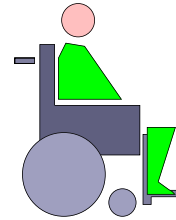




# Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal



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Wheelchair No 246



Wheelchair No 268



Wheelchair No 295

## Congratulations

We would like to offer our congratulations to Alan Lee, our Chairman for 21 years, on being awarded an MBE for his services to children with special needs.

We now have two members of the committee who have been honoured. Bert Dyson was awarded his MBE in 2007 for his services to children through the Appeal.



## Letter from our Chairman

Dear Supporters

I am pleased to tell you that we have raised over £32,900 in 2013. We have presented 11 customised wheelchairs to children with varying levels of mobility bringing the grand total to 319. Thank you to all our members, sponsors and friends for your continued generosity and support, without you we would not be able to help so many deserving youngsters with their special needs.

We are looking forward to 2014 and a full calendar of events including, health permitting, a visit from Peter Alliss to Helsby GC prior to "the Open" in July.

The PWA 'Classic' in June is filling up fast, so if you would like to play please contact Penny (Details on the back page).

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank You' for the many good wishes that I have received since being mentioned in the honours list. The investiture is on 28th March when I shall be immensely proud to