

# ROGER IS JUST WRIGHT FOR EVEREST

By Hilary Cardiff – Mountaineering Correspondent

Super fit Roger Wright of Light Oaks is returning to the Himalayas region with a team of 20 colleagues to install a power plant in a remote poverty-stricken village. Engineer Roger, who was an AA patrolman, will be sleeping under canvas and working hard after funding his own travel expenses.

When Castle Comfort Stairlifts learnt of the magnificent effort they kick-started the appeal with a £1,000 donation as the least £5,000 will be needed to install the hydro electric plant in an area off the Mount Everest trekking routes where no electricity has ever been installed. The more raised –

the greater potency the plant will have.

As primary sponsors, the Wolstanton-based mobility products specialist, were delighted when Roger, grateful for the financial assistance, agreed to take a lightweight stairlift model up Everest – and this will be registered in the Guinness book of records as the highest stairlift in the world!

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CCC Director Ann Bruce checks Roger's boots before the epic event!

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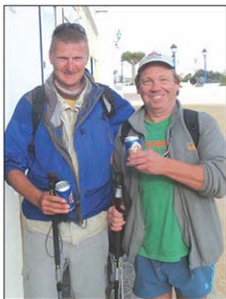
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When the chief of a Staffordshire-based stairlift specialist, climbed up a mountain to launch the Spanish version of the New Year CCC calendar – he almost bit off more than he could chew. Even fitness fanatics should not assume that the sudden urge to climb upstairs unaided, or to even more adventurous heights, can always be safe and simple.

Keith Simpson, MD of Castle Comfort, told the Clarion that after getting bored with the beach on the little known Canary Island of La Graciosa, he decided to continue his day by hiking to the summit of nearby towering Mount Bermeja. Still clad only with shorts and trainers he realised half way up that if he was to join Roger's Everest expedition then some basic training is needed.

demonstrating breathing exercises – and then lending him a pole to safely make the descent... but not until after taking photographs to record the naivety of an Englishman attempting such an ill-equipped effort.



And finally, German mountaineer Klaus treated to deserved refreshment



The high up – first off the press, CCC calendar

Despite suffering a bout of vertigo, he continued – but he was rather relieved to bump into seasoned mountaineer Klaus Klinsman at the summit. Klaus, who had just fought off a potentially dangerous attack from seagulls, was pleased to come to the rescue.

First the usual Englishman v German 1966 World Cup final confrontation - "Was it over the line?" "Yes it was/No it wasn't". Then the experienced German climber assisted Keith by

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