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PRESIDENT ALAN LEE, MBE
1st January 2014

Congratulations to Alan Lee, the president of Helsby Golf Club who has been honoured with the MBE for his work in helping to raise thousands of pounds for children with special needs.

The Powered Wheel Chair Appeal has been going for 30 years now, raising funds for state-of-the-art wheelchairs for children with varying degrees of disability giving them the gift of independence.

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CHINESE BANQUET – 16th January 2011

Members of Helsby Golf Club enjoyed a super evening – and a lovely Chinese Banquet – at the Fortune Palace in Delamere on Sunday evening.

The star guest was Ethan Smith (age 6) – along with his mum Andrea and dad Nicholas – who was presented with his own powered wheelchair by Alan Lee on behalf of the Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal.

Ethan attends Greenlees School in Wallasey and he loves animals especially horses, zebras and rats! (He has 2 pet rats called Harvey and Maisie.) Ethan likes playing out but has been limited so was looking forward to his new chair which will give him independence. He has 2 sisters Brook aged 4 and Faith aged 1. He was accompanied by his mum Andrea and dad Nicholas.

You can click on the photos below – courtesy of Bert Dyson MBE – to see them enlarged.

Over £900 was raised on the night to go towards the next powered wheelchair. Also, Alex Walters presented a cheque to the Appeal on behalf of NatWest. Our sincere thanks go to

all concerned for their generosity.

Ethan then presented his own 'thank you' gifts to Penny Ainsworth and Eric Malkin.

After the presentation, Ethan's mum Andrea gave an amazing 'thank you' in the form of a poem she had written herself, which you can see in full below.

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ETHAN WITH HIS NEW CHAIR



....AND AGAIN



ETHAN WITH ALEX WALTERS ...



....PRESIDENT, LADY CAPTAIN & PENNY AINSWORTH



...AND MUM ANDREA

...WITH MUM & DAD & PENNY



...PRESIDENT & LADY CAPTAIN



... AND ERIC MALKIN

ANDREA'S AMAZING POEM From the heart an amazing 'thank you' poem by Ethan's mum Andrea



FROM THE HEART
POEM

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PWA AGM 2014



POWERED WHEELCHAIR APPEAL 2014 AGM

Thursday 6th March 2014

The 8th Annual General Meeting of Helsby Golf Club's Powered Wheelchair Appeal was held at Helsby Golf Club on Thursday 6th March 2014.

Chairman, Alan Lee welcomed the President and the Captain of Helsby Golf Club and the supporters of the Appeal.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed and Alan then gave a presentation on the fundraising events that were held throughout 2013.

A grand total of £32,967 was raised and 11 powered wheelchairs were presented bringing the total to 319 and Alan thanked a number of supporters who had raised funds for the Appeal in many different ways.

The audited annual accounts for the period ended 31st January 2014 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

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The following Officers and Trustees of the charity were re-elected for a period of 3 years:-

Mr T Alan Lee, Chairman

Mrs Barbara Prince, Treasurer

Mr Bert Dyson, Trustee

Mrs Viv Nagle, Trustee

Mrs Sheila Fenwick, Trustee

Mrs Kathryn Hoather was welcomed and elected as a Trustee for 1 year.

Under AOB there were a number of suggestions from the members for some different fundraising opportunities which will be considered by the committee.

Alan concluded his presentation by thanking all those members and friends who have supported the Appeal over the last 12 months. Without their help and generosity we would not be able to improve the lives of so many children with special needs giving them some independence and quality of life.

Ray Feldwick congratulated Alan Lee on behalf of the Committee and supporters of the Appeal on being honoured with an MBE for his services to children as Chairman of the Appeal for the last 21 years.

Alan thanked Ray for his kind words. He said he will be immensely proud to receive the MBE on 28th March on behalf of Our Appeal. He truly believes it to be a Helsby Golf Club Team award.

