



# THE FRANK HAINES MEMORIAL TRUST

## Newsletter, December 2019

Each year, the main fund-raising event of the Frank Haines Memorial Trust (FHMT) is the annual bike ride, which takes place in Norfolk every May. As many of you will know, the ride starts and ends at the beautiful Holkham Estate, and is followed by a party in Burnham Thorpe, complete with hog roast and Tom Dawson's legendary record collection.

Thanks to the unusual Bank Holiday Friday next year (the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day), we will be hosting a double header: **a cricket match at Holkham Hall on Friday 8th May, then the usual bike ride and party on Saturday 9th**. All will be very welcome to participate in either or both events, however they choose to. Richard Haines is organising, as usual, and will be in touch with more details in early 2020. We want to make the most of the long weekend and hope that as many of you as possible will come along to make it a success. Please help us make the weekend a special one!



Another novelty for 2020 is that the FHMT has selected a new charity to support: **Just for Kids Law** which provides legal representation, advice and support to deprived children in a range of areas. Children need legal protection, when they come into conflict with immigration services, the police or are excluded from school. Regardless of what difficulties children are in, the charity believes children need legal support to have

their rights respected and defended, to protect them from exploitation and discrimination. FHMT is delighted to be backing this important venture, which fits closely with our core purpose as a charitable trust. We hope to be able to continue this relationship, beyond 2020, if funds make this possible.

In addition to Just for Kids, our charities have remained the same: **Newark Youth**, **SPLASH**, the **Kayd Somali Week Festival** at Oxford House and **Switchback**. Updates from all the charities show that they continue to do wonderful work in providing young and vulnerable people with ways to stay safe, have their horizons broadened, and believe in themselves.



**SPLASH**, for example, ran a terrific project over July and August, hiring coaches to take families from Poplar, East London, on day trips to seaside towns such as Hastings, Margate

and Broadstairs. These were families that had no other summer holiday – one of the mums reported their family running into the sea “like they had won the lottery”! Other trips took children fruit-picking.

Several of the FHMT Trustees were present at a terrific fundraiser for **Switchback** (which helps young men with the transition from prison to employment), hosted by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall at the Old Bailey, which gave a taste of the amazing energy and vision that these charities bring to their work. As ever, our support for these great charities is entirely thanks to the generosity of our donors and the enthusiasm of those who cycle, run, climb and walk to raise money for us.



Thanks are owed particularly to Julian Agnew, Andrew MacMillan, The Caram Trust, The Charles French Charitable Trust, Christopher Laing and John Aird. Your gifts and hard work all have a direct impact on the lives of young people, at a time when other sources of security and support are growing more precarious.



We look forward to seeing you in 2020, and please do look out for details of the cricket match-bike ride weekend, which we hope will be an opportunity to get lots of people together.

**Happy Christmas and all the best for 2020!**

**The FHMT Trustees**

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