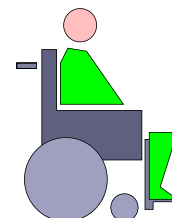




# Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal



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Wheelchair No 32



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## Letter from our Chairman

Dear Supporters

I am delighted to report another successful year for our "Helsby Golf Club - Powered Wheelchair Appeal"

During the past year, we have presented a further 11 customised Powered Wheelchairs to local children with various mobility challenges and special needs, greatly improving their independence.

This means that over the last 32 years we have donated a total of 330 PWC's. This is a fantastic achievement which would not have been possible without your kindness, generosity and continued support. Thank you!

I am looking forward to giving you more detail of our achievements over the last year at our annual review on 5th March. Please feel free to join us in the clubhouse at 7.30pm .

We now look forward to another full calendar of events in 2015, including something completely different (details on the back page.)

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated and hard-working committee.

Good wishes to Colin and Marjorie as Captains and to all of you for the coming season.

Keep Swinging.

Alan Lee, MBE

Chairman

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## What have we achieved?

- 330 powered wheelchairs for deserving youngsters
- Fundraising for 32 years
- £36,483 raised in 2014
- 11 wheelchairs presented in 2014
- £33,373 spent on wheelchairs in 2014

Our thanks go to the sponsor of this newsletter,

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## Peter Alliss Masters



Penny Ainsworth receiving the Ladies' Trophy from Peter Alliss

The 27th Peter Alliss Masters was held at a new venue this year, the Old Thorns Golf & Country Club, Liphook in Hampshire on Wednesday 1st October 2014 .

Places are awarded at this prestigious event to clubs and societies who have supported the Crusade.

At Helsby, places are allocated to those who have donated most to the Appeal, either in time or in fundraising. The Captain is invited and the Winner of the David Kitchen Quaich (this years competition is on 24th May if you would like to try to win a place at Old Thorns in October 2015).

The new venue was enjoyed by the Helsby contingent who were Colin Wilkinson ( Captain), Keith O'Neil for cycling from Helsby to Old Thorns, Frank O'Neil for providing the back up for Keith, Roddy Snedden & Steve Johnson for their fundraising through META, David Syddall for his generosity, Keith Ainsworth for his work throughout the year, especially the Classic, John Butler for auditing the accounts and some of the PWA committee.

Congratulations go to 2 representatives from Helsby, Steve Cuniffe, who came 4th in the men's competition and to Penny Ainsworth for winning the Ladies' Trophy.

## Charity Cycle Ride

On Friday 26th September 2014, Keith O'Neil received an enthusiastic send off from Helsby by the Captains and members of Helsby Golf Club. Over the next 4 days he cycled 270 miles to Old Thorns Golf & Country Club, Liphook in Hampshire. He was supported by his dad Frank in the back up car. His journey took him via Lichfield, Lower Bodington and Hemel Hempstead where he received complimentary accommodation at all 3 stopovers. He arrived to a warm welcome from the Helsby members and the Peter Alliss Committee at 6pm on Monday 29th September. After a welcome pint and another cold bath to ease the aching muscles, he joined in the Peter Alliss Masters playing golf over the next 2 days. We are very grateful to Keith and Frank for their tremendous achievement in raising over £2,000 for the Appeal. This is in addition to the money raised by Keith in completing 2 Great North Runs on our behalf over the previous 3 years. Very many thanks Keith! What next??



From Helsby



To Hampshire

## Supporters Challenge

Calling all supporters! What could you do to raise money for the Appeal? If you have any ideas for a challenge that could be performed by you or someone else, please let us know. We are looking for novel/ interesting/daring ways to raise funds in the future.

## Sportsmen's Dinner

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Our thanks go to Steve Cuniffe and all those who attended the hugely successful Sportsmen's Dinner on Saturday 7th November. We are very grateful for your donation of £1,670 to the Powered Wheelchair Appeal.

## Christmas Cake Raffle

One of our regular supporters, Suzanne Kiberd provided a beautifully crafted Christmas cake that she had made and donated to the Appeal. The cake was greatly admired by all and was raffled in the Clubhouse raising a fantastic total of over £150. The winning ticket was drawn at the Black & White Evening on Saturday 6th December. Many thanks go to Suzanne for her generosity!

## Black & White Evening

On Saturday 6th December 2014, at our annual Black & White evening we presented our 329th powered wheelchair to a delightful young lady, Ellen Garner from Southport. Her new chair will enable Ellen to be more independent especially as it is very lightweight and will fit into her sister's car boot so that they can indulge in their favourite pastime, shopping!

The President and the Captains were joined by Keith O'Neil who presented a cheque for £2,055 to the Appeal raised from his cycle ride.

The evening's entertainment was provided by Les Gibson, comedy impressionist.

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 £750 for the Appeal.



## Chinese Banquet

On Sunday 18th January 2015, Past Captain Brian Prince, Ladies Captain Janet Richards and President Ken Woodward presented our 330th wheelchair to Jason Thornton from Sale, Cheshire. Jason is a keen football supporter, his team being Manchester United. He also plays wheelchair football for Sale United.

An excellent evening was enjoyed by all at the Fortune Palace Chinese Restaurant in Delamere.

We would like to thank Pat Tang and her staff for the high quality food and service that we received

The evening raised £760.





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## Forthcoming Events

**Saturday 14th March 2015** - The Spring Dance will have a hint of the Irish with the entertainment being provided by Robbie Elliot., vocalist

### **A NEW EVENT FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**Friday 5th June 2015** - The Ladies from the Weaver Valley WI Choir are performing a concert in aid of the PWA at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church in Helsby. Tickets will be available at a cost of £8 and refreshments will be served. There will be a presentation of a wheelchair to a local child at 7.15pm.

**Thursday 11th June 2015** - 33rd 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.

**Wednesday 5th August 2015** - MEGA Day

**Saturday 5th December 2015** - Black & White Evening

## Accounts: 1st February 2014 - 31st January 2015

Balance B/F	<b>£6,595</b>	Expenses	<b>£265</b>
Income from Events	<b>£23,755</b>	Wheelchairs	<b>£33,373</b>
Donations	<b>£12,215</b>	Donation to HGC	<b>£500</b>
Gift Aid	<b>£512</b>		
Total Income	<b>£43,078</b>	Total Expenditure	<b>£34,138</b>
		Balance C/F	<b>£8,940</b>

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## Thank you to the following for their generosity in 2014



The next Edition of the Newsletter will be in the Summer 2015. If you have any news items or suggestions for what you would like to see, please let me know. Penny Ainsworth, Appeal Secretary.