

## **Anecdotes, Memories, Flowers and Trees**

We have already received some lovely stories, photos and memories of Simon. Please feel free to send more in the next few days.

We would also like to compile a Memory book for Pippa and Katie. We hope that in years to come this will allow them to cherish a broader and richer picture of their father and his various friends and exploits, drawn from the memories of a wide range of people. We would therefore love you to contribute any specific anecdotes or thoughts of the times you shared with Simon.

We will not be having flowers at the service but if you would like to contribute to a more lasting legacy in Simon's memory, we would like to build on a project that we recently set up in Ethiopia. We have been raising money to create scholarships to allow children, living in the Bale Mountains of Ethiopia and who could not otherwise afford it, to attend secondary school. This will give them the education and opportunity they need to pursue livelihoods that are not dependant on the unsustainable use of the forest and other natural resources of this exceptionally important area for international wildlife conservation ([www.balemountains.org](http://www.balemountains.org)).

Simon strived to make a difference in the world, loved the Bale Mountains (and not just because they were rather like his beloved Cairngorms!) and could only approve of this being set up in his memory. We are channeling any donations through Born Free Foundation, supporters of the Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Project with which both Simon and I have been working from our first visit to Ethiopia.

If you would like to contribute please do so through the following website where Gift Aid can be reclaimed by UK taxpayers: <http://www.justgiving.com/Simon-Thirgood>

Very many thanks to you all

Karen, Pippa and Katie