication and hard work, the ladies raised a grand total of **£700.00!**

### **No Pain, No Gain**

The kind doctors and staff of Lindley Village Surgery once again asked The Joseph Salmon Trust to provide refreshments to people going for their yearly 'flu jabs. Thanks to their – and the patients' – generosity, the morning's cake-selling raised **£47.70**.



### **Beetle's About!**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Huddersfield (Lindley Parish Church) Rainbows, Brownies and Guides Unit organised another of their brilliant beetle drives. The event was held at Lindley Infant School and as well as an exciting round of games, there was tea, coffee, cake and a raffle. **£122.00** was raised on the evening.

## Whom Does The Joseph Salmon Trust Help?

The Trust offers financial assistance to parents bereaved of a child. Whilst as parents we try to plan ahead for all eventualities, it is very rare that a parent makes financial provision for the death of a child.

*"The impact on the family whose child has died is immeasurable, the pain is intense and the life they knew is changed forever. The early days following the death of a child are difficult, with lots of organising to do as well as dealing with the overwhelming emotions of grief. At this time many expenses are incurred...Any support with finances for funeral costs and eventually for a headstone would be a great benefit to families to help them meet the last needs of their child after their death."*

Sharman Secker, Manager,  
Child Development Centre,  
Calderdale & Huddersfield Foundation Trust

## How Does The Joseph Salmon Trust Help?

The Trust makes a financial grant to assist parents in Huddersfield or Mirfield who are in financial need, to pay for headstones and funeral expenses, with other financial issues being addressed on an individual basis.

## If You Would Like To Help The Joseph Salmon Trust

We are always eager to hear from people who would like to help The Joseph Salmon Trust. Obviously donations are of major importance in ensuring the Trust can help parents in need. Of no less value to us though are donations of:

**Time** – you might like to help out at an event, or even organise one! Or you might like to support us by coming along to one of the events which the Trust is involved with.

**Skills** – do you have a talent you could put to good use?

**Goods/materials** – you may have a cellar, attic or garage full of things which would make ideal tombola prizes, or which could be sold at a car boot sale to help raise funds for the Trust.

**Ideas** – have you seen an event advertised that you think the Trust would be interested in attending? Can you think of something the Trust could organise which would prove to be a good fundraiser? Any and all ideas will be considered!

If you would like to help in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our web, email and postal addresses can be found at the foot of this page.

## About Joseph

Joseph was a happy, healthy three year old who loved life. He enjoyed playing with his toy trains, his cars and his pretend kitchen. He had a busy social life, with lots of friends from nursery, friends who lived nearby and his little sister. He enjoyed cooking with his mummy, going on trains and buses with his daddy, and playing with anyone who would join in. Joseph had a passion for books and had just started to 'read' them to his younger sister.

It felt like his life was just beginning.

This all changed on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005, when Joseph died. Joseph did not suffer, he simply fell into a deeper sleep from which he never awoke.

The Joseph Salmon Trust has been set up in his name.

Do you know anyone else who might appreciate a copy of our newsletter? Feel free to contact us if you do.

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