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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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Wednesday 13th April 2011

Supporters of the Powered Wheelchair Appeal spent last Saturday (9th April 2011) packing shopping bags for customers at the Tesco Store in Helsby.

Sheila Fenwick and Karen Fozard led the 3 teams of volunteers who raised £605.10p for the Appeal.

One very kind lady also offered to donate her brand new powered scooter to the Appeal and a local businessman asked for more details of the Charity as he is interested in supporting the Appeal.

The committee would like to thank the Captain, Bert Dyson and the volunteers below who worked very hard on the day and all the supporters who put money in the buckets.

Kathleen Wilkinson – Viv Nagle – Sheila Fenwick – Marjorie Trow – Barbara Prince – Karen Fozard – Jackie Eve – Angela Forster – Keith Ainsworth – Kathryn Hoather – Lil Corkhill – Peter Jackson – Ruth Metcalfe – Sharyn Butler – Alan Lee – Anita Lowe – Jean Colquhoun – Penny Ainsworth



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A very enjoyable time was had by all who attended the 2011 PWA Spring Dance.

At the start of the evening, three more powered wheelchairs were presented to the following children:-

Declan Price aged 7 from Runcorn, who attended with his Mum Laura, her partner Phil, his brother Callum, aged 3, and both sets of grandparents. Declan loves the comic cartoon characters Spiderman, Mr Fantastic and Ben 10. His new chair will give him more independence and enable him to play more sport at Chesnut Lodge School where he takes part in table tennis, Bocchia and is learning to play wheelchair football.

Taylor Roberts aged 14 attended with his adopted mum Honor Harvey. He attends Meadowside School in Birkenhead. He likes using his computer and his favourite is Postman Pat. His new chair will give him more independence and help him lead his already busy life of going to swimming club on Tuesdays, horse riding on Wednesdays, Boys Brigade on Fridays and Sunday School on Sundays.

Ariella Byrne was supposed to receive her new chair but has gone to USA for an operation which will help prevent her condition from getting any worse. The funds for her operation were raised by the Cauldwell Children's Charity. She will receive her chair at the Wheelchair Classic.

The evening was also attended by Tayler Farr and her parents. Tayler received her wheelchair at the Black & White Night last December. She came to say 'thank you' to everyone. She enjoyed herself immensely dancing to the disco with the other ladies and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

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The 29th Wheelchair Classic was held at Helsby Golf Club on Thursday 9th June 2011.

184 players competed in the golf competition and a great day was had by all.

In the evening, 5 youngsters from the North West were presented with their Powered Chairs by the Captain, the President and the Ladies' Captain. They were joined by two club members, Roddy Snedden and Steve Johnson, who represented the Merseyside Electrical Trades Association which had raised £6,500 for the Appeal over the last 3 years and who presented a special chair to Megan Sanderson from Sandbach. Ariella Byrne received her scooter and James Dunn, David Clayton and Jacob Cannell received their chairs. This brings the total number of chairs presented in the last 28 years to 288.

There then followed the presentation of the trophies to the competition winners by the Captains.

The winners of the men's competition were Brian West and Doug Tate and the runners up were Dave (Digger) Fletcher and Geoff Marsden.

The winners of the Ladies Competition were Linda Malkin and Dami Diamond and the runners up were Janet Richards and Val Pritchard.

Franc Cunniffe and his sidekick Steve (Cunniffe) held a very lively auction to raise further funds for the Appeal.

The day raised in excess of £16,500 which all goes towards the provision of Powered Wheelchairs for children with special needs. The committee would like to thank all the supporters, many of whom very generously donated a tremendous array of prizes for the competition, the auction and the raffle and who made it such a great day.



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At this year's event, Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal celebrated smashing itsr £1m landmark fundraising target exactly 28 years after the appeal began.

Representatives of the appeal presented their 288th wheelchair to a teenager from Sandbach.

Megan Sanderson, 13, suffers from a rare disability which makes it difficult for her to sit up in a normal wheelchair and she was presented with a specially made powered wheelchair to allow her to enjoy life with more independence and greater mobility.

During the annual event, where 184 players competed for trophies and prizes in a massive golf tournament, four other children from Bebington, Warrington, Liverpool and Denton were also presented with their tailor-made wheelchairs.

Click [here](#) for a report from the "Chester Chronicle", 30 June 2011

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This year's MEGA Day didn't enjoy the best of weather for the golf but it still managed to provide a lot of fun and entertainment.

Most importantly we saw two powered wheelchairs presented to two more children.

Mark Jones, aged 14, from Upton by Chester is very keen on all sports. He enjoys watching golf and has his own set of clubs. He is also a Liverpool fan. He is a volunteer worker for a charity called Spin, for which he has won awards.

Will Jenaid, aged 13, attends Chesnut Lodge School, Widnes. He plays wheelchair football for Everton but supports Manchester United. He is another young man who is benefiting from the after school sports club organised by Mark Eccleston, the paralympian who teaches at Chesnut Lodge.

The golf competition was won by Alan Jarvis, Martin Mann, Phil Davies and entertainer Danny Roman.

In second place were Steve Johnson, Roddy Sneddon, Jeff Hughes and entertainer Billy Myers.

In the evening, we all enjoyed the brilliant entertainment laid on by the MEGA folks with a superb mix of song and comedy provided by Joe Wall, Ged Ryan (Dr Beat), Hal Nolan and Larry White.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this another success for the Powered Wheelchair Appeal with more than £1,000 raised.

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Congratulations and many thanks to Keith O'Neil who has raised about £1,500 for the Appeal.

Keith O'Neil, a past member at Helsby who now plays at Sandiway, competed in the Great North Run in September on behalf of the Powered Wheelchair Appeal. He was successful in achieving his wish to complete the course in less than 2 hours which bettered his time of last year.

To date he has raised about £1,500 for the Appeal. If you would like to sponsor him, please contact a member of the committee or log on to the Just Giving website on <http://www.justgiving.com/keithoneil-hgcpwa> to make a donation.

Keith, his parents Frank & Anne and his sister Karen have raised funds for the Appeal for many years and the committee are very grateful to them for their continued support.

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BAG PACKING AT M&S SIMPLY FOOD

Saturday 5th November

Charity Bag Packing in aid of the Powered Wheelchair Appeal

Supporters of the Powered Wheelchair Appeal spent Saturday 5th November 2011 packing shopping bags for customers at the M&S Simply Food Store at the Coliseum, Cheshire Oaks.

A total of £504.16 was raised for the Appeal

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FOR the 24th year in a row, the Trinity Mirror/ScottishPower Your Champions gala awards night has honoured the unsung heroes and heroines of the community.

This year's glittering ceremony took place on Friday night at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Chester and guest of honour was Olympic gold medallist Tessa Sanderson.

The biggest award of the night, for the Champion of Champions, went to the Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal which has raised more than £1m to provide powered wheelchairs for hundreds of children with disabilities.

The event concluded with a specially made film* about the work of the Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal which was screened before appeal officials Bert Dyson MBE and Penny Ainsworth were greeted with a standing ovation as they made their way to the stage to collect their Champion of Champions award.

See the full Chester Chronicle article [here](#) .

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You can see the film here on Youtube.



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