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FALKIRK FUNDAY 2011 – SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

Get more than a big surprise, at Seagull Trust Cruise's charity funday and live teddy bear parachute jump at the Falkirk Wheel on Sunday 25th September 2011

Teddy bears will be parachuting from the Falkirk Wheel on Sunday 25th September 2011, at a charity event & funday organised by Seagull Trust Cruises, Falkirk.

The aim of the event is to showcase the services provided by Seagull Trust Cruises in Falkirk for people with special needs of all ages and raise much needed funds to extend the boathouse in Bantaskine on the banks of the Union Canal.


The chairman of the Seagull Trust Cruises' Falkirk Branch – Sandy Milroy said: *"The bears will be taken up the wheel and dropped over the side, a total height of 115 feet, but I can reassure you that the bears will be treated with the upmost respect and care at all times. We've got a medic onsite and the Dunedin Harley Owners Group will be on hand to stretcher the toys off when they land. It's all bit of fun and we are hoping that everybody will join in with the spirit of things."*

He went on to explain that each bear will be returned to their owners after the jump and all get a certificate bearing their name and their owners name to show that the brave teddy bears completed the jump.

Members of the public & anybody else who is interested in taking part can enter their own teddy bears to take part. They can also design their own parachutes and harnesses and watch as their cuddly toy 'jumps' from the Falkirk Wheel.

There will also be prizes awarded for the following categories:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

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- Best dressed bear
- Best parachute
- Bravest Teddy
- Best dressed owner

In addition each entry that registers before Friday 9th September will be eligible for the grand prize draw to win: a day out on a Seagull Trust Cruises boat for up to 12 people.

A special guest will be compering during the day and getting everyone involved in the fun of the event.

Double Trouble, Clanadonia and Edward Reid – a semi finalist in Britain's Got Talent will be performing live at the event and there will also be a boats display, tombola, raffle, games & more to entertain the family.

Other stalls and activities include

- A re-enactment by The Antoinine Guard
- Fit Kids Sports Club
- Profierce Dancers
- & Fireman Sam

The event will take place at the Falkirk Wheel on Sunday 25th September 2011 from 11.30 – 4.00 p.m The teddy bear parachute jump will take place at 2.30 p.m.

SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

REGISTER NOW AND ENTER YOUR BRAVE TEDDY IN THE MOST EXCITING EVENT OF THE YEAR

For more information please visit our website www.stcruises-falkirk.org.uk or email events@stcruises-falkirk.org.uk

You can also make a donation online at www.charitygiving.org.uk/teddyjump2011



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Editorial Notes

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Britain's Got Talent sensation Edward Reid is to star live at the Falkirk Wheel.

Edward Reid, from Coatbridge, became an internet sensation after singing nursery rhymes to the tune of pop songs on the TV talent show.

He took the nation by storm with his imaginative take on nursery rhymes during this year's run of the ITV talent show.

Clanadonia

Clanadonia are a Tribal Pipes and Drums band, steeped in the Pictish/Celtic traditions of Scotland. The band will always keep it Tribal and will endeavour to provide clients with a Traditional experience that is second to none

DOUBLE TROUBLE are our favourite band at STC, the two local boys, Joe Evans and Jamie Greenaway, have 'adopted' Seagull Trust Cruises and play at many of fund raising events. The band have also appeared at various events across Falkirk including the: Celebrating Success Awards 2010, Falkirk Fireworks 2010, launching the Lido, the scribblers picnic, our Big Lunch 2011 and Teddy Jump 2010.

2011 also marks the 10 year anniversary of the re-opening of the Forth & Clyde Canal through the Millennium Link project. A colourful flotilla of boats will be travelling along the Forth & Clyde Canal from Speirs Wharf in Glasgow through to The Falkirk Wheel on 23rd – 25th September 2011.



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In order to make this an event which encourages everyone to celebrate the canal, there will be a mixture of land and water based activities to accompany the vessels as they make their journey along the canal.

More information about Forth and Clyde 10 is available at <http://www.scottishcanals.co.uk/our-canals/forth--clyde-canal/events/forth--clyde-10>

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Editorial Information

- For more information about Seagull Trust Cruises visit www.seagulltrust.org.uk.
- Seagull Trust Cruises Ratho branch is located beside the Union Canal, just west of Edinburgh, and based near The Bridge Inn.
- Passenger numbers 2010

Branch	Cruises	Passengers
Falkirk	528	5,177
Highland	200	1,883
Kirkintilloch	583	5,440
Ratho	1,083	10,008
Total	2,394	22,508



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