

helped out a seven year old girl called Milly from Cranwell. Suffering from cerebral palsy, Milly is unable to communicate other than through smiles, particularly when her three year old brother Nicholas is in the room.

Andy Evans, Milly's father, was a former Squadron Leader with the RAF and was a member of the Red Arrows Display Team. Aware that SSAFA could help and were already fundraising for a Mytobii eye activated speaking computer, he set about fundraising himself, along with his work colleagues.

Through a combination of grants, fundraising and a substantial SSAFA contribution, enough money was raised for the computer, which is eye activated, allowing the little girl to interact with her family and friends and has greatly improved her quality of life. The technology involved will allow Milly to grow with the aid of her computer, which uses infra red indicators which identify where Milly's eyes are focusing.

Andy and Kate would like to say a big thank you to SSAFA and everyone involved with helping to raise funds for the equipment. "The SSAFA caseworker was a pleasure to work with and it is so reassuring to know that we are being looked after by SSAFA."

RED-NOSED ADVENTURERS RAISE MONEY FOR COMIC RELIEF

Personnel based at RAF Cranwell have been getting into the spirit of the Comic Relief Red Nose Day during an expedition to the North Island of New Zealand.

The group, from the Officers and Aircrew Selection Centre at RAF Cranwell have been wearing the Comic Relief red noses and 'deely boppers' during various adventurous challenges, which have included a twenty-three kilometre trek along the Tongoriro Crossing, mountain biking along fifty-one kilometres of the 42 Traverse and a sixty-six kilometre canoe expedition along the Whanganui River.

The expedition leader, Squadron Leader Cath Gillespie said, "We wanted to add a fundraising element to the trip and Comic Relief is a worthy cause and one that we could promote whilst doing our activities."

To raise funds for Comic Relief each member of the party will donate money for every kilogram of weight lost (or gained!) upon the conclusion of the trip. They were all weighed on the day they left the UK and will be weighed upon their return.

The group have a number of activities to complete including caving, climbing and further hill walking before returning to the UK.

GLOBAL ECONOMICS DOWN SOUTH

There is widespread concern, globally, regarding survival over the next few years. The penguin population in the Falkland Islands shares a concern with their human counterparts, but, for very different reasons.

Many young penguins are suffering from malnutrition due to a shortage of Krill. Krill is a tiny crustacean that apparently provides the sustenance for the young penguin juveniles who rely on their parents 'bringing back', in more ways than one, the ready meals from a days 'fishing'.

The Falkland Islanders have much the same problem; catches are down along with the markets for wool and tourism.

Speaking to audiences on foreign territory is nothing new to Lincolnshire Chartered Financial Planner Terence O'Halloran. The several day trip out and back to Port Stanley and also to West Falkland, allowed him to address both audiences in his own inimitable style; hopefully with a more responsive reaction from the human recipient to the advice given.

Judging by the attentive posture of the Gentoo penguins at the Bluff Cove colony, however, perhaps both audiences received equal encouragement from the talks.

