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The tenth anniversary of Frank's death will be in March of next year, and Frank would have just celebrated his 40th birthday in October. It seems extraordinary that so much time has passed. But it is also hugely gratifying to see this memorial trust still going so strongly, and generating so much commitment and enthusiasm. It was around the same time that the Frank Haines Memorial Trust was formed that Richard and Rosie bought The Sussex pub and renamed it The Scolt Head, after the island in Norfolk where they'd spent many hours on the beach and where Frank's ashes are scattered. To mark Frank's anniversary, and the anniversary of the pub, the Scolt Head will hold a big party in March.

This year: For the first time, we held an evening of drinks, food and talks to enable supporters and friends of FHMT to meet the charities your funding supports. It happened on Frank's anniversary, 26th March, and took place at the Café from Crisis, which is affiliated to Switchback. Jamie from Jamie's farm gave a great speech about the work his farm does with inner city children. Slaney from Switchback told us about the progress they've made with young men making the hugely challenging transition from prison into ordinary life and work. Emrul from Newark Youth spoke about its work providing after-school activities, football sessions and spaces for children living around east London, who otherwise have few other places to go.



The evening was a great success, and seemed thoroughly appreciated by all who attended. People were struck by the passion and dedication of the charities they heard from and the fact that their funding goes directly to the charities, and we hope it helped to make some of the benefits of your generosity and support more tangible.

In addition to that evening, we've been paying regular visits to all our seven charities (the other four being Toynbee Hall, Youth Linx, SPLASH and Kayd Somali Arts and Culture). As you can see from our photos, we've always been given a warm welcome, and thoroughly enjoyed our visits. Given how impressed we've been with Newark and SPLASH in particular, we decided to increase our funding to these two charities.

Once again, we held the charity bike ride in Norfolk in May, thanks to Richard Haines's organisational skills. It was another lovely weekend. It raised a fabulous £14,000 for the FHMT, which makes all the difference to our sustainability. Particular thanks go to Bobby Nelson who raised £1,500 from two family trusts he is connected to, and to our youngest rider, Tom Morgan (11) who completed the bike ride and also donated a month's worth of pocket money! Once again, thanks to all those who took part or cheered on from the sidelines.



Other significant income this year came from:

- £4,000 raised by Rob Haines and friends via their triathlon. Their energy is an endless source of awe to the rest of us! This included £735, matched by Barclays, raised by Sophie Muller and Charlie Holloway, raised through a pub quiz.
- £1,788 raised by Andrew Baird at the Brompton World Championships
- Individual donations from Julian Agnew and John Aird
- Anthea Franklin has begun making a regular donation

We're really grateful to these individuals for keeping us in mind and being so generous. And finally, one of Frank's Premium Bonds came in, and we have decided to place the winnings in the FHMT: a whopping £25!

Next Year: One of our charities, Youth Linx, has recently decided to close, due to lack of volunteer and staff support. This gives us the opportunity to seek a new charity to support, which we intend to do so over the first few months of 2016. If anyone has recommendations of charities working with young people in east London (which is what our charitable status commits us to focus on), please get in touch. We would love to find a charity that is music-related so any such recommendations would be especially welcome. However we would like to hear from various interested parties, before we reach any decision.

In addition to this, we intend to make one or two one-off gifts to charities, to mark the 10th anniversary of Frank's death. When we established, we took the decision to offer ongoing support to cover salaries and rent, rather than to make specific gifts, as we discovered that this is often what is most needed. However, we see this anniversary as an opportunity to make individual gifts, which might then have Frank's name attached to whatever they fund. An announcement about this will also happen in early 2016.

We're very pleased to announce that Rebecca Dawson, a lifelong friend of the Haines's, has agreed to become a Trustee of FHMT. Rebecca will bring a wealth of experience and wisdom to our activities.

The bike ride will take place next year on May 21st. Watch out for further information about this from Richard. And Rosie and Richard will be in touch in the next couple of months with information about that anniversary party.

Happy Christmas to all!

Elizabeth Haines, Richard Haines, Rosie Wesemann, Nick Carlton, Marie McCartney, Kerrin Isaacs, Will Davies, Rob Haines and Rebecca Dawson (Trustees)