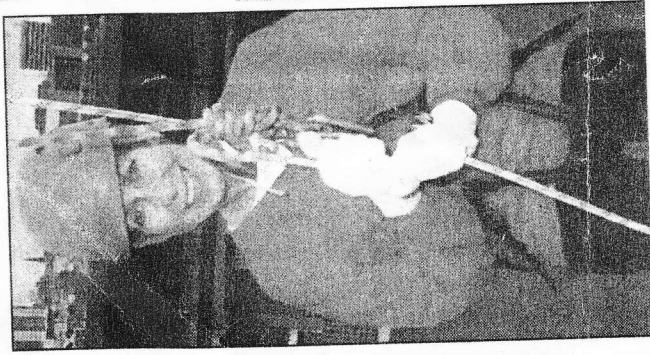


Conquering Snowdon...in a wheelchair



Top team: Sylvie Brown, pictured above, abseiling on a previous challenge and, right, with the team of drivers from First Mainline who helped her climb Snowdon

INTREPID Sylvie Brown has succeeded in her latest challenge - to climb one of Britain's highest mountains in her wheelchair!

Sylvie, aged 26, from Burlington Court, Upperthorpe, tackled Snowdon to raise funds for a new Multiple Sclerosis therapy centre in Sheffield. She was taken around the six mile course by 12 First Mainline bus drivers, who were competing against 39 other teams from across the country. "The event was great fun and com-

pletely mad. We had to cross swamps, climb steep slippery banks and swim across rivers," said Sylvie.

"We ended up very wet and muddy but our team spirit was great. The bus drivers did me proud. They really looked after me and we never stopped laughing the whole day."

Also involved was former software engineer Gary Harding, aged 39, from Eyam, who completed the courses with a team of Darnall red watch firemen.

It is hoped that around £5,000 will be raised for the centre, which is based near Meadowhall.

It is latest challenge which Sylvie has taken on, since being diagnosed with MS six years ago. In 1998 she braved a tandem ski-diver and raised £2,000 in the process.

"That was the turning point for me," said Sylvie. "I reached an all time low becoming wheelchair bound and knew that I had to start taking control of the MS myself."

She manages her condition by having regularly physiotherapy and reflexology sessions. The money raised from the latest event will go towards a £300,000 appeal to build a new MS Therapy Centre in Sheffield.

Carol Wilding, manager of the centre said: "The new centre is going to be fantastic offering a wide range of support and therapies to people with MS, enabling them to take control of their lives again."

Joust the thing!

KNIGHTS of old return to Peveril Castle, Castleton, to do battle on July 30. Escapade Medieval Society stage a display of 13th Century combat and chivalry from noon. Admission £3 for adults, £2.30 concessions, £1.50 children. English Heritage members free. For details phone 01433 620613.

First day sale

YOUNGSTERS from Totley All Saints School hold a sale in aid of the Children's Appeal tomorrow outside Totley library, 10am-12.30.

Wildlife gift

WISEWOOD Primary School Super Wildlife Club won a £50 environmental grant from car maker Volvo to create a nature garden at their school.

Better buses

BUS operator ARRIVA has relaunched and improved its X33 between Sheffield and Bradford. Low-floor buses with coach-style seats are running on the CATS (City And Town Shopper) service. Maximum fare has been cut to £3.99.

Service stations

A CHAIN of motorway service stations is to be built around the UK by two property developers which have joined forces in a £80 million deal. The deal is between Swayfields and Stadium Group, developer of Sheffield's Meadowhall Shopping Centre.

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