

Mum sees the future of life after son's loss

Fundraising with psychic by Judith Phillips

WHEN grieving mum Debbie Turnbull was at her lowest ebb, a friend suggested she see psychic medium Margaret Hurdman, and the experience gave her the comfort she was desperately seeking.

Now, Debbie and Margaret are working together to raise money for the charitable foundation she set up in memory of her son Chris, who was only 15 when he drowned in August last year while playing with friends in the river at Pont Cyfng Falls, Capel Curig.

The Chris Turnbull Memorial Foundation is raising money to help alert youngsters to the dangers of our rivers, lakes and the sea.

“We need better signs and better education about these dangers so other parents don't have to go through the tragedy of losing a son or daughter,” she said.

The money the foundation raises is going to the RNLI and the Search And Rescue Dogs Association (SARDA), and Debbie is also working closely with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), who may use Chris' story on their website to help highlight the risks of playing in and around water.

Together, Debbie from Rhos-on-Sea and Margaret from Llandudno are hoping to raise between £6,000 and £10,000 through fundraising events at Venue Cymru in Llandudno and the Springfield Hotel at Holywell.

Margaret, who is internationally famous as a medium with many TV and radio appearances to her name, is giving her services free. All proceeds go to the RNLI and there will be a raffle and auction at each event in aid of SARDA, who helped in the operation to recover Chris' body.

Debbie says her meeting with Margaret gave her a lifeline when she felt she was sinking under the pressure of losing her only child.

“We were so close. He was my life, and without him I couldn't believe I had a life. It was just a nightmare, but Margaret has given me massive comfort, she told me things that could only have come from Chris. Silly little personal things which no-one else would have known, she really is my guardian angel,” she commented.



COMFORT: Debbie Turnbull and Margaret Hurdman are working together to raise money for the Chris Turnbull Memorial Fund.

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The event at the Springfield Hotel is on April 26, and the Venue Cymru fundraiser on May 28.

“We have received sponsorship from Anthony Flint Estate Agents, Nant Veterinary Surgery and publicity firm blah d blah, but it would be lovely to get more sponsorship and raffle prizes as we want to raise as much money as we can,” said Debbie.

Tickets at £9.50 for the Springfield Hotel and £10.50 for Venue Cymru can be bought from the venues or from Debbie on 01492 543615, 07879 648568 (mobile) or by e-mail at debbie.turnbull@homecall.co.uk With the help of blah d blah Debbie has also set up a website detailing the work of the foundation which can be found at www.riverandseasense.co.uk

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