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Mikey Lewin (Fuzzy Bear)

[Posted: Wed Jan 26, 2005 18:31](#)

richielewin

[Joined: 25 Jan 2005](#)

[Posts: 15](#)

[Location: Chester UK](#)

Mikey lewin Died doing what he loved on 25/01/05 on the powder in les arcs. What a fantastic guy he was and i'm sure that anybody who knew him knows what i'm going on about. We all know that this is the way it should of happened and this is how he would of wanted to go
RIP MIKEY



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[Posted: Wed Jan 26, 2005 20:12](#)

rex_luthor

[Joined: 03 Nov 2004](#)

[Posts: 5](#)

hi richie,

you dont know me but my name is simon. i spent a season with mikey at the rond point and have kept in touch with him over the last few years most recently seeing him a few weeks ago when he visited meribel for a night. all the people here who knew and loved him (and there are so many) are gutted. we have spent the last day or so in shock but as it sinks in everyone is pulling together to remember him and comfort each other. already there is talk of a big air comp in his memory and various



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other events including an avalanche safety lecture night/party in the club that i manage (d&%k tea bar). would love to hear from you and the rest of his family to get you involved or to keep you updated. please email me simon_brown82@hotmail.com.

theres a lot of love out here for mikey and we're all going to do our best to make as much good out of this as possible as well as getting completely ruined in the process.

hope to hear from you soon, si

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Posted: Wed Jan 26, 2005 20:26

richielewin

Joined: 25 Jan 2005

Posts: 15

Location: Chester UK

Hi there

Good to hear from you i'm sure these messages are going to flood in thick and fast. Everybody who wants to get involved in his big send off is quite welcome and they just need to contact me. Big respect to all you guys i know its hard and we all have great memories of the fuzzy bear.

The guys in les arcs have built a huge snowman and put a big fuzzy head on it. Speak to you soon, ill send you a photo to your hotmail.

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Posted: Wed Jan 26, 2005 20:38

rex_luthor

Joined: 03 Nov 2004

Posts: 5

cheers mate, any details of send off back in the uk could u let me know as soon as poss and ill let the rest of resort know. theres gonna be a lot of people requesting time off out here

si

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Posted: Wed Jan 26, 2005 21:08

WELSH PHILL

Joined: 29 Oct 2004

Posts: 53

Location: MERIBEL,
FRANCE

mike was and is one cool dude,

respects to all who knew him, his wit and humour certainly cheered me up on more than one occasion..

i'm shocked and gutted

GO HARD OR GO HOME!!

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Posted: Wed Jan 26, 2005 21:29

lego_man

Hi there. I met Mikey last season in Vallandry and I'm saddened and

Joined: 26 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

shocked to hear about what has happened. Although I only knew him for a short time he always had a warm welcome and a smile to match the hair. I spent the morning of the 2nd of January this year riding with him and his enthusiasm for being in the mountains shone through as Im sure it did for many other aspects of his life.

I know the guys in Vallandry will have nothing else on their minds for a long time to come, he will be sorely missed. My thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Our thoughts are with you Mikey

Gaz.

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 00:17

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Susie

Dear Richie,

My thoughts go out to you and your family. Mike was truly one of the good guys; I shared a lot of laughs with him over last season in Vallandry and his thinking of his big smile (and big hair) will always bring back happy memories. He was a funny, compassionate, passionate, good-time, guy. His passion for skiing and boarding and enjoying life was pretty unique. He will be missed but always remembered.

Susannah

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 02:18

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richielewin

Mikey was loved so much, thankyou guys for all your postings. i hope to see and meet all his friends as a celebration of his life. i know all the alps will miss him and everybody will go and have a fantastic run on his behalf. love to you all and i hope you can all take me and his dad on an adventure like he had. thanks alot richie

R.I.P Mikey Lewin so much love to you all and especially the guys who were with him, dont feel guilty i wanna have lots of "good time beers with you guys" all the best

Richie his brother who loved him so much!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 02:25

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richielewin

Plaese anybody who wants to come and see the fuzzy bear off contact me on rich.lewin@virgin.net x

Joined: 25 Jan 2005

Posts: 15

Location: Chester UK

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 09:42

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Meribel2001



Joined: 26 Jan 2005

Posts: 5

As with other's, I met mikey during my season in Meribel in 2001.

It's shocked everyone doing seasons in london, so much so, i think its only fair we try and all come out, and do a 6 man relay race in his honour.. and then get lewined.

Once again, my condolences go out to his family..

Andy

RIP Mikey... We'll miss you

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 10:04

quote

Meribel2001



Joined: 26 Jan 2005

Posts: 5

Richie,

I just emailed you, but unsurprisingly, i think your mail box is full

I just wanted to say i also would like to know details of the send off, so please contact me andrewlea@aol.com

many thanks

RIP Mikey... We'll miss you

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 10:10

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Meribel2001



Joined: 26 Jan 2005

Posts: 5

Sorry to chuck another one on, but we've bought www.mikeylewin.com

Planning on a chat thread, photos and stuff, but will let you know of any details..

Any photos, give me a shout too

RIP Mikey... We'll miss you

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 10:25

quote

richielewin

Joined: 25 Jan 2005

Posts: 15

Location: Chester UK

Thats quality, we have got a website but i think thats more appropriate. We've got loads of photos to stick on there !!!!!!! Send us an email as us lewins have designed sites before but if your happy doing it then no worries!

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 10:51

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richielewin

My E-mail is not workin at the moment, but virgin are on to it so should be back up and running soon.

Joined: 25 Jan 2005

Posts: 15

Location: Chester UK

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 10:53

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Meribel2001



Joined: 26 Jan 2005

Posts: 5

Richie,

I think it would be awesome if you could get involved in the website, not least because i have no idea how to make them!!

When your emails back up, drop me an email to andrewlea@aol.com and we'll try and get things going

Cheers

RIP Mikey... We'll miss you

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 12:11

richielewin

You all might want to take a look at this
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Joined: 25 Jan 2005

Posts: 15

Location: Chester UK

<http://www.natives.co.uk/news/2005/01/27mikelewin.htm>

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 12:53

eyelid

Hi Richie,

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

I'm Eilidh, I worked with Mikey on the terrace bar at the Rond Point a couple of years ago. I had the greatest time working, riding and partying with him, all of which he did hard. He was always running round with the walkie talkie entertaining anyone on the same waveband or playing old school beastie boys at top volume on the bar. We all loved Mikey, he was always at the centre of every party, always open, enthusiastic and happy. Whenever you mention his name to anyone it always brings a smile to their face and a string of stories to their lips. He'll certainly never be forgotten.

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 13:02

Curly Sarah

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 2

Location: London

Mikey - such a legend, in all senses of the word. The most enthusiastic, hedonistic, rare beast of a boy. No matter what time of the morning he'd be working at he would have the biggest grin (not to mention hair). Or be dragging me by my pyjamas out of bed to go for a speedy 6man. The sort of guy who makes you the funner, less cynical person; even your snowboarding would improve when you were out with him. So many adventures, all the time. He was so hungry for life (and Monster Munch)

it is just too too surreal.

Am in the UK so definitely around for the big send off. Is there a snowy version of Valhalla?

Also, Si, keep us up to speed with what's going on out there as if there are events etc for Mikey out there, I reckon we could clear the UK if we get all his mates out there.

Doubt it'll sink in properly till we head out.

Much love to all in Meribel & thanks to all in Les Arcs (lovely bunch o people) who were so nice to us when we were out for his birthday last year.

Rich and the Lewins, there is a lot of love for you all right now and we will be thinking of you a lot over the next while. Thanks for everything,

Sarah

Meribel 01/2 & 02/3

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 13:13

goodgrooming

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Mikey was an awesome guy, i remember him from the rond point terrace, always grinning his head off, or a little worse for wear at the end of the night, propping up the bar in d&%k - he loved life and his friends and the mountain and will be hugely missed - I for one am just glad to have known him.

All my love to you, Richie and your family, we are all thinking about you,

Aimee x

Meribel (00/01 & 01/02)

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 13:54

mitch

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

If there was on e guy who lived the dream more than most it was mike. Such enthusiasm in whatever he was doing, has personally given me the inspiration to get out there and do something i enjoy and do it to the max!!, something i am sure has rubbed off on many of his friends.

Much love to Rich and the family thinking of you, and i'll be there for the big send off.

Mitch.

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 13:59

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Cobblers

Joined: 27 Oct 2004

Posts: 29

Having spent two seasons at the ronnie with Mikey I came to love him as a true friend, he was someone who lived life with no regrets taking every opportunity that came his way and having as much as fun as possible. The world is truly worse off without him, may my love and thoughts go out out to his family and his many many friends, he'll never be forgotten.

biff

it'll be snowing up top

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 14:05

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PhilQR

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 2

I did my first season with him in the Oxbow house and shared the driving down in the old Merc estate. I don't what I can say that hasn't already been said. He was a larger than life guy and he's going to be missed.

Phil

Meribel 00/01 01/02

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 14:23

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Kate Austin-Smith

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Location: london

Mikey. Truly Awesome.

So full of enthusiasm and happiness, he put his all into everything and made everyone else want to do the same. Before he left Meribel 02/03, he came to work with us at the Pub, it was mid-season blues time, he turned us all around with his energy and he brought us all back to life again, making us realise what seasons are all about. His last night is legendary - never had so many glasses been smashed and toffee guzzled! He did us proud, and always will.

I'm also in the UK, and would really like to know details of a big send off.

All my love goes out to everyone who knew Mikey.

To Rich and your family, all our thoughts are with you.

Kate

Meribel 02/03. 03/04

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Mikey!

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 15:36

judythorn

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 2

To all of Mikey's family and all who knew him,

From the days of the Oxbow house 5 years ago in Meribel to bumping into Mikey at the airport just 3 weeks ago, this guy is an unforgettable and truly special person who brightened any day and who will always remain in our hearts.

I hope that the sun was shining that day and that he was living the dream that we have all lived for and know well.

My thoughts also go out to the guys he was with and those who found him. This will be difficult time but we are all here for you.

Look forward to celebrating his life together with you all. Keep me posted.

All my love and fondest memories,

Jude x

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 18:05

richielewin

Joined: 25 Jan 2005

Posts: 15

Location: Chester UK

Judy, just to let you know that the guys who were with him said it was a beautiful day and the sun was shining, they got up especially early as the snow was the best and the skies were clear. 😊 Happy days !!!!!

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 19:08

kieranakev

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

To all who knew him

My thoughts are with you. Mikey was one of those guys that was always full of energy. He had such a love for life and people, such a strong passion for the things he was into and always had time for his friends, new and old. He was one of the few people i know that could walk into a quiet room, and with only his character and personality turn it into a party, as i'm sure many of you have experienced!!

