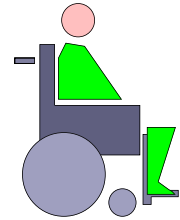




Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal



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Wheelchair No 5



Wheelchair No 214



Wheelchair No 307

Letter from our Chairman

Dear Supporters

A new golfing year beckons!

As the rain cleared and the skies brightened, our 2016 Captains, Steve Cuniffe and Penny Ainsworth and President Jim Potter, drove into Office. We wish them a fun filled and successful year ahead.



Our Powered Wheelchair AGM is on the 3rd March, when we will draw to a close another excellent year for our Appeal. The highlight is a further 11 Powered Wheelchairs, presented to **local children with special needs**.

One of our major objectives for 2016 is the presentation of Helsby Golf Clubs **350th Powered Wheelchair** and we aim to celebrate in **Style!** With a **Glitz & Glamour Ball**. We will keep you posted as the planning unfolds.

Thanks for all your support.

You make it all possible!

Alan Lee, MBE

Chairman



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What have we achieved?

- 341 powered wheelchairs for deserving youngsters
- Fundraising for 32 years
- £32,437 raised in 2015
- 11 wheelchairs presented in 2015
- £32,882 spent on wheelchairs in 2015

Our thanks go to the sponsor of this newsletter,

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Stop Press for 2016 - Captain's Challenge



On Monday 20th June, our new Captain, Steve Cuniffe, is taking on a challenge to raise funds for the Powered Wheelchair Appeal. He is going to 'attempt' to play 6 golf courses in 6 different Counties in one day; Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cumbria, Staffordshire, Shropshire and finally arriving in Cheshire, where he will play Helsby with the Lady Captain, Penny Ainsworth before joining members for a Barbeque (and a large drink!).

If you would like to sponsor Steve in this bold attempt, which depends on good weather and favourable traffic conditions on the day, please contact him via email on poweredwheelchairappeal@gmail.com.

Steve would like to thank Martin Mann for organizing this event. Martin has kindly offered to act as driver (on the course and on the motorway) for the first part of the Challenge which will commence before dawn!. Penny will be providing the support for the second half, driving the buggy for 2 of the courses and then playing the final round at Helsby.

"Good luck with the Challenge Steve!"

Peter Alliss Masters



Presentation of Wheelchairs by
Peter Alliss

The 28th Peter Alliss Masters was held at the Old Thorns Golf & Country Club, Liphook in Hampshire on Wednesday 7th October 2015.

Although the weather was exceptionally wet on the 2 days prior to the competition, the actual day was dry & the event was enjoyed by the Helsby contingent: Captain, Colin Ford and his wife Pauline, Roddy Snedden for his fundraising through META, Ian Alderton for his support over many years, Keith Ainsworth for his work throughout the year, especially the Classic, John Price, winner of the Quaich, and some of the PWA committee.



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Ian Alderton from Norfolk has supported Helsby PWA for many years, let's find out why.....

I first heard about the Appeal when I was invited to 'a golf day' by Kevin Kelly, the owner of Axis Polythene, one of my suppliers when I was in business. I arrived thinking it was just another company golf day. What a surprise when I walked into the clubhouse and saw all the prizes and donations for the auction to be held later that day!

After a great days golf and a lovely meal, Kevin said that prior to the prize giving there would be a presentation of wheelchairs. We all gathered on the putting green for the presentation of 6 wheelchairs, a humbling experience, rounded off by Bert Dyson saying that one of the recipients wanted to say something. Now, this young man sitting in his chair, with his head on his headrest and his hand round the golf ball controller said: "You don't know what this means to us and I would like to thank you all" Every time I mention this, the hairs on my neck start to stand up!! He was right, we don't and from that moment I have attended every event except one and as long as Helsby Golf Club will let me attend, I will try and get there every June!!

I live in a small village in Norfolk, Swanton Morley which is 241 miles from Helsby, a round trip of 482 miles and, in all this time, I have never won the longest drive! Kathryn Hoather asked me 'How many miles do you think you have driven to attend the Classic every year?' My best guesstimate is 9,700 miles which will increase to over 10,000 miles this year!!

How does it make me feel to be a supporter? When I look at how fortunate I have been in my life with 3 able bodied children and 4 lovely grandchildren, I could only be a supporter of a Golf Club that looks after others as well as you do. I have been so warmly received by all the members of Helsby over the years, I feel like I am a member of your wonderful Club. As I said earlier, I shall keep turning up like the proverbial bad penny as long as you keep letting me. Every year I put your date in my diary & book the hotel room (the same one each year) just before I leave to drive back to Norfolk.

So I look forward to seeing you all in June, somewhat older and the golf getting worse but it is not about the golf, is it??

In Memory

Pauline Herbert, a former member of Helsby, sadly passed away in September 2015. She was the widow of Fergus, a great supporter of the Powered Wheelchair Appeal. The family asked that all donations in memory of Pauline be given to the Appeal.

We would like to thank the family for their generosity and offer our condolences at this sad time.

Christmas Fayre



On Saturday 28th November 2015, a Christmas Fayre held at Northwich Memorial Court was organised by Claudia Dickens, who owns and runs KeeDays Event Management. The day was a great success for the 45 stall holders and enjoyed by people from the local community. Local businesses and exhibitors donated prizes for the raffle & tombola and £621 was raised for the Powered Wheelchair Appeal.

Our thanks go to Claudia for nominating us as her charity, her mum, her aunt and Keith O'Neil who all helped sell tickets on the day.

A week later, Claudia joined us at the Black & White Evening to present the cheque.

Black & White Evening

On Saturday 5th December 2015, at our annual Black & White evening the Captain, President and Lady Captain presented powered wheelchairs to 2 special young ladies, Gemma Conery from Ashton Hayes and Poppy Farrell from Middlewich. Gemma has raised a lot of money for the Miles of Smiles Charity as a thank you for her trip to Disneyland Paris. Poppy is studying for her GCSE's and is hoping to go to university at Oxford or Cambridge to become an accountant. Poppy gave a charming thank you speech to the 100 supporters present. They are both looking forward to the independence that their new powered chairs will give them after only having manual ones.

The evening's entertainment provided by vocalist Billy Paul was enjoyed by all.

We would like to thank Forresters of Kingsley for the hamper and vouchers which they donated for the raffle and also Hales of Frodsham for the lovely basket of fruit.

The evening raised £980 for the Appeal.

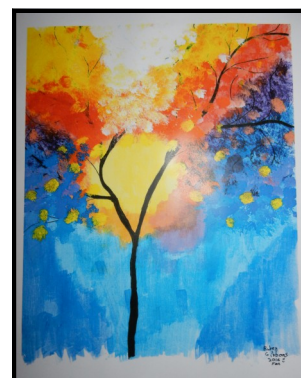


Chinese Banquet

At our annual Chinese Banquet on Sunday 19th January 2016, Captain Colin Ford, Lady Captain Marjorie Trow and President Ken Woodward presented wheelchairs to Ruben Gibbons, aged 11 from Hoole, Chester & Robyn Jarvis, aged 14 from Great Sutton. Ruben is very artistic, enjoying painting, playing the piano, reading and writing stories. Robyn is scientific and wants to study her favourite subjects, Maths & Science, at University. She also loves Justin Bieber who she is going to see in concert soon and she is very excited.

This brings the total chairs for the year to 11 and the grand total to 341 powered chairs in the last 32 years.

We would like to thank Pat Tang and her staff for an excellent evening at the Fortune Palace Chinese Restaurant in Delamere.



Ruben's Painting



Especially, we would like to thank Ruben who presented the Appeal with a beautiful picture that he had painted as a thank you for his new chair.

We would also like to thank NatWest for their donation of £250 to the Appeal, presented on the evening by Alex Walters.

Helsby Golf Club
Powered Wheelchair Appeal

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We are on the Helsby Golf Club
Website—visit the Powered Wheelchair
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Forthcoming Events

Saturday 30th April 2016 - The Spring Dance

Thursday 9th June 2016 - 34th Wheelchair Classic. If you would like to play and have not received your entry pack, full details and an application form can be obtained from Viv Nagle, 01606 853859. In the evening there will be a presentation of wheelchairs to local children. This is followed by the presentation of prizes, an auction and the raffles. As usual, any donations of prizes for the auction, raffle and bottle tombola will be gratefully received.

Monday 20th June 2016 - Captain's 6 Counties Challenge.

Wednesday 3rd August 2016 - MEGA Day

A NEW EVENT FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday 19th November 2016 - Glitz and Glamour Ball to be held at Chester Race Course where we will present our 350th Powered Wheelchair. If you would like to reserve tickets, please contact a member of the committee (Details on the poster on the front page and on our website)

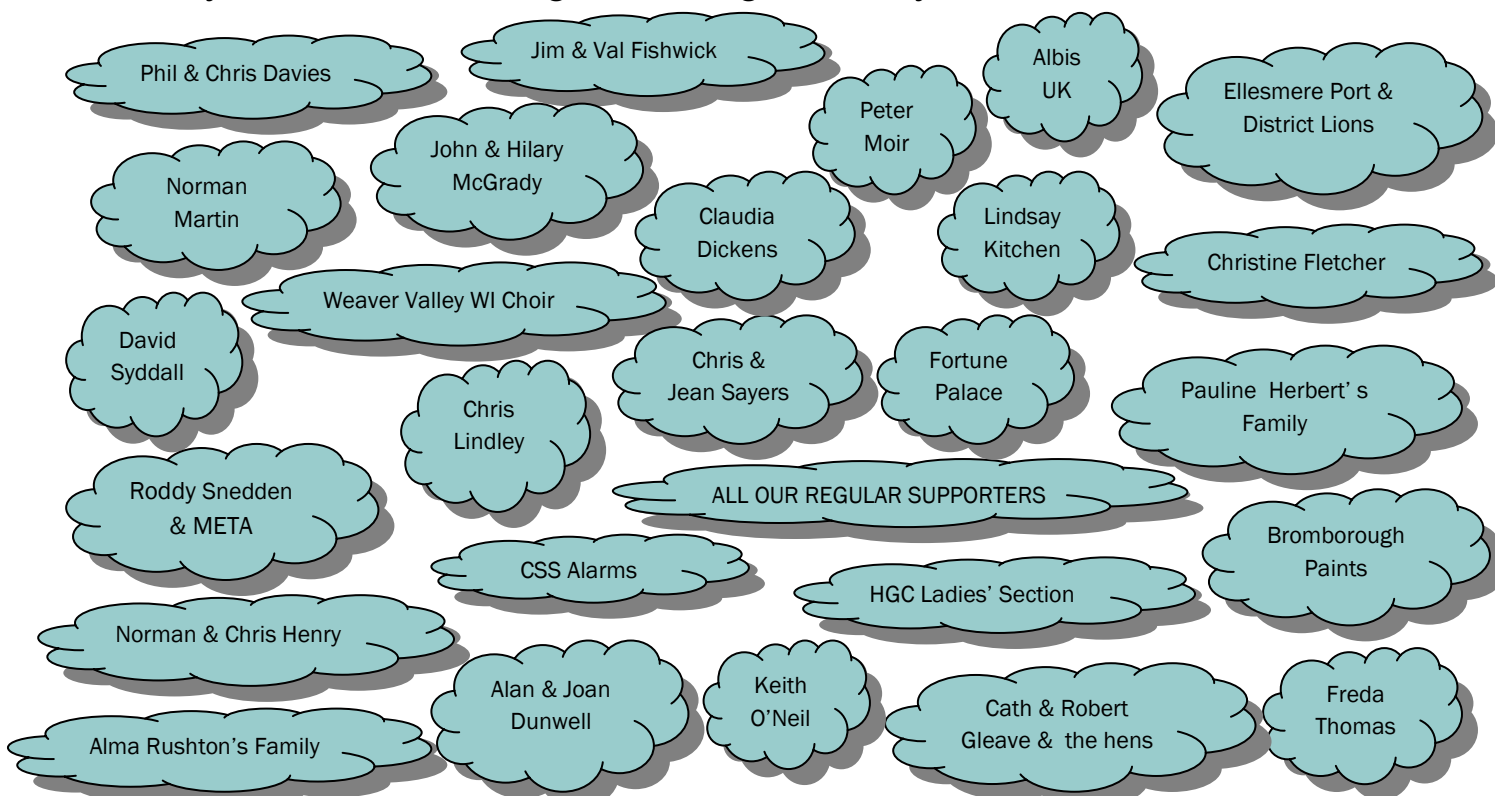
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Balance B/F	£8,940	Expenses	£209
Income from Events	£23,971	Wheelchairs	£32,882
Donations	£7,432	Donation to HGC	£500
Gift Aid	£1,034		
Total Income	£41,377	Total Expenditure	£33,591
		Balance C/F	£7,786

Thank you to the following for their generosity in 2015



The next Edition of the Newsletter will be in the Summer 2016. If you have any news items or suggestions for what you would like to see, please let me know. Penny Ainsworth, Appeal Secretary.