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Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal presents their 350th chair!

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During an evening of "Glitz and Glamour" on Saturday 19th November, the Powered Wheelchair Appeal from Helsby Golf Club recently celebrated the donation of more wheelchairs, including the 350th to local, deserving youngsters.

The celebration was held at Chester Racecourse and was very kindly organised by <u>Claudia Dickens</u>, <u>KeeDays</u>

Professional Event Organiser and <u>Keith O'Neil</u> local Northwich gentleman, a longtime supporter of the charity. Around 200 supporters attended a fun filled evening including a champagne reception, three course dinner, a magnificent fireworks display, live musical entertainment, casino tables, raffles and a grand charity auction.

The highlight of the evening however was the presentation of 4 powered wheelchairs to;

1) Jacob, aged 13 from Warrington

2) George, aged 11 from Frodsham

3) Laura, aged 20 from Northwich

4) Hazel, aged 12 from Newcastle-under-Lyme

The Appeal were delighted to welcome Lucy Meacock , the Chester based TV presenter, and actors Daniel Brocklebank and Emma Cunniffe to assist with the presentations. The excited youngsters were accompanied on the night by their families and friends and are all now very much looking forward to enjoying the independence their new powered wheelchairs will give them.

The Appeal, which is run by volunteers who are members at Helsby Golf Club, is a registered charity and has been raising funds for the last 33 years. Over that time 351 wheelchairs have been provided to local children with special needs.

We would like to pass on huge thanks to Claudia, Keith, all sponsors and supporters for being so generous with their time and money, a fantastic £7,000 was raised on the night.

Many thanks to all!





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At the Black & White Evening in December 2015, the Powered Wheelchair Appeal presented a chair to Gemma Conery from Ashton Hayes.

Since then, the wheelchair has made a tremendous difference to the lives of both Gemma and her family and has given her much appreciated independence. As a thank you to the Appeal, her father Gavin wanted to give something back and therefore took on the challenge of the Great North Run on 11 September 2016 to raise funds for the Powered Wheelchair Appeal.

He said "Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal provided a chair for my daughter Gemma and it has been a life changer giving her so much independence. I now have to chase her when she puts it on full speed!

Well he did it! - It was a really tough struggle and he could hardly walk the next day but overall, the experience was memorable and satisfying. Gavin,

through sponsorship, including matched funding from his employers Morrisons, raised in excess of £3,000 – a fantastic achievement! Gavin and Gemma hope to present the donation at a future event and the Powered Wheelchair Appeal would like to thank Gavin, his family and friends and everyone who sponsored him for their generous support which is much appreciated and will help provide a wheelchair for another deserving youngster like Gemma.

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We recently hosted the 15th Merseyside Entertainers Golfing Association (MEGA) Day. After everyone had enjoyed a fine afternoon of golf, the highlight of the day was the presentation of 3 chairs bringing the total presented to 348 chairs over the last 32 years.

Wheelchairs were presented to 11 year old Luke Burns from Liverpool and 15 year old Avi Sanghera from the Wirral. Unfortunately another chair recipient, 13 year old Jacob Cannell from Warrington was unable to attend on the day due to illness but he sent a message of thanks to the Appeal.

Winners of the golf competition on the day were lan and Val Oliver and Lynn Stein and their MEGA player Mark.

In the evening, the clubhouse was packed with members and supporters who enjoyed the great entertainment provided by the MEGA stars including comedians Vince Earl and Larry White. It was a fantastic evening thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!

Thanks go to all our supporters and the MEGA team who helped raise over £2,000 for the Appeal – we really appreciate your ongoing support.

Photo below shows back left to right – Captain Steve Cunniffe, Lady Captain Penny Ainsworth and President Jim Potter. Front left Avi Snghera and right Luke Burns

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Our Captain Steve Cunniffe recently completed his golf challenge where, around the longest day of the year he completed 6 rounds of golf in 6 counties in one day!

His challenge began at 3.25am and during the next 16 hours, he played a round of 18 holes of golf at each of the following venues -

Garstang Country Hotel and Golf Club in LANCASHIRE (he played the first 6 Weather in Chester - England 18°C Rain Storms Humidity is 75% Wind is South-southwest 4 m/s Visibility is 19 km Pressure is 0 mbar

holes in the dark using luminous balls!)

Bentham Golf Club in YORKSHIRE

Kirkby Lonsdale Golf Club in CUMBRIA

Barlaston Golf Club in STAFFORDSHIRE (last minute replacement for Newcastle GC which was closed due to adverse weather)

Market Drayton Golf Club in SHROPSHIRE (Steve was joined by Lady Captain, Penny Ainsworth who also played the last 2 courses)

Finally, back to CHESHIRE and to Helsby Golf Club!

Steve had to play in heavy rain to begin with, but the weather improved as the day went on and he also managed to overcome traffic delays on the M6!

The reception to celebrate the achievement was fantastic and everyone enjoyed a hog roast (thanks to Kieran, Natalie and the catering and bar team). Back in the clubhouse, after a celebratory and well deserved beer!, Steve was delighted to announce that over £10,000 had been raised for the Powered Wheelchair Appeal. He thanked all who donated, his event helpers; Martin Mann, Dennis Dean and Roddy Snedden and all of the golf clubs for the courtesy of their courses. During the day his progress was tracked through the club's Twitter feed with retweets from ITV presenter Lucy Meacock and legendary golf commentator Peter Alliss. Steve also got a mention for the challenge on the Chris Evans Radio 2 breakfast show.

Overall, Steve had travelled 261 miles, spent 10 hours 58 minutes playing 108 holes of golf, scored 508 gross, net 448 and lost 1 ball!

THANKS for all the support for this fantastic challenge!

Anyone who wishes to donate to Steve's fundraising can do so online by pressing this button:



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On a glorious sunny day (well for most of it at least!) Helsby hosted the annual fundraising "Wheelchair Classic" recently with 160 players enjoying an action packed day and evening.

The golf was followed by the highlight of the event – the presentation of 3 wheelchairs to deserving local youngsters. Finally raffles, a bottle tombola and charity auction took place and a fantastic total of $\pounds 17,000$ was raised! This brings the total of chairs issued by the Appeal to 345.



The wheelchairs were presented to -

- Kayla Sinott aged 6 from Widnes
- Penny Griffin aged 16 from Holmes Chapel and
- Lloyd Griffin aged 15 from Cheadle Hulme

The youngsters were joined on the night by their parents, families and friends and the master of the presentation ceremony was Roddy Snedden, a member of the Powered Wheelchair Appeal committee.

Golfing honours on the day went to David Fletcher and Chris Shaw for the gents and Linda Malkin and Lesley McCluskey for the ladies.

The Powered Wheelchair Apppeal would like to thank Jigsaw law as the main sponsor, and all the local businesses and supporters for their generosity in helping to raise such a fantastic amount – THANK YOU!!!

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Another great night was had at the Powered Wheelchair Appeal Spring Dance recently and the highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 342nd wheelchair to Evie Russell, aged 7, from Great Sankey in Warrington.

Evie attends Chesnut Lodge School in Widnes and she loves the swimming and maths lessons and also the after school gardening club.

Previously Evie only had a manual wheelchair and relied a lot on being pushed around but with her new powered wheelchair, she is looking forward to getting around school and playing out with her friends independently.

Attending with Evie on the night were Mum Vickie, Dad Steve, Sister Tia aged 12 and Brother Logan aged 3.

Once again, many thanks to all our supporters who make the presentations of the wheelchairs possible.







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Never one to shy away from a challenge, the 2016 Captain of Helsby Golf Club, Steve Cunniffe is undertaking a tough golfing challenge on 20 June 2016 and he will be raising funds for the Powered Wheelchair Appeal and would welcome your support.

He will attempt to complete 6 rounds of golf in 6 different English Counties – Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cumbria, Staffordshire, Shropshire and Cheshire – in ONE DAY! An early start (3.30am and late finish will be guaranteed!

If you would like to support Steve in this challenge please feel free to donate by clicking on the link below -

http://mydonate.bt.com/events/steve6countiesgolf/305795

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CHINESE BANQUET – SUNDAY 17th January 2016

The Powered Wheelchair Appeal recently held another fantastic fundraising Chinese Banquet evening at the Fortune Palace in Delamere. 69 club members and friends attended and two children were presented with powered wheelchairs at the event, Ruben Gibbons, aged 11 and Robyn Jarvis, aged 14. The chairs presented at this event increased our total to date to 341!

Ruben was joined by his Mum Ali, Dad Gary and his teacher Susan Walters. He attends Mill View Primary School and lives in Hoole, Chester. He is very artistic and enjoys painting and technical drawing. He presented the Appeal

with a beautiful picture he had painted and framed for us. He also plays the piano and enjoys listening to Classic FM. Ruben was very excited as he was due to attend the Conway Centre for Outdoor Pursuits on the Menai Straits, Anglesea for a 3-day residential visit, a great place to try out his new chair. He loves reading and writing stories, especially Harry Potter and enjoys building with his Lego.

Robyn was being presented with her second chair from the Appeal. Her first chair was given in 2011 but she has now grown out of it. She was accompanied by her Mum, Leanne. She attends Ellesmere Port Catholic School where her favourite subjects are Maths and Science. She would love to go to university to study these subjects. She loves reading and is also a Harry Potter fan. She loves listening to all music, her favourite being Justin Bieber. She is very excited to be going to see him in concert in October. Robyn enjoys swimming and goes to the Hydrotherapy pool to strengthen her back. She is due to have an operation later on in the year.

Also during the evening Alex Walters was delighted to present a donation cheque for £250 from his employers Royal Bank of Scotland.

After presenting these two delightful children with their chairs, we enjoyed another superb banquet provided by Pat and her staff. Members and friends took part in a quiz, compiled by Bert Dyson and a raffle, resulting in a profit on the night of £670 bringing the total raised for the evening to £920. Thank you to all our supporters for helping us to raise this fantastic amount, we are all very grateful!











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