The response from everyone who knew mikey is a tribute to the man himself. Whether you knew mikey well, or had only met him on occasion i'm sure you will all agree with me that he will be greatly missed but remembered forever.

To richie, his family and all who knew him, my thoughts are with you

Kieran

Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 19:11

richielewin

Joined: 25 Jan 2005

Posts: 15

Location: Chester UK

Hi to everybody who has written on or visited this site concerning the sad death of Mikey

We have been so touched by the masses of messages, emails, cards and visitors who knew Mike. So many thanks.

As soon as we have a date for his last big party we'll post it everywhere.

Everyone is invited and it will start near Wrexham, hopefully week beginning 7 Feb. It will be a BIG one.

Meanwhile keep boarding and skiing and keep the bars open to raise a few glasses to Mikey, we'll be out there soon to see everyone.

Feel free to contact us anytime.

Ros and Brian (Fuzzy mummy and daddy)

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 19:13

G from Meribel

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 2

It was my third season in meribel that i got to know mikey,i was struggling to find accomodation and he kindly offered me a place to stay,i don't think i ever saw him be anything other than happy and thats how i'll always remember him.

We had some great days on the hill and even better nights out on the piss,jesus,he didn't do anything by half did he.

I'm gutted your gone,wherever you are mate i hope the sky is blue and the suns shining down on you.

Later.

G

Meribel 99/05

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see you on the six man.

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 21:41

Emma

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 4

Hi all from Meribel 00/01 and 01/02, friends in Chester, Roz, Brian and Rich and basically all who had the pleasure knowing Mike.

So many kind words for such an amazing person.

I was lucky enough to spend many happy times with Mike and will never forget that cheeky grin which meant he could get away with just about anything.

It was really comforting to be around friends last night at Ryan's, and Rich you are a credit to Mike and you mum and dad.

Take care all and see you at what is possibly going to be the biggest send off party ever!!

Lots of love Emma x

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Mikey Lewin a credit to anyone who knew him a legend!!!!!!

Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 23:14

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Ben_Holden

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Mikey happened to be the first person I met after leaving OZ to travel, he keep telling me about this village called Meribel and how good it was. What a time we had!!

We ended up living together and sharing memories that i will hold onto forever!! I spent my first powder day with him and what a day it was!!

If there is a term in the dictionary that defines the meaning of life and the way to live it.

Mikey's name would be at the very top!

Mikey had fun no matter what he was doing or where he was doing it, he would turn nothing into something, and create an energy around for others to enjoy.

Nothing was ever to much trouble for Mikey, he would do anything for anyone.

I will try my best to make it over to say goodbye to you mate, your a legend in my eyes and always will be.

Full condolences to Brian, Roz and Richie. If you could let me know some dates of the service as I need to organise flights.

Ben Holden

Meribel 01/02, 02/03, 03/04.

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Posted: Thu Jan 27, 2005 23:38

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katie

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 3

I knew Mikey for a fair few years, as i was went out with his little bro Richie.

I never had the pleasure of being able to be out in France with him while he was enjoying the snow-and NO DOUBT getting VERY drunk!

Richie and myself joined him over in Zante last year. He got me VERY drunk! (Think we've all been there!??) The day after Mikey, Rich, and myself decided to get on a boat (DRIVEN MY MIKEY???) and go to Smugglers Cove! (We all had hangovers, so wasn't a very pleasant journey for me!!) Nevertheless was a fab hol, mikey took good care of me!

He was such a caring person. Sure he's looked after all of us at some point.

I'll never forget his HAIR it got BIGGER and BIGGER each time i saw him. It did start to get a bit consious when his roots starting coming through! (due to the sun in zante that is!)

He's cooked for me and Richie plenty of times, we also had a fab meal with Ryan and Amanda.

My love and thought go to everyone that knew him. Especially Brian, Ros, and Richie. (it was also nice to hear from Emma!)

I will never forget you Mikey!

xxx

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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 11:43

gwyn

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 2

Location: chester

Hi guys, well what can i say that hasnt already been said by so many others in the past few days, mikey was simply an awesome guy, i went through primary and high school with him and he was always a cheeky chap even as a kid, i didnt see him so much after that but that never mattered, to mikey a friend was a friend and he was probably the most genuine guy ill ever meet, richie i saw a lot of mikey in you the other night and dont worry mate you will make him proud in everything you do. I hope a few of you make it over for mikeys send off it would be cool to meet friends of his and share stories over a pint..... or seven!

Mikey we all miss you but will always smile when we think of you



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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 11:47

drunkan

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

mikes family, I am duncan mikes room mate in vallandry, I worked with him for ski beat and we both ran a ski repair operation and its just not the same with out him. its was named "dunken fuzzy ski repairs"

we when up to the scean of the accident yesterday to say good bye, I will never forget him. duncan@ski-review.com.

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Mikey

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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 11:54

woofy

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

To Mikeys family,

I was so saddened to hear the terrible news about Mikey on Monday. I met Mikey whilst working in Meribel during the 02/03 season. He only came out towards the end of the season but even before he arrived i can remember there being a buzz around Meribel that 'Mikey', was coming out.

I didnt know Mikey before then but all the seasonairres from the previous year talked about him in legendary status, for his riding, partying and being a quality guy.

I wasnt disappointed when i met him, even though he was only out there for a few weeks, its a measure of him that he made so many more great friends in such a short space of time.

I last saw Mikey at the ski show, he was the normal Mikey, full of excitement, and was looking forward to heading back out to Les Arc for some awesome riding.

His untimely death was tragic, but i take some consolation from the fact that Mikey was doing what he loved most, getting freshies on an amazing day in the Alps.

You'll be with us forever Mikey.

A ship in harbour is safe, but thats not what ships are for.

I'd be grateful if you could keep me posted on any services for Mikey.
Thanks.

woofy

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quiz master

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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 12:08

Vic153

Joined: 29 Nov 2004

Posts: 5

On monday night Mikey was the pub quiz mc (mikey on the mike) in his regular drinking hole the Flying Squirrel bar where i work. After numerous free pints he was giving it his all on the microphone and slurring out the questions, to give the winning team serious amounts of grief for winning by so much. The team was pretty much all seasonaires so this grief was probably justified! The next morning should have been a painful one spent underneath a duvet but he was up for first lifts and having the time of his life as usual. A mate of his said a few days earlier "Where does he get his energy from??"

Mikey was a truly amazing person and has touched and inspired so many, if they knew him for only a few minutes or for many years.

Rest in peace, you'll be sorely missed.

Lots of love to all the Lewins and friends of Mike.

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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 12:51

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Curly Sarah

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 2

Location: London

What an absolute don. Walking down Upper St in London on Wednesday night and it started snowing... big fat flakes of the white stuff and it was so surreal and beautiful, it just made me smile so hard remembering the fun of the boy. Gonna miss him and his grin absolutely buckets.

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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 13:49

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Elliott

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Mikey what a geezer.

Never have i met a person with so much enthusiasm about doing what he loved best - Living the dream. This guy is truly unforgettable. His unique inspiration and character (and of course fuzzy hair) will remain with all of us forever.

My love goes out to Brian, Ros and Richie.

Elliott

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Mikey Lewin

Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 14:08

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bailsie

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 4

There's a lot of love in the 'bel.

Big smiles has become the standard toast and through all the tears and a drunken haze nothing but beautiful memories come to the forefront my mind. I will miss you always Mikey and the joy that you gave everyone you met along the way. Snorting champagne and watching it

come out of your eyes with all the ronnie crew, happy days!

To Richie and family what can I say. Mikey will always make me smile and I'm richer for the experience of being one of his friends. Hopefully see you next week.

Love and BIG smiles

Bailsie

xxx

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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 15:07

Rosso82

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

hello Richie my condolences to you and your family,

My name is Stephen Rossouw i was Mikeys Roomate last season in Les Arc and heard about what happened yesterday, it has come as a great shock he was a dear friend of mine and will be emensly missed. What can i say Mikey was an absolute champion, loved by all and such a great friend to have always smiling and warming to be around, he would never hesitate to help someone or knock back a few cold ones. Mikey was always up for a good time and had a great passion and enthusiasim for ridding and the mountains, we can take comfort in the fact he was doing what he loved and probably had that cheeky grin shining strong as he ripped down the pow. My season would not have been anywhere as fun and wild had Mikey not been, i shall cherish the memories what a dude.

You were an awsome person Mikey i am lucky to have had the pleasure of knowing you, you shall be greatly missed and will be in our hearts forever, cheers for the times never forget you mate.

R.I.P Mikey

Richie, i would love to say goodbye to Mikey with the rest of his friends and family, i am living in france currently but will not hesitate to return to england, can you please inform me of any plans. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Stephen Rossouw

To any of the crew from les arc it would be great to talk to anyone my email is smrossouw@hotmail.com

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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 16:22

Kit

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Location: London, UK

Having been resident in the now infamous Oxbow house in the 2001/02 season along with a few other posters on this thread, I had the pleasure of living with Mikey for that season. He had an unmatched appetite for living life to the full every single day. From first lifts to closing time at the bar, his enthusiasm, energy and of course his big welcoming smile shone though all the grey skies and rainy days.

Jane and I have only just come back from 2 weeks in Les Arcs where we'd been out riding with Mikey almost every day. Most of last week we'd had some of the best runs I've done for years - crazy fast tree runs through armpit deep fluffy powder - interspersed with the obligatory Mont Blanc alcoholic pitstops to get some warmth back into your frozen faces before heading out for more! As I'm sure others will agree Mikey had always been such good fun to ride with, both on one or two planks (although I'm glad he finally saw sense this year and ditched the skis!).

The only reason we weren't with him on that last day was that even after a bit of a heavy sesh hosting the Pub Quiz up at the Squirrel the previous night, he made it onto the mountain way before us and gone to get the freshies of the season! We did arrange to meet up later in the day, but at about lunchtime we both started feeling something undescribly wrong and I wanted to go home. So despite the amazing sunshine and snow we returned to our chalet early. It was only later that afternoon that we had the phone call to tell us the terrible news.

The past few days have stirred up many emotions for me - long stares at distant mountains have brought tears to my eyes, but always with a smile as I look back through such amazing memories. I couldn't even attempt to add all the stories of good times had with Mikey over the past 5 years; every time I think of one it reminds me of 5 more... endless run's down the 6 Man, all those times on the Ronny terrace... the list goes on.

Just remember next time you make that dreamy powder turn, dig yourself out of that dumb tree well or you're having 'just one more' toffee vodka, Mikey's looking down smiling at you. Cheers Mikey for making my life that little bit more fun! 😊

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Ski Beat Mike (Ducky Fluff)

Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 18:27

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skialex00

Hi,

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

My name is Alex. I was working with Mike this season for Ski Beat. I was another of the assistant managers, based in La Plagne. But I got to know Mike very well. Regularly skiing out with him and also drinking.

What a total legend! We had some great times and from the very first day we hit it off really well. I was devastated to hear the tragic news and I wish to convey my very sincere condolences to all his family and friends.

Mike was always on top form, even after a bit of a heavy night on the lash, and it made it a true delight to have him as a colleague as well as a mate.

We had our laughs, from escorting a drunken mess of a chalet host to his eviction with Ski Beat, to Mike's wind in the training lectures. sh*t and giggles all the way.

I left before the end of the season due to circumstances in the UK. But I remember telling all my friends that Mike had been a good rock throughout the season. In many ways, the ideal manager for Ski Beat.

I know I can speak for a lot of the staff from Ski Beat. I think we can safely say that Mike will always remember Mike. He was an asset and a shining example, even if he did need a haircut!

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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 18:29

richielewin

Joined: 25 Jan 2005

Posts: 15

Location: Chester UK

Just to let all you guys know the www.mikeylewin.com website will be up and running soon, we are in the process of building it at the moment.

Thankyou very much for purchasing the www.mikeylewin.com website. He'd be well chuffed with it 😊

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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 18:58

Anna Richards

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

First of all i wanna send loads of love to Ritchie, Mikey's mum and dad, and all of you who knew and shared time with one of life's diamond geezers!

It's been the saddest week ever. It's difficult to accept that someone so beautiful and happy can be gone so quickly.

My brothers Scottie and Odder, sisters, little Zo and Natalie, Greg Jones and many friends from Radio 1 were all lucky enough to have spent some seasons and holidays in Meribel with Mikey.

Many a day we went riding with that boy! And every day we spent with him was fun! He was just so happy!!

He was also one of those (alongside a few of you) ' way too good a rider' who took time out to teach me to snowboard.

One particular holiday he and Scott spent every day with me and Natalie teaching us to board - even though we were proper sh*t he persevered! It wasn't his duty like it was Scott's! But he joined us all the same because every day was a hilarious mission and that's what he loved - having a laugh and always a mission.

And another time when my bro's were too busy working he looked after me and my sis every day - he didn't have to do that!

I hope you all continue to enjoy your season in Les Arcs this year in memory of one of the coolest dudes to walk this world! It's what Mikey would have wanted.

We all love him so much and one day we'll all meet up in heaven - it's made of snow you know!!

xxAnna

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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 19:15

nickg

Lew mate,

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Respect to you, you know what a great friend you are to me and have always been from such a long time ago, and most importantly respect to your cool brother mike and may he rest in peace. Give my love to your parents, Roz and Brian and always remember lew i will always be here for you whenever you need me and i will always raise my glass to your brother and want everyone who reads this and knew mike to do the same, i will always hold a place for him in my heart, always!.

your good friend.

Nick.

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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 19:53

Busta

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Location: Chester

I only met Mike for the first time at the end of the summer but had the pleasure of working with him until he went out to France. He was one of the nicest, happy, funny people I have met in a long time and he sure did brighten up the long slow summer days in the shop!

Good to see you today Rich (in sail and ski) and sorry it took so long for me to register who you were! and as you said at least Mikey was doing something he loved so much and the sun was shining

RIP mike

Rich - aka Busta.

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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 20:39

scottie

mikey, legend.

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 2

Location: chester

one of the most amazing guys ever.... remembering all those nights after dix in meribel a little worse for ware one particulary hiding in a cupboard - totally crazy!

dito what anna says above, you were so patient with us (natalie/ anna and zo) when teaching us to board, we o it all to you.

your smile and laugh will remain with us forever, we love you.

lots of love natalie and scott xxxxx

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Posted: Fri Jan 28, 2005 23:18

bailsie

Truly amazing!

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 4

Have you ever known anyone who has touched so many hearts? It's certainly helping those of us in Mikeys Meribel posse to read so many messages of love. I'm gutted that the lifestyle so many of us have chosen has taken Mikey away but heartened by the way our little community has pulled together. I know you're watching Mikey, and probably laughing your tits off at us for being sad twats, but hopefully you know how much we love you.

Bailsie

x

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Posted: Sat Jan 29, 2005 01:51

scottie

Thank you Mikey. You were so lovely to everyone. I can't believe you're

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 2

Location: chester

gone but at least you'll always be boarding.. living the dream. You did it dude- Lived. Love you and will always remember who took me down a black run on my third day boarding! Love and miss you Mikey, Zo x
Rest now x x

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Friends of Big Hair

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Posted: Sat Jan 29, 2005 05:15

rhysjameshelen

Joined: 29 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

To every one that knew mike on the slopes. We knew Mike from school and its great to hear that so many people enjoyed spending time with mike as much as we all did. Every time he came back he would have us all stiches with stories of you all. I'm sure we could put names to faces!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Keep flying the Lewin flag and living the dream.

Hope you all well. Rhys, Helen and James

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richie

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Posted: Sat Jan 29, 2005 11:23

katie

I think this comes from everyone, not just myself...

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 3

Rich, I'd just like to say how brave you are being at the moment. Your brother always was, and always will be so proud of you.

You're doing a great job.

Remember we're all here for you, whenever you need to talk.

All my love and support.

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What you see is what you get!

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Posted: Sat Jan 29, 2005 11:29

hardyacca

Joined: 29 Jan 2005

Posts: 2

Location: Melbourne, Australia

After carving up the 6 man, there was nothing better in the world than to walk onto the Ronny terrace and see his huge smiling face serving up the seasonnaires with laughter and boundless energy. I love that Mikey was all about being himself - what you see is what you get. A genuinely amazingly, awesome individual. Usually people have to live up to life's expectations - Life had to live up to Mikey's!

This site is a credit to everything that makes Mikey, Mikey.

To his family - Richie, Brian and Roz, I am yet to have the privilege to meet such unbelievably strong humans and I know now where he got all his great qualities. Take care.

I have so many brilliant memories that I will recall over and over with pure contentment. Thanks Mikey, for every single one of them.

Hope the heavens are filled with freshies!

I will mourn you till I join you - but always with a smile on my face.

Big love always... Jacqui xoxoxoxoxoxoxox - (Dixteabar 00/01/02/03

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Posted: Sat Jan 29, 2005 13:10

Emma

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 4

Oh my god all this is so overwhelming. Everyone has pulled together and been there for eachother over the last few days. Was great to see more of Mikey's friends last night - although I do have a banging hangover today!!

There's nothing I can say that hasn't already been said. I have so many special memories and loved Mikey so much.

Everyone has painted such a true picture of him and this site link is such a fitting tribute.

Would love to hear from anyone who fancies a chat 07969422469

emma_cummings@hotmail.com

Take care all you guys out in resort but remember Mike is watching and you'd better be up for first lifts every morning!! (Not that I ever was I'm sorry to say - to much of that toffee vodka stuff)

Thanks for having the patience to teach me to board Mikey and I promise I will stick at it and try to get out to Les Arcs to meet all those great friends you talked about.

I really want to try and get in touch with some of the guys who worked in Vasilikki for Neilson when we were there summer of 2001 so if you are reading this drop me an email or if anyone has their details let me know.

See you all soon xx

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Posted: Sat Jan 29, 2005 13:32

Cobblers

Joined: 27 Oct 2004

Posts: 29

I apologise for only just posting this message, but this is the hardest thing i have ever had to write.

Mikey was simply one of my best friends i have ever met, and i am so gratefull that he came over to stay with me just a few weeks ago, in typical fashion we managed to polish off a bottle of gin two bottles of vodka and endless beers.

From riding on a skateboard behind his car, riding the 6 man, fresh powder, and mixing vodka with disolvable vitamin c tablets beacuse we ran out of mixers (it didn't work), there was never a dull moment with

Mikey around.

I can honestly say that of all my friends Mikey is one of the few I have never had crossed words with, it was impossible to be mad at the man.

The mountains have lost some of their appeal, which I know he would kick my ass for saying, it will take a long time to love snowboarding again as much as he did.

Its so good to hear from so many people who loved Mikey, many who i know and some i dont, It sounds like Mikey had the same impression on you as he did on me, and that is a tribute to his out look on life.

To Mikey's family, my deepest condolences, I would love to attend the send of of all time, as do all the people in Meribel that knew him.

I only knew you for 5years but will miss you forever.

Good bye my friend R.I.P.

Ross

it'll be snowing up top

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mikey you legend

Posted: Sat Jan 29, 2005 14:30

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marge

Joined: 29 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

i worked with mikey last season in peisey, and he was one of the most amazing people i've ever met what a legend we all loved him. my sincere condolences go out to all his family.

He was one of the happiest fun loving people i've ever met nothing could match that goofy grin and fuzzy hair, Mikey was always up for a good lash. he'll be missed greatly by everyone and it was an honour to have known one of the most wonderful people. xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
RIP milkey

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Memories of Zakynthos with Mikey

Posted: Sat Jan 29, 2005 17:43

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patraz

Joined: 29 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

I spent two, six months seasons at Pelligoni Club Zakynthos with Mikey and I am honoured and blessed to have worked alongside this great young man. He was a real leader and the lads at Peli who worked with him were I am sure inspired by his leadership and enthusiasm in everything he did. When you work with a small group for that length of time you become family and we truly were. He lived every day to the full. I shall treasure the times we had together, boat trips, picnics, pub outings (many), watching the football at Nicos and many many more treasured memories. My heart goes out to his wonderful parents Ros, Brian and brother Richard.

Thank you Mikey - love you and miss you Patti

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Posted: Sat Jan 29, 2005 20:42

carl&fran

Joined: 29 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Location: essex

hi there, we both got to know mikey during our time in meribel 01/02/03. he was always laughing and joking, even when carl was dragging him out of d&%k
we are both totally shocked and saddened by the news, our thoughts go out to his parents and brother, and just hope that everyone has as fond memories of him, as the both of us do. we'll always picture him propping up the back bar in d&%k with a massive grin!
we will always have great memories of a happy, fun loving, kind man. Lots of love, carl and fran (d&%k tea bar) xxxxxxxx

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What a guy!!

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Posted: Sun Jan 30, 2005 11:17

leepop

Joined: 30 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Richie and Family,

I am so sorry the hear about the tragic news of your loss. I am such reading all these message of love and happy memories is a great comfort and makes you feel so proud. I was only just telling me mam on tuesday that everybody loves mikey, and all these comments just reinforce that. I first had the priverlage of meeting mikey on my first night in meribel Dec 2000 and since then have had so many great days on the hill, afternoons at the ronnie and nights at richards t bar. I missed out on last season and had not seen mikey for 18 months so i am so glad I got a call on the moblie 2 weeks ago out the blue saying "Popplewell, it's Lewin get your ass to the ronnie for a beer". Iam so glad I got to see him and spend some time with him.

Your loss is all our loss, some many great times

What a guy

Lee Popplewell.

Richie, I am in meribel at the moment but would love the make it home for the big send off please keep me posted, I have spoken to the bosses about time off please keep me posted at leebigballs@yahoo.co.uk

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Posted: Sun Jan 30, 2005 17:04

stewartluxton

To Mikey,

Joined: 30 Jan 2005
Posts: 1

I know yer reading this as I write it but just let me finish.

My brother just sent me some photies of you from England and each and every single one is a Mikey Classic. How can one man carry the happiness of the whole world in a smile.

I remember the "round the world" video you did in the Petit, and it still makes me laugh (outloud)

I remember when we had 12 people in your car and had to get home after a big night, and the little nazi flic who nearly had a heart attack when he counted us all out of the car!!!

I could list a number of buzz words which would describe you perfectly but you are simply
a LEGEND

My thoughts every day now are with your family.

All my love Stew XXXXXXXX

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Posted: Sun Jan 30, 2005 17:58

Liz

Joined: 30 Jan 2005
Posts: 1

Location: Chester

I've had the pleasure of knowing Mikey since Mrs Hughes' class in Guilden Sutton Primary. He's left us all with so many fond, crazy, funny, drunken, hung-over, fantastic memories.

Thank-you Mikey, so glad to have known you, you were a FAB friend.

Miss you, will never forget you. Loads of love and big hugs Liz xxx

Rich - Thinking of you and your family. Take care. Loads of love Liz, James, and Charlie xxx

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With love from George and Dan

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Posted: Sun Jan 30, 2005 18:14

George

Joined: 30 Jan 2005
Posts: 1

I've worked with Mikey 03/04 on summer season jobs in Zakynthos, Greece with Peligoni Club. He ran the show on the waterfront with an incredible ability to work through any problem with his chin up high, making others feel at ease

The most prominent memories are of Mikey's ear to ear grin, having just done something ridiculously immature and amusing - what a guy. The most entertaining person to endure a hangover with and an example to all of us, of how we should enjoy and make the most of life, whatever we may be doing. Peanut racing, party nights, air guitar - he was always the one leading the way.

What a loss to all of us, but with only happy memories, I can only admire the guy for everything that he's taught me.

A true hero, RIP Mikey. So much love



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Posted: Sun Jan 30, 2005 20:57

katie

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 3

Ros & Brian,

Katie and I read the posts everyday. the messages and tributes to mikey must bring such great comfort to you. How proud you must feel.

With love

Julie

xxx

Rich/Lu

What a brave person you are, don't know where you're finding the strength from.

Always here for you.

Lots of love & cuddles

Mummy Julie.

xxx

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Posted: Sun Jan 30, 2005 21:28

huckgirl

Joined: 23 Nov 2004

Posts: 33

I had the privilege of working in peisey/vallandry with mikey the last season and a bit. Just wanted to add to what everyone else has said about him. As well as being the cheeky (life and soul of the party) chappy, I will always remember him as a really generous guy. From buying you a drink to waiting for you on the slopes even when you're being really slow, to sorting everyone out with snowboarding equipment, that's who mikey was and it's an awesome quality to have.

Still expecting to see him walking into the Blanc every time I'm there...

Lots and lots of love to his family, you're all in our thoughts and prayers.

Cath x

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Posted: Sun Jan 30, 2005 22:22

Emma

Thank you Stew for bringing a smile to my face at this difficult time - I

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Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 4

just read your message and also remember the 12 people in car and nazi type French policeman incident as I too was on of the sardines squished into that tin - very amusing incident as were most involving Mikey!!

Not seen you for ages but sure we will meet up sometime in the not too distant future x

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Posted: Sun Jan 30, 2005 23:39

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Roh

Joined: 30 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Mike you will be sadly missed mate!

I have the fondest memories of working with you last winter, both cooking in the chalet and hiking the Grieve.

You had an unbelievable energy for everything in life, I will be toasting endlessly from Canada.

Sorry I can't be there.

Condolences to Mikey's family and friends who loved him so much.

Miss ya mate

Roh

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We miss you, Mike

Posted: Mon Jan 31, 2005 10:51

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liz_doig

Joined: 31 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

I'd like to add my condolences, and send my love to Mike's mum and dad and brother for their desperately sad loss.

I met Mike a couple of months ago on this season's manager training course for Ski Beat.

Like everyone else who ever knew or met him, I loved him totally and utterly for his smile, his relentless friendliness and capacity for making life fun. He was one big ball of positivity who was not only loved and admired by everyone, but also never had a bad word to say about anyone.

He worked this season with my friend Caroline, in Plein Peisey. She's french, and during our training period she tried to describe Mike's hair and came out with "It's like ducky fluff!", after which we always called Mike our Ducky Fluff.

Caroline even tried to straighten the fluff once, as anyone who saw Mike on New Year's Eve will remember (he was wearing an early learning centre policeman's outfit and had hair half a metre high).

The last time I saw him was at the airport on transfer day. I'd had a hard day with the bus turning up late and taking a very long time to get to the airport in the driving snow.

Mike saw me looking frazzled and gave me a giant bear hug.

What a lovely man.

We miss you Mike.

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my best friend

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Posted: Mon Jan 31, 2005 12:14

phil

Joined: 31 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Location: shrewsbury

Mikey was without a doubt the best guy any of us ever met. He was my best friend in the world, my idol, and although i spoke to him a lot i saw so little of him since the summer. But i suppose that mattered very little to our friendship. It was strong enough.

I've been friends with mike for about fifteen years and had nothing but good times and I wouldn't swap the these for anything. We all now have to live the rest of our lives without him and it will be so hard as this pain will ease in time but never go away. We have all got to remember that whether you knew him all his life or just met him for a short period of time you have been blessed and should always feel priviled for meeting a truly unique human being.

Mike taught me to ride and i respected him as the best rider i'd ever had the pleasure of riding with. I had the enormous honour of riding his new board, that he'd not even ridden himself, this last week in Les Deux Alps. He would of loved it so much. The best feeling in the world is that we were both deep in powder and loving it when the tragedy occured and he wouldn't have wanted me or any of us to be anywhere else.

There is so much else i was going to say about the posotive and fun way he lived his life but i think the words he used to use are the most apt. "live the dream"

To Brian and Roz. You've been so strong when i've seen you the last few days and thats helped me a lot and you know that i will always be here for you if you need anything .

To Richie. The conversation we had on Saturday at Ryans between the three of us was very hard but you know Ryan and I meant every word of it (even if we were all well pissed) and are here for you whenever you need us.

To Mikey. I will love you always. Sleep peacefully.

Phil x

phil@sailandski.co.uk

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Mikey

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Posted: Mon Jan 31, 2005 13:20

Ben..

Joined: 29 Jan 2005

Posts: 2

Well what can I say. I worked with Mikey at the Ronnie in 2001 and have never met such an amazing guy! His love for boarding inspired anyone to get out there no matter how bad the hangover.

⌋ Mikey was always smiling and having a laugh even when the snow was sh*t, and you knew that when you were out with him it was going to be a good day! Followed by an even better evening on the lash!

I am truly saddend and shocked by this news and will be having a drink (or 6) in his memory!

Would love to get out to Meribel for the big air day in Mikey's memory so will keep an eye out for details!!

My thoughts go out to all of Mikey's family and friends!

RIP mate

Ben

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I miss you mate

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⌋ Posted: Mon Jan 31, 2005 16:00

sethboy

Joined: 11 Nov 2004

Posts: 27

Location: ecosse

Hey all,

I got the phone call that afternoon and it knocked me to the ground, I have worked with Mikey for two years now for Ski Beat and knew the legend in meribel too, im so gonna miss riding with you mate and i cant believe you are gone, i know you are probably laughing your ass off at all these people getting all soft about it, peace bro, i love yah

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⌋ Posted: Mon Jan 31, 2005 17:19

EmrnaC

Joined: 31 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

So many elequant and heart felt messages to Mikey...

I am not suprired in the least.

⌋ He is a person of exceptional quality.

Working with Mikey over the last years in Meribel and Greece I discovered a man of depth, humanity, determination and crazy, crazy ability. He first taught me to snow board, windsurf and wake board. He taught so many how to remember to love life. And he remains a life force.

There are never too many memories, too many stories. And if grief is deep or never ending, it need not be sorrowful. For we have all basked in the sunshine of a big 'Mikey grin' and grown under its potent rays.

It is amazing how one person can unite so many in a web of friendship that will remain organic forever.

Emma Chesterman
xxxxx

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Posted: Mon Jan 31, 2005 17:23

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Floorboydave

I met Mikey in 2001 whilst working in d&%k, one of the nicest guys ever to fall off a barstool. A brilliant guy with a brilliant smile who will be sorely missed by everyone who ever met him.

Joined: 17 Nov 2004

Posts: 57

Location: VietGwent
Wales

Dave

Last year I got a jumper, this year I want a screamer or a moaner.

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Posted: Mon Jan 31, 2005 21:50

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MartyParty

Dear Richie,

Joined: 31 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Location: The
Netherlands

My thoughts go out to you and your family and the friends of Mikey. I am shocked to hear the bad news. I met Mikey in Australia. I travelled and worked with him for a while. I can tell you we had loads of fun and some good laughs. Climbing a mountain while we were supposed to work, waking up after a beach party and see naked hippies running around, having beers at Bondi beach. Australia was a fantastic period and it was a pleasure to meet Mike! RIP Mikey

Martijn

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Posted: Mon Jan 31, 2005 22:56

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Mark H

Hi guys, I had the pleasure of knowing Mike for almost twenty years and I too shared so many great memories with him. From primary school through high school and several holidays every memory of him is special.

Joined: 31 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Lewin you really are a legend and you will be forever missed. You lived life to the full and good on you for doing that.

My thoughts and love are with you Rich, Brian and Ros and everyone else who knew him.

Hughesy

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Posted: Mon Jan 31, 2005 23:27

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richielewin

Joined: 25 Jan 2005

Posts: 15

Location: Chester UK

Well bloody ell, what can i say!

It's absolutely amazing and a great honour to have such an amazing bunch of people that loved that bruv of mine just as much as i did.

I don't know what else to say except thankyou all and thankyou bruv for all the amazing things we did and times we had, except all those times you stumbled into my room in the early hours of the morning muttering some random drunken c%*p at me.

Love you always bruv and you will always be my bruv and i'll always tell everyone about you. Hopefully one day i can have a couple of nippers to keep the lewins going and tell them all about you .

Piste out

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Posted: Mon Jan 31, 2005 23:59

quote

Dave

Joined: 31 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

Well, what can i say. I'm sorry i've not written on here sooner. The amount of people that have shows he was greatly loved.....and it's only a small proportion of the people that Mikey has made friends with.

I know Mikey from his seasons in Meribel. He was a good mate and is unforgettable. Unfortunately i missed the last Natives seasonaires' party, but i'm happy to hear that he had a blast. It doesn't surprise me as he seemed happy in every situation.

I could go on for ages about the fun times spent with him in Meribel, and i'm sure everyone has countless stories of the good times. Many classic times on the Ronnie terrace and in D's Tea Bar, as well as some epic moutain sessions, but the most memorable time must be when we were bin bagging into town from the Ronnie and had a few words with the pisteurs.

Aside from times in resort, i will never forget the day that he drove up to visit me in a rehab centre after my skiing accident.....and with a group of other friends. He brought a great atmosphere with him and it will never be forgotten. Friendships like his were, i think, a key factor in getting me through that hard time. I'm gutted that i don't even have the chance to repay the compliment this time.

My mum knew him well too, and she is deeply touched by what has happened.

I look forward to meeting Mikey's family, despite the fact that is not for the best reasons. It must be a difficult time for you, and my heart goes out to you all.

Let's celebrate Mikey's life.....i'm pretty sure that's what he'd want.

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Posted: Tue Feb 01, 2005 00:07

quote

Mark: E!G

Hi,

Joined: 31 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

I have known mikey, rich and the lewins for many years and remain really close mates with rich now. Mikey was an amazing guy with such enthusiastic, happy and kind personality who will be sorely missed by everyone who was lucky enough to meet him. Its such a tribute to mikey to hear what a clear positive impact he had on everyone who met him 😊

I will definately be there for the send off and all my love and thoughts goes out to brian ros and richie x

ps. Enough respect to richard who has been so positive and strong throughout. RIP Fuzzy ul always be remembered

Mark

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Mikey Lewin (Fuzzy Bear)

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My cack handed doubles partner

Posted: Tue Feb 01, 2005 06:19

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duncanmc

Joined: 31 Jan 2005

Posts: 1

I have known Mike for as long as i can remember...and it doesn't suprise me in the slightest that his personality and warmth touched so many people wherever he went.

I got to know him best through tennis where we became doubles partners....his eratic forehand and my foul temper meant we probably weren't the most successful team ever to grace the court but certainly had the most fun...no matter how badly it went Mike always made me laugh.

I looked up to him, he was a real friend and when i last saw him in November before he left for the slopes again he was as he always was...huge smile and stupidly long curly hair!

My thoughts are with Ros Brian and Rich...stay strong.

Mike- I've never known anyone who lived their life as fully as you and u truly are an inspiration.

I'll never forget you...thanks mate x

Duncan

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Luey!

Posted: Tue Feb 01, 2005 15:10

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RichardBeacham

Joined: 01 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Location: Chester

It's hard to know what to write in these situations as my memories of Mike are few and far between - but thats how I knew him. He was a friendly, talkative, happy guy who'd always stop you in the street to say hello and ask you how it was going. I worked with Mike when we were young, he was a friend of a friend and years later I visited him in Meribel - the year that he drove out there in that battered old Merc. He gave us a place to stay, lent me his snowblades and entertained us with his charm and brilliant attitude towards life. Although I was never his closest friend I will always remember Mike for who he was. I was deeply saddend to hear about his accident and find it hard to come to terms

with a waste of such an amazing life. I find comfort in the fact that Mike used every last minute of the time that he had to achieve things that many of us can only dream of. My thoughts go out to his parents and brother and all that knew him.

Goodbye Mike - a hero in life and a legend in death.x 🙏

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📅 Posted: Tue Feb 01, 2005 18:41

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Emma S

Joined: 01 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Mikey, you are an absolute Legend!!!

I dont think i have one sixth form memory without you in it!! I will never forget our tradition of Rosies on a Thurs night and then a sainsburys breakfast on a friday morning!! Also, you were the one that took me to my first Ball. I remember it vividly, I got to wear a dress, eat a five course meal, drink lots (of course!!) and dance to the beatles-FAB night!!!

Every time you have been back with us in Chester, you have put a smile on everyones face with hilarious stories from your fab life boarding! Never a dull moment with Mikey!

Your are an inspiration to us all, and will never be forgotten.

Love you lots and will miss you always

Emma S

xx

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📅 Posted: Tue Feb 01, 2005 21:21

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Kath Dawson

Joined: 01 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

I had the privilege of being one of Mikey's first teachers at primary school

So very sorry to hear the tragic news

I remember you with your blond curls and your sunny smile!!! It seems these things didn't change much!!

You were obviously a sound guy with loads of mates who love you.

BIG hugs to Ros, Brian & Richie I think of you all every day

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Mikey

📅 Posted: Tue Feb 01, 2005 21:38

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kimbo

We are so sorry to hear the tragic news. We have many fond memories of Mikey from our season in Vass 2001. He was so fun to be around,

Joined: 20 Nov 2004
Posts: 40

always really happy and a really cool guy.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathy go out to his parents and family and also to Emma.

Loads of love
Toby and Fi
xxxxxxx

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Posted: Wed Feb 02, 2005 09:34

Dave Atkin

Joined: 02 Feb 2005
Posts: 1
Location: Chester

I played cricket with Mike at Boughton Hall CC in Chester before the lure of the fluffy white stuff temporarily and then permanently replaced leather on willow.

He was a very useful batsman-wicketkeeper, playing regularly for the first and second XIs before he starting working abroad. On one occasion he scored a memorable 49 not out in fading light to save what seemed like a lost cause of a game. A 'few' congratulatory beers were had.

We shared a common passion for cricket and snowboarding, he eventually devoting all of his talent and energy into boarding, me (energy only) to cricket. Whenever we bumped into each other he would, in his laid-back smiley way, suggest that I should jack the job and the house in and get out to Meribel or wherever he happened to be for the season. The enthusiasm was boundless and although I never made it, it didn't stop him trying.

Mike had many friends at Boughton Hall and he will be sadly missed but fondly remembered.

RIP fella.

Dave

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Posted: Wed Feb 02, 2005 19:21

ndgthompson

Joined: 02 Feb 2005
Posts: 1
Location: Chester

I don't know what to say, i'm totally shocked. I got to know Mike in sixth form and always found him fun to be with, there was never a dull moment for Mike!!!

My thoughts are with all his family and friends.

Warmest wishes
Nicola Thompson xxx

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LEWIN THE LEGEND

Posted: Wed Feb 02, 2005 20:34

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Olly

Lewin,

Joined: 02 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Has been friend longer than i can remember, as kids we played on bikes and made dens. As teenagers we caused havoc around the village moving onto drinking in parks and as adults we went on the pull and saw different parts of the world together. Since we were kids we had adventure after adventure a man who always had a smile on his face and a beer not far away. To me an absolute LEGEND and he did what we all wanted to do and that was to LIVE THE DREAM.

Ros, Brian and Rich, My heart goes to each and every one of you all my love in this particular difficult time and i am always here if you need anything. He was much loved and will be badly missed.

Lots of Love

Olly x

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Posted: Thu Feb 03, 2005 09:39

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SamQR

Lewin was probably the most down to earth, happy go lucky guy I ever had the pleasure of knowing. He had a smile that went from ear to ear and what can I say about that hair!!!!

Joined: 03 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

There is nothing I can say about him that hasn't already been said apart from how proud all of the Lewin family can be of him. He was such a genuine person who always had time for anyone.

Richie, I know how hard it must be for you at the moment but I know Mikey will always be looking out for you from the slopes in the sky. From looking at this website alone, you know there are so many wonderful people out there who are thinking of you and are there to support you all the way.

I think I can say for all that Mikey was a special person who will be greatly missed.

Best Wishes, Sam QR.

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Mikey's send-off and last big party

Posted: Thu Feb 03, 2005 15:08

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richielewin

Joined: 25 Jan 2005

Posts: 15

Location: Chester UK

Just a quick note to let everyone know who wants to come (and everyone is very welcome) Mikey's send off will be next Wednesday, 9th February at 2.30 pm at Pentrebychan Crematorium which is near Wrexham - just a few miles from Chester, and then at Chester Cricket Club. We will post directions on how to get there within the next day or so on Natives and also on Mikey's website, which should be up and

running very soon.

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mikey boy

Posted: Thu Feb 03, 2005 16:51

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amyholly

Mike;

Joined: 03 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Never destined to grow old.

I think we can all recognise that Mike lived for each day and a lot of people should take a leaf out of his book.

I can remember when I first met him in our village; causing havoc as the other guys said, throwing berries at my bedroom window and helping me creep out without my mum knowing.

I knew him mostly as a teenager, but then when you've known Mike at any point you know he's a mate for life and a warm face whenever your paths cross.

Mike; I hope you can somehow know how many people are so missing you.

Richie and Family; This website is pretty amazing, it shows how many of us were lucky enough to have Mike in our lives, at any point. But I think it should also be pointed out that there are many many more people thinking of Mike right now, he seems to be known by everyone from around chester and every time his name is mentioned it brings up a fond memory or a funny story. It seems he's left a pretty amazing mark on the world.

Lots of love,
ames xxx

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Posted: Fri Feb 04, 2005 14:14

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helen f

Joined: 02 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

The words are hard to find to express the love for mikey i have read in everyones messages. Mikey's picture should be printed next to inspiration in the dictionary. Like so many of you said 'living the dream' is what mike did best. I for one plan to follow his example.

Richie - what can i say, your strength is beyond my comprehension, so glad to have met you - what a great guy, obviously a family trait! My love and thoughts to Ros and Brian. helenfelld@hotmail.com

To everyone on the slopes - look forward to puttin faces to names, seems mikey hd a very good choice of mates out there.

M.T, G.S and chester guys and girls, just want to send out a massive thanks to each and everyone of you just for being you. Privileged to call you my friends. xx

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for mike

Posted: Fri Feb 04, 2005 17:41

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stephbowers

Joined: 04 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

id just like to send out my thoughts to mikes family i work for ski beat and meet mike at the start of the season....its been hard for everyone here that new him but you know about the snowman that we built in tribute to him and everyone wrote a message on a peice of hair b4 we put them on the hat.... theres lots of pictures of it so im sure one will get posted. atleast he died doing something he loved!!!! a top guy will be missed.

R.I.P Mike

love stephxxxxx

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Posted: Sat Feb 05, 2005 00:34

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lecy22

Joined: 05 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

I remember Mikey from Guilden Sutton Primary School. I cannot believe he has gone. My thoughts go out to Ritchie, Brian and Ros, I am really sorry for your loss. Michael has obviously touched so many lives. He really was an amazing person and he is someone to be really proud of knowing.

RIP - Michael Lewin, you will be greatly missed by so many people.

Alexis

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Posted: Sat Feb 05, 2005 01:22

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bowen+spliffy

Joined: 05 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Fuzzy bear, just wanted to put a note on to say that Mike was a top, top bloke, I new Mike but not as well as I wanted to. Mike was diamond and there is no one that had a bad word against him. His memory will live on J X X X

James Roche

How do 2 the people that knew mike the "fuzzy bear". The first time i met Mike it. was playing football 4 the vicars cross under 16 youth side. At the time he was the main man in goal, watched by many higher leauge coaches as u can tell he never got very far in football, hence the life in extreme sports, known to me and you as a complete and utter adrenaline junkie . As time goes on things change, and from what I knew about mike and his mad 4 it attitude 4 life, it sounds 2 me like mike took the route he wanted 2 take and lived life how he wanted to.

best wishes 2 all that knew him.

LIVE THE DREAM.

mark smith (spliffy) XXX

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Posted: Sun Feb 06, 2005 14:10

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CathJ

Joined: 06 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Well, Mikey, what can I say, you certainly took the phrase 'live life to the full' to another level! Ive never known anybody as enthusiastic about life as you, and to live it again, I don't think you would do anything different as you pursued your dreams and fulfilled them in everyway possible!

I had the pleasure of attending school with Mike and as I read in another message, I don't think that there are many memories that he isn't a part of.

I will never forget the school exchange trip to France when Mikey got absolutely wasted on one particular outing - I'm sure I still have the picture of him slumped against some random persons wall at 3'o clock in the afternoon, completely unaware that Mr Anderson was on the warpath!

I also clearly remember bumping into Mike on Xmas day 2002 on Bondi Beach, Australia. I knew he was in the country but wasn't sure where! I admit to feeling a little homesick on the day itself but to see such a friendly face from home soon changed that and we proceeded to spend the rest of the day celebrating in true style...thanks Mikey!

Obviously, with Mike being away so much, we didn't get to see him that often but I'm sure everybody from Chester would agree that when he was home, we'd soon know about it! He would roll in with a big smile, big hair, ready for an even bigger drinking session!

Mikey, you are an inspiration and a truly wonderful guy who will be remembered forever.

My new resolution for 2005 is learn to snowboard and be damn good at it!

Love always Cathx

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Posted: Sun Feb 06, 2005 22:19

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sid p

What a legend!!! mikey will be missed so much but never forgotten... hope he can see all of his family and friends getting together to see him off to his next great adventure.

Joined: 06 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

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Posted: Mon Feb 07, 2005 03:32

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Rachael S

What a complete shock, such tragic news. I knew Mike from sixth form in Chester, didnt know him overly well but he was certainly someone who everybody knew!

Joined: 07 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Location: Sydney

As with many others I share memorable thursday nights in the 'lovely' Rosies nightclub, along with the equally memorable friday mornings hungover in the sixth form block.

A truly sad, unforgettable and untimely loss, my warmest thoughts and love are with Mike's family and friends.

With thanks to Rich, whom I've never met, you are a fantastic tribute to your brother in allowing his memory to forever live on. Stay strong.

Much love, Rachael S

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Posted: Mon Feb 07, 2005 15:32

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DaveStockton

I've known of Mike for as long as I can remember having grew up in Guilden Sutton and attending Guilden Sutton Primary and Upton High.

Joined: 07 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

My thoughts are with you Rich, your family and all of Mike's friends.

Stay strong.

Dave Stockton

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Posted: Mon Feb 07, 2005 16:09

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richielewin

DIRECTIONS TO MIKES LAST BIG PARTY -WREXHAM (PENTREBYCHAN) CREMATORIUM

Joined: 25 Jan 2005

Posts: 15

Location: Chester UK

DIRECTIONS FROM NORTH

From M6, join M56 southbound.

From M56 (Southbound), join M53 (eastbound) signposted Chester/North Wales. M53 becomes A55.

From A55 (Chester Bypass), join A483 southbound, signed

Oswestry/Wrexham. On approaching Wrexham, continue southwards ignoring the junctions of A534 (Nantwich), A541 (Mold), and A525 (Ruthin).

Take next exit sliproad B5605, signed Services, Rhosllannerchrugog, & Crematorium. [Little Chef on left & large-flat -topped spoil tip overlooking the junction]. On roundabout beneath A483, take 3rd exit (B5605).

In half mile, take 2nd turn on right, [Smithy Lane], (B5426, signed Minera).

In 300 yards, take next right over a small stone bridge, and crematorium is 100 yards on left.

DIRECTIONS FROM SOUTH [OSWESTRY]

From A5 (Oswestry), proceed northbound.

At junction with A483 continue northbound, signed Wrexham/Chester.

On approaching Wrexham, take exit sliproad B5605, signed Services, Rhosllannerchrugog, & Crematorium. [large-flat -topped spoil tip on right overlooking the junction]. On roundabout beneath A483, take 1st exit (B5605).

In half mile, take 2nd turn on right, [Smithy Lane], (B5426, signed Minera).

In 300 yards, take next right over a small stone bridge, and crematorium is 100 yards on left.

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Mikey



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Posted: Mon Feb 07, 2005 16:19

steph

Joined: 07 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Mikey was loved by everyone who knew him. He was a special person who lived his life to the full each and every day, and I think that's what I loved about him the most.

Mikey and I have been friends for many years, although only a small proportion of the time we spent together was sober! I have tons of great memories, including weekend drinking with him, Emma, and Phil; him flying home from Merribel for our (me, Phil, Katie, Neil and Lou's) 21st b'day party as a surprise & making me drink toffee vodka through a snorkel!; fireworks at his house; a great weekend in Centre Parks with Kimble and Ryan when we were younger... the list is endless. I particularly love him for helping me through a tough time a few years ago. Chester will not be the same without him.

I will miss him greatly.

My thoughts are with Brian, Ros and Richie,

All my love,

Steph xxx

An Inspiration to all, awesome hair!

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Posted: Mon Feb 07, 2005 20:19

Robinsog

Joined: 09 Nov 2004

Posts: 1

I was walking out of the Spar in Tignes, France, when I received the call from home. Nothing could have prepared me for news I was given. My emotions were in a strange state of confusion. Like most you guys I found it very hard to believe.

I had spoken to Mikey a few weeks before the accident, he was snowboarding at the time! Probably looked like a right poser chatting on a mobile while cruising down the hill! Halfway through the conversation he asked me to hold on as he pulled a cheeky 180, judging by the muffled laughter and extended pause I think he stacked it! In true Mikey style he was always having fun.

I remember numerous mid-riding conversations like this one while I was slogging through uni, he really made me jealous, a smoggy day in Birmingham doesn't really compare to ripping up the mountain every day in the French Alps. I have so much respect for Mikey as he did what loved doing and didn't let anything get in his way.

The Gentlemen's game (cricket) brought Mikey and I together many years ago. Our friendship grew as we shared similar interests in life; the outdoors, an under-aged night out on the town, and generally having a good time. Through Mikey I have met so many cool people and have had some of the most memorable times. Last minute road trips to the snow in Tamworth and the plastic snow in Sheffield were always cracking fun! Weekends in Abersoc, a working trip to Barcelona, this year's ski-show, micro-scooter riding down the snakes pass, sharing a bottle of toffee vodka on the terrace at the Ronnie, Meribel, some of the best days riding in the Alps, unforgettable nights out, the list is endless. Mike I thank you.

Mike made my life better and I am so grateful I had the opportunity to be friends with such a genuinely great guy. I take comfort in the fact that on that tragic day my man in Les Arcs was doing exactly what lived for, the weather was special, it certainly was Tignes and I know that he was having the time of his life.

In these sad times we must all try and remember Mike for the way he lived and not for the way died. He will remain a full time resident in my mind for the rest of my life as I am sure he will with all that knew him.

To Brian, Ros and Richie, I know you are going through hell, be strong, keep the spirit of Mike alive and most of all be proud. He always spoke so highly of you all. I think about you guys everyday and when I return to France on Thursday I will dedicate the rest of my season to the life of such an amazing man.

Big love to all and to the good times had with Mike,

George

Posted: Tue Feb 08, 2005 16:04

quote

Barney

Joined: 08 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Mike you were one of the good guys and I'm sure that anyone who meet you will agree with me there. A fond memory of Mike was in the year he worked at the cafe below the Rond Point in Meribel. Knowing Mike through George me and my step Bros whilst on holiday would pay Mike a visit most days and he would sort us out with a bit of warmth some super nice panini's and as always some good old banter!! The man definitely had humour and with his unrivalled sense of adventure the words "Carpe diem" define Mike's out look on life perfectly! Every time George spoke of Mike he was in a different country doing something that I could only deem as ultra cool. He certainly knew how to seize the day and Mike sure is an inspiration to us all.

Thank you Mike for being Mike, your presents will be sadly missed

My thoughts will be with you and your family tomorrow

Love

Barney

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Posted: Tue Feb 08, 2005 19:26

quote

jason

Joined: 08 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

larger than life!!!.....Worked with and got to know mike well last year in the mountains. Being in his cool, groovy and witty company, it was a pretty good to say the least, he was a good man who had lots of time for anyone. what I know, he has spent life doing the things he wanted, that to most of us is just a dream, but he had the energy and inspiration to live it. I mean what the hell would he have done in a "normal" job over the last few years, office worker?, only if he could wear his BillaBongs. The force's, narr, never gonna get him to chop off his fuzzbi. There you go he knew what he wanted, a full to the top life...cheers for the laughs mate.....

Top bloke, love jason and ruth.....

Here's to mike, for having the balls to live life to the full...

my thoughts and love to his loved ones and friends, That should cover most of the people in europe! x

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Posted: Tue Feb 08, 2005 19:51

quote

smurf01244

Mike

Joined: 08 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

You`ll always be remembered for the joy that you spread around, you lit up any room. My best memory is when you arrived at the 21st at the

Queens Hotel in Chester - goggles and all !!!!!!! It was a great night and we were thrilled that you made the trip back especially for it. You are loved by all my family, Mike, and will always be missed.....never forgotten

Our thoughts are with Ros, Brian and Richard.....see you at the send off

Love Sheila, Phil, Chris and Peter

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Posted: Thu Feb 10, 2005 09:17

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richielewin

Joined: 25 Jan 2005

Posts: 15

Location: Chester UK

Ros and I would like so much to thank the 300 or so people who came to say goodbye to Mikey yesterday. We are also aware that there was at least an equal number who couldn't make it for whatever reason and wanted to be there. Many stopped to remember him in places as far apart as Australia, Greece and the UK.

Mikey will be sadly missed but we draw so much comfort from the fact that his spirit lives on in all you fantastic people out there

Our heartfelt thanks

Ros and Brian Lewin

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cherry cherry pow wow

Posted: Thu Feb 10, 2005 11:19

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baxter

Joined: 10 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Mikey was not only an amazing person to have known and worked with in Peisey last season and the far too short beginning of this season but also a fantastic snowboarder who loved the snow more than anyone I know!! I spent many a day with him on the pow last season and will never forget the cat who got the cream grin on his face at the bottom of every awesome run. Its been really hard to come to terms with him not walking into our local bar telling everyone to get sh*t faced with him, but we're keeping his memory alive out here. He will now be out riding day and night forever on the powder fields of Les Arcs, taking all the risks he shouldnt have done in his life as he's now invincible!!!

Richie - sorry not to have made it back to UK for his last big bash, but were all looking forward to meeting you out here in the mountains.

A toast to Mikey - An Awesome Guy Gone but never forgotten
Bex

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Posted: Thu Feb 10, 2005 14:17

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dee

It was such a shock to us here in Peisey to hear that our boss and friend

Joined: 09 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Mike was gone. On what turned out to be his last night he came round to my chalet for dinner, then later he drunkenly hosted the pub quiz in the Squirrel slurring his words in true mikey style. As a boss he was such a huge support for me at the beginning of the season, when as a fledgling chalet host I was rather flustered about the prospect of whipping up three course meals every night, but Mike had faith in me and would patiently answer all my random cookery questions even when we had clocked off work and having a few beers in the Squirrel. As a friend he was always enthusiastic, positive 'Deal with it!' trying to make sure we were all having the best time possible. From late nights, a gang of us crammed into his tiny bedroom drinking the dregs of the red wine, then onto jack daniels and berocca! to the patience and huge support he gave me as my boss, it was a real pleasure and privilege to meet him. A diamond geezer, still hard to believe that he is no longer here. Really look forward to meeting his bro and parents who he spoke so highly of. Your ability to be positive at such a sad time, is inspiring.

dee_mcconville@hotmail.com

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Posted: Thu Feb 10, 2005 15:46

petedavies

Ritchie

Joined: 10 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

I never got the chance to ski with Mickey but had numerous beers, Metaxars, shots and one particularly large watermelon drenched in vodka with him over the last few summers in Greece.

My memories of him are trying to burn off hangovers in the sunshine on boats and windsurfers, followed by another large session every night.

I was shocked to hear about him and my thoughts and sentiments go out to you and your parents.

Summers will be a bit different without him.

RIP fella.

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Posted: Thu Feb 10, 2005 16:40

~Larry~



This is such sad news. I've been off line for a while and didn't hear about this until yesterday. 😞

I met Mikey while working in Meribel 00/01. He was a top bloke and a great laugh. It's clear from this thread that he was well loved and liked by all that met him.

My sympathy and love to his family in this difficult time.

Joined: 18 Nov 2004

Posts: 931

Location: London - i wish i was in the alps.

I know that there are some ex-seasonaires that aren't on Natives and may not be aware that he has passed away, so I'll make sure i get in

contact with them asap.

Love and Best wishes,

Larry xxxxx



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Chantelle

Joined: 10 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Some People Come into our Lives and Quickly Go.
Some Stay for Awhile,
Leave Footprints on our Hearts
and We are Never, Ever the Same.

By Flavia Weedn

Mike, you are simply a legend. Thanks for all the amazing times working together, aswell as the those out of hours!! Thankyou for being in my life and teaching me so many things, with that infectious cheeky grin! You will always be a part of our family and in our hearts. We will love you forever.

All our love and thoughts always,

Sail and Ski
xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxox

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Posted: Thu Feb 10, 2005 17:12

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Emma

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 4

I just want to say what a fantastic day yesterday was. Just such a perfect send off !!

It was lovely too see so many old friends who although haven't seen eachother in some cases for a couple of years were drawn together in memory of one amazing human being.

I felt no sadness at all in the service only comfort from such special memories and heart felt words. (Although I must admit to a few tearful moments later on in the evening after one too mant shots of Sanbuca).

I think I join everyone in saying how strong Ros, Brian and Rich have been

and in thanking them for giving us Mike and making us all richer people by making us part of their family.

I promise to keep in touch and relay any stories of my time spent with Mike as they come to me. I will bring my photos round at the weekend for you to scan in to put on the website.

It was especially nice to meet Vics who Mike was seeing out in Les Arcs. You are such a lovely person and I am so glad that he had someone to share special moments with as well as his friends in his last months.

Take care everyone and I hope we all keep in touch and meet up now and again whether it's out boarding, in the pub somewhere or just over email or phone to remember our special friend.

Lots of Love

Emma xx

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Posted: Fri Feb 11, 2005 04:11

alistair

Joined: 11 Feb 2005

Posts: 3

hello brian ros richie

iam really wish that i could of made it home for mikes big send off..i met mike and his family at upton high school and we both loved riding mountain bikes in the forests i still think to this day i owe him a new back wheel for his bike coz i wrecked it one day and he let me use his spare one..cheers mate..i went on a few ski/snowboard trips with richie and brian and i can only remember good times.mike is the reason i started snowboarding because we were off piste one day and we found a board in the snow,we dodged the patrol which had machine guns skiing way off piste and hid the board at the bottom of the mountain..and now i hear mike is amazing on a board.well done fella.we both loved the same things in life after all these years.ive not seen him for ages and reading all these messages i really wish our crazy life styles would off crossed and i could of hung out with him for a night,i know we would of had a amazing night out.its really hit me hard because i left school to follow my dreams of riding a bmx bike and i would catch up with neill evans and he would tell me all about what lewin has been up to in the mountains , and it would make me really proud of mike coz he was doing the same thing as me,doing what he loved to do and that is just living your life to the fullest, richie you stay strong mate..ros brian,you have to be proud of what mike has achieved in life,i really am. mike made things happen in is life that people only wished they could do..i have alot of repect for him and you ros and brian for letting him do what he wanted.

all the love ALISTAIR WHITTON

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Posted: Fri Feb 11, 2005 07:27

pickfordfamily

Richie We have just had the oppurtunity to read through the many messages. The love, affection and high regard held for Mikey is truly

Joined: 10 Feb 2005

Posts: 2

amazing. There is little more to say - Mikey loved life and was loved. We were reminded of so many happy times - Kim's 18th at Centre Parks, the girls being ID'd and Mikey, at 16, buying drinks without being questioned, meeting up with Mikey at Sunshine when he slept on our hotel bedroom floor, Gary's holiday last year at Les Arcs with Brian, when Mikey still ended up on the floor having given up his bed for the "olds" and that very memorable moment at the Queens when he and Tim arrived in flippers and snorkels. But memories go back further - he has been the best friend ever to Ryan since early days at Upton and a second brother to Kim. He was always a welcome visitor at our house and we will so miss the buzz (and the fuzz) that came through the door with him. We hear that the "send-off" was quite an occasion. Well done to Ros and Brian for allowing all Mikeys many friends to say their goodbyes and to celebrate his life in a way that truly represented the joy and spirit of his life. We were sorry not to be there with you. Our message to you all - family and friends, life is a journey, follow Mikeys example and enjoy it to the full. Much love Linda and Gary

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What a send off!

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Posted: Fri Feb 11, 2005 11:40

G from Meribel

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 2

I'd just like to say what an honour it was to be at this legends big send off, and a big thank you to the Lewins for letting us band of scruffy snowboarders all attend, i don't think i've ever seen such a great number of people at a funeral, it's testament to the amount of lives that mikey touched on his travels.

It was great to see old friends from the slopes, and drink far too much booze.

You could tell that Mikey was there in spirit as i played mallets mallet with a hard bar stool (thanks phil, i still have the lump on my forehead) never play this game when your so drunk you can't speak, and then i progressed to throwing myself down a flight of stairs, this isn't normal behaviour for me.

I guess what i'm getting at is that i was really gratefull to be there and celebrate Mikeys life with his family and friends.

I think he would have been proud of us all.

G.

see you on the six man.

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Posted: Fri Feb 11, 2005 14:49

sethboy

Joined: 11 Nov 2004

Posts: 27

Location: ecosse

Sorry i couldnt make it back for his send off, i had my own way of saying goodbye to him, top of saulire with a bottle of beer, rather fitting i feel! Mikey ruled and theres no doubting it and i didnt even blink an eyelid when i heard 300 folk turned up on wednesday, everyone loved mikey, long may his memory rip on....

Dan Loots

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Posted: Fri Feb 11, 2005 23:13

pickfordfamily

Joined: 10 Feb 2005

Posts: 2

As my mum and dad (Linda and Gary) said I first got to know Mikey well when he joined us for my 18th birthday at centre parcs and I will never forget him.

I actually spent time with him before then whilst on the school ski trips. I think everyone was aware of his skill even then, I know I was, and I was jealous!

Mikey was at almost every significant moment of my life; he was there when Ryan and I tried snowboarding for the first time up at Sunshine village and then was there the following season when myself and Lucy, a friend from Uni went to Meribel for my first time. He told us to come out and stay with him, "It will be cool!" We stayed with him at the 'Oxbow' house, in what we thought was a cupboard! It was of course 'cool'. I was also in Mikey's class for A' level PE and he was even a laugh then - never taking anything too seriously (unlike myself!) He was there at my 21st and indeed all of my friends' 21st s and as I'm sure you can all imagine was always the life and soul of every party.

I wanted to share with you all that together with my friends Sasha, Lou W, Lou T, Steph, Nicky and Helen, all from Mickle Trafford, we have named a star Mikey Lewin. I will find out the exact location from the Lewin's in due course. I feel that they will be happy for me to share with you the message we wrote on the certificate:

"The Stars Will Shine Brighter In The Sky Tonight."

We all felt this was a fitting tribute and know that there will be a huge party in the sky. Lou W says she will buy a flight out there when Richard Branson makes it possible! Our hope is that you will all be able to find it and remember Mikey, he was a shining example to us all and I feel privileged to have known him.

Kim Pickford

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Posted: Sat Feb 12, 2005 23:28

bailsie

Joined: 28 Jan 2005

Posts: 4

Massive thankyou's to Ros, Brian and Richie for letting us be a part of Mikeys send off,

Wednesday was a truly amazing experience and I'm still stunned by your incredible strength. Thanks also to Kieron and family for putting us up and putting up with us invading your lovely home for a couple of nights. It was great to see so many old friends and to make so many new friends (thanks Gwyn for voting me worst dressed male! And thanks Amanda for the game of pool that you must have let me win as no-one can possibly be THAT bad!) at what has to go down as the party of the year! Mikey, I know that

you will be having a ball, probably teaching God how to do a tequila suicide!!! I will love and miss you until I see you again my friend.

Big smiles

Bailsie

x

P.S. Any of you who want to come to Meribel and need a place to crash give me a shout. bailsie@hotmail.com

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Posted: Sun Feb 13, 2005 18:31

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alistair

Joined: 11 Feb 2005

Posts: 3

the most amazing thing happened the other night, after sitting down and reading all about my friend Mike Lewin and all the people he had met on his travels and all the beer he had drunk I was so disappointed that I hadn't gone out with him since high school so I went and got a six pack and went to the ski slope near where I am living in Pennsylvania and as I am driving up to the slope all of a sudden the jets came on and started making fresh snow... was that Mikey having a beer with me or what?....I think so.. I parked up and took 2 beers one for me and one for Lewin and pored it on the snow..right there I felt I had said hello and goodbye to my mate....it was pretty moving I tell you...

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Posted: Sun Feb 13, 2005 18:38

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Shetlandpony

Hello everyone,

Joined: 13 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

My name is Caroline, I am the resort manager in Peisey where Mike and I shared the heavy duties of running this resort. So I met Mike on training week in la Plagne, and we immediately hit it off, we use to call ourselves the ultimate team and congratulate each other on a daily basis on how well we were doing the 2 of us with the great team of people we got given to run this resort. I'd like to say a massive thank you to all the staff who work with me to tell them how brilliant they are and have been when in spite of the shock and how they manage to pull together and go on.

I have to tell you also that on the first week I met Mike, I renamed it Ducky Fluff, because of the way his hair felt, so this for me and for many Ski Beat people this is how we name him. (he threatened me not to tell anyone at first then grew to like the name). All of us here in Peisey miss Mike greatly. I'm only just getting round to the idea that he won't be coming through the door in the office in the morning and ask me what music we should start the day with. I don't need to tell any of you what a great guy Mike is, I can just tell you how much fun he was having here, how we were talking of working here again next year as the ultimate team, how we decided on a peculiar filing system here in my office where I am writing from, (basically every bit of paperwork is pinned to the walls and are covering them!!! I am sticking to this foolproof system that works very well) how on a transfer day Mike would cook pizza to take to the airport, I was in charge of drinks!!! I miss little things in the everyday routine, and

the great nights out, and New Year when after much talk I had been allowed to straightened Mike's hair but even GHD couldn't do it so I ended up back combing it!

A million little things everyday put a smile on my face because I know what Mike would have said at that precise moment. Every time I see someone in an all in one, I can just picture him grabbing his camera as he has done many times! Whenever we go out with the team these days, a few of the drinks we have are for Mike, and whenever some stupid situation occurs, one of us says how Mike is certainly pissing himself laughing watching us!!!!

So that's what we are all trying to do, keep smiling and do what Mike loved doing, from the drinking to the skiing and boarding, Mike is still here with us all day everyday. We all love him and miss him so much! Ros, Brian and Richie, I can't wait to meet you, we look forward to you guys staying with us here. Mike told me lots about you as one of the first thing I did ask him was whether the mad hair was a family feature!!

See you soon

Caroline x

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Posted: Sun Feb 13, 2005 20:14

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gwyn

Joined: 28 Jan 2005
Posts: 2
Location: chester

I would just like to say how good it has been to read all the messages and learn all about Mikey the man. Our family knew Mikey as the lovely little boy who came to Gwyn's birthday parties and we were there on the sidelines to shout encouragement to him and all his team-mates in the football matches during the Cubs and primary school days and days out in Delamere. We were lucky enough to see him grow and develop into the good sportsman he was and it was lovely to meet Ros now and then and hear all about the adventures he was having as a young man. It was good to share his last big party with so many of his friends and to meet so many who had all loved him. Thanks to the whole family for their strength and especially to Richie for holding it all together and linking the friends too. We will never forget Mikey and he will be an inspiration to everyone for many years to come. In my thoughts every day. Gill

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Posted: Mon Feb 14, 2005 13:56

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jo sutton

Joined: 14 Feb 2005
Posts: 1

After working at the ronny for two seasons I sort of knew mikey through his visits and through stories and descriptions from friends which almost always included the phrase, 'absolute legend'. It is a tribute to him to read such heartfelt messages from friends from so many places and I just want to add mine, to say, you will be missed, and I am sure many others have already done will have a drink for you tonight, cheers,

Jo Sutton x
Meribel winters
2001- 2004

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Posted: Mon Feb 14, 2005 16:26

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seren_nos

Joined: 14 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Location: Cardiff,
Wales

Reading all the amazing messages on this board shows me just what a wonderful man Mikey was, and i wish that I'd known him as we grew up. Roz, Brian and Richie, although I've only met you guys a few times the memories i have are incredibly vivid - learning to fly kites on the Bristol Downs, Mikey and Richie showing me these crazy jumping jack/ firecracker things which totally scared me - although, as a little girl I'd never show that to the boys!!

Learning about the incredible life he led, Mikey is my inspiration to live my life to the full every single day and to follow my dreams wherever they take me.

Always in my thoughts and heart,

Laura xXx

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Posted: Wed Feb 16, 2005 12:30

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Chris Dawson

Joined: 16 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

Location: Solihull UK

I have know Mike for many years, although we didnt stay in touch a lot he would always give me so much time when we bumped into each other out in town!

I will never forget leading each other astray on our French Exchange trip!!!
Boys and beer - i dont know!!!

Possibly one of the most genuine guys i have had the pleasure of knowing!

Richie - what a genuinely superb man you have become to have the strength and foresight to put together this memorial for Mike! It must have been really hard for you to do this.... reading all of these lovely tributes have brought more than a couple of tears to my eyes.

Ros, Brian and Rich my thoughts are with you and i will never forget Mike!

Chris Dawson

emmyandchrissy@hotmail.com

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Posted: Wed Feb 16, 2005 23:02

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richielewin

Joined: 25 Jan 2005

Posts: 15

Location: Chester UK

Thank you very much for all these messages, and also thank you to everyone who came to the big party on 9th of Feb. It was a quality day and Brother i reason is well impressed.

The www.mikeylewin.com website will be up and running as soon as the foolish domain name providers get there arses into gear!!!! We will put all the photos we have recieved on there.

Cheers again

It's something unpredictable, but in the end is right, we know you had the time of your life.

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Mikey Lewin (Fuzzy Bear)

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Posted: Thu Feb 17, 2005 17:25

PhilQR

Joined: 27 Jan 2005

Posts: 2

I'd just like to say how good it was last week. It was a special day that I won't forget. It was a celebration and I think everyone had at least one good story to tell. It was great to see every one and feel sorry for everyone on that early flight back. See you on the slopes soon.

Phil

Sorry about the bump G, it seemed like the right thing to do at the time.

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Posted: Sat Feb 19, 2005 16:15

hannah

Joined: 11 Feb 2005

Posts: 1

I lived and worked with Mikey in Greece over the last summer, and it has taken up until now to bring myself to write anything. What do you say about someone who gave so much to everyone he met? To me, Mikey was one of the few truly real people.

Last summer Mikey was the one I could always rely on...to be totally unreliable and unpredictable but to do everything with a smile on his face and his heart in his hand. I don't know of anyone who met him who wasn't touched by his incredible honesty, passion for everything he did, encouragement to anyone who looked for it(even doug the dog when he was teaching him to windsurf), and enjoyment for just being. I got the feeling that he had somehow got one step closer than most to working out what everything was really about...whether it was hidden in his cheeky but knowing half smile, or buried deep beneath that crazy mop of hair, I don't know. Mikey had it sorted, and kinda wanted everyone else to be too.

It was Mikey who really persuaded me to come and do a season in the alpes...he knew I would love it, and I know that he'd be proud that I am now officially a gnarly snowboarding bum...well, how could I not be with a guru like him to follow!

I'm truly sorry that I couldn't get away to be there to send him off and get totally lewined with all of the people that he loved and who loved him so much...Patti came to visit a few days ago and told me what an event it was; how else would it be? I spent that day with friends: snowboarding my ass off, and then going to 'grandma's house' to eat

and drink and eat and drink, and drink and drink and drink...finally trying to steer myself between the trees to get back onto the piste. It was a stunning day, the beautiful sun lighting the mountains up, and I couldn't help but think how much he would have loved it. So many lazy days we spent together, tryin to get rid of hangovers by blasting around in the speed-boats (sorry Johnny), hunting for jellyfish, taking guests out on a boat trip with no clue where we were going or what we were supposed to be doing, peanut racing, playing air guitar after a few too many of Mikey's shots, or just sitting in the sun with a beer listening to Jack Johnson....it was an absolute pleasure to be with him. No one made me laugh so much that summer, and no-one has made me cry so much either. What an absolute legend.
RIP my friend.

only when true feelings are shared, when one heart reaches out and touches the soul of another, are things truly real

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Posted: Sat Mar 05, 2005 20:12

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Billyard23

Joined: 05 Mar 2005

Posts: 1

So sad and shocked to hear about Mikey.... he was a truly awesome person. I worked with him in Vassiliki in 2001 and we had such a laugh together. When he lost his job... (ironically after a team bonding boozy dinner that he had organised!!)... the whole team was gutted, especially me who loved teaching with him. I then saw him again a couple of years later and sold him my windsurf board.... he took it out in Vass for a trial run with a 7.8 metre sail while everyone else was on 5 metres!!

Mikey was a complete legend and I just want to send lots of love to his family and friends at this sad time..... I am thinking of you all.

With much love Sophie xxx

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Posted: Thu Mar 17, 2005 15:21

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Voyeur

Joined: 17 Mar 2005

Posts: 1

Location:
Everywhere...

I've been totally out of the loop all season as I've been in Africa. So when I heard from Will (Flying Squirrel) on Monday and heard the tragic news about Mike I was (and still am) in shock.

I met Mike last season in Peisey (I was working at Squirrels bar), and even though I only knew him for a season I can't believe he's not around anymore. I have read all the posts on this thread and can only really echo what everyone else has said. He truly was one of the most honest, genuine, good natured and happy-go-lucky people you could ever hope to meet.

He loved life, and brought a great deal of fun into the lives of everyone who met him. Always beaming and up for a good time. I remember him celebrating his birthday in Squirrels bar last year, I

couldn't serve him fast enough! I was astounded that anyone could drink such a vast amount of varied & vile combinations and remain standing...only swaying and grinning with his eyes half open (I'm sure everyone can picture that particular look of his!).

My thoughts are with his family and close friends, he will be greatly missed. The world will be a duller place without him.

Love Zoe xxx

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Mikey Lewin (Fuzzy Bear)