Ray then gave a short presentation on the work of the Peter Alliss Masters Golfing Society (PAMGS) over the last 12 months and he highlighted that Helsby GC is still the greatest contributor, presenting 11 of the 28 chairs for 2013 and he thanked everyone for their continuing support.

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25th April 2014

In the run up to Easter, customers from Tesco in Helsby kindly donated Easter Eggs and they were presented by Helsby GC's Powered Wheelchair Appeal to deserving youngsters at Chesnut Lodge Special School, Widnes, on 25th April 2014.

The eggs were very well received by the excited children and our thanks go to Tesco and all their customers who made such generous donations.

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Sat 26th April 2014

Helsby Golf Club PWA's Spring Dance on Saturday was an excellent evening

Proceedings began with the presentation of a powered wheelchair to Natalie Knowles, aged 15, from Formby (previously Hapsford and Tarvin).

In addition to her Mum Amanda and Dad John, Natalie has four sisters – Jade, Faye, Rachel and Amanda – and brother Drew. He is an Engineer in the Paras and has served four tours in Afghanistan so is understandably Natalie's hero!

Natalie makes great use of her computer and is very fashion conscious. She also loves animals and is waiting for an Assistance Dog, who will be with her 24/7 to provide another stage of independence along with her new powered wheelchair.

Members and guests then enjoyed superb entertainment from **The Chimes** whose music and jokes went down an absolute storm.



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WHEELCHAIR CLASSIC 2014



Emily, Emily, Bethany, Alex and Declan.

12th June 2014

A brilliant day's golf was followed by the presentation of 5 more powered wheelchairs and an auction to raise more funds for the charity.

Our sincere thanks go to TV's Lucy Meacock and MP Graham Evans for helping us to present new chairs to

Our thanks also go to our main sponsor – Jigsaw Law – and to all our many sponsors and supporters for their amazing generosity in raising a further £17,000 for the charity.

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AN EVENING WITH PETER ALLISS & STEVE PARRY

15th July 2014

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Members and friends of Helsby Golf Club's Powered Wheelchair Appeal enjoyed a super evening during the week of the Open when Peter Alliss and his wife Jackie took time out to visit the club in support of our charity fundraising efforts.

Peter and Jackie were joined by 2008 Olympic Swimming medalist Steve Parry and both Peter and Steve gave very entertaining after dinner talks which included an enjoyable question and answer session with Peter.

Earlier in the evening Peter and Steve presented a powered wheelchair on behalf of Helsby GC PWA to Francesca, a lovely young lady who is studying several languages and hopes to become an interpreter.

The chair presented to Francesca was the 326th since Helsby's fundraising efforts began and the 327th was presented the following day at the Open at Royal Liverpool.

Helsby is proud and honoured to be so fondly associated with Peter – who always managed to pick out Helsby's extraordinary efforts in his books and TV commentaries – and we are extremely grateful for his continued and very special support.

Our thanks also go out to all our supporters for helping to improve the lives of so many children and their families.

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PWA WHEELCHAIR PRESENTATION AT THE OPEN



16th July 2014

At the start of what turned out to be a fantastic Open championship at Royal Liverpool GC Hoylake, the golfing legend and patron of the Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal – Peter Alliss – presented the 327th wheelchair to another deserving youngster.

The recipient was Declan Mannock who was accompanied on the day by his parents and supporters of the appeal.

Photo 1



Photo 2

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Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



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Our 13th MEGA Day took place on Wednesday 6th August. After a showery start, 27 teams of supporters and MEGA players enjoyed a fine afternoon of golf.

The highlight of the day was the presentation of a wheelchair to 16 year old Helena Archer in the presence of the President, the Captain and the Lady Captain. Helena, who comes from Bromborough, attended with Mum Anne. She particularly enjoys belonging to a local youth club, PHAB where youngsters of all abilities share and enjoy activities together. She also continues to attend Stick n Step where she receives help with her mobility.

In the competition, there was another family clean sweep with the first two places being taken by Frank and Keith O'Neil and their partners from Sandiway GC. Father Frank, partnered by Colin Adshead, Ian Boyd and Jimmy King (MEGA) were the winners and son Keith, partnered by D Leigh,

T Millburn and Tommy Oller-head (MEGA) were in the runners up spot.

The winners received the new MEGA trophy kindly donated by Janet Richards, the Ladies' Captain and thanks go to Janet for the beautiful trophy and also David Syddall of Optimum Costs Consultants who donated the prizes.

In the evening, the clubhouse was packed with members and supporters who enjoyed the great entertainment provided by the MEGA Stars.

Vocalist Eddie Daley was our compere for the show, which included the amazing voice of vocalist Julie A Scott, the hilarious view of the world of comedian Johnny Casson and a rousing finale from vocalist Billy Myers.

Thank you to all our supporters who helped raise over £2,100 for the Appeal.

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Epic Bike Ride For Charity

CHARITY CYCLE RIDE

Helsby Golf Club in Cheshire to Old Thorns in Hampshire

26th – 29th September 2014



**** Update 29 September 14 ****

size-medium wp-image-3917" />WELL HE DID IT!!!! – After another complimentary night stay last night – this time at the Aubrey Park Hotel in Hemel Hempstead (many thanks for their generous hospitality) Keith embarked on his final day and cycled the remaining 70 miles. He duly arrived at the Old Thorns Golf and Country Club near Liphook Hampshire around 6pm to be greeted by members of Helsby Golf Club and the Peter Alliss Masters committee. We even had a pint on hand to welcome him! Keith was delighted to have completed the challenge and retired to his room for a cooling ice bath for those aching legs. He just has 2 days of golf to do now – a walk in the park compared to the last few days!

A very well done to Keith – a fantastic achievement and we are all very proud of you!



**** Update 28 September 14 ****

Keith was grateful for the generous and kind hospitality given to him by John and Claire Thorp of Apple Cottage B & B and Kev from The Carpenters Arms in Lower Boddington who fed him and gave him a bed for the night – free of charge so all funds raised can go to the Powered Wheelchair Appeal! After a good night sleep (and another ice bath!) he started off for day 3 of his challenge and during Sunday he cycled 66 miles with some tough up and downs and ended up just outside Hemel Hempstead for some well deserved rest. One more day to go Keith – hang on in there!

**** Update 27 September 14 ****

After a good night's sleep at his fiancée's grandmother, Doreen's house, Keith had an early start to day 2 of his challenge. He cycled 54 miles during the day and reached Leamington Spa where another ice bath awaited him! We hope he managed to catch some highlights of the Ryder Cup before settling down for the night!

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**** Update 26 September 14 ****

Keith started his epic charity cycle ride today and had a great send off from Helsby at 9am this morning from Captain, Lady Captain, Hon Sec and supporters of the Powered Wheelchair appeal. See photos and video attached. Keith confirmed this evening that he had successfully completed day 1 of his challenge having cycled 74 miles followed by an iced bath (ouch)!! Here's hoping for a good nights sleep tonight

**** LATEST NEWS: WATCH THE SEND OFF HERE ****

See below for further information about his challenge – and good luck to him!

The O'Neil family have supported the Appeal for many years. Frank, Anne and their 2 children Keith & Karen have raised money in a number of different ways, Karen climbing

to Machu Pichu and Keith running the Great North Run on 2 occasions.

This year, Keith is going to cycle 270 miles from Helsby Golf Club to Old Thorns Golf & Country Club in Liphook, Hampshire to take part in the Peter Alliss Masters, with Frank following in the back up car.

The grand send off is at 9am from the club car park on Friday 26th September and they hope to arrive at Old Thorns on Monday 29th at about 5pm.

Keith has only recently taken up cycling, specifically for this challenge to raise funds for the Appeal. As you can see in the picture, he is training hard when he is able, both day and night!

If you would like to sponsor Keith in this amazing challenge, please put your name on the form on the Club notice board, email poweredwheelchairappeal@gmail.com or contact any member of the PWA committee.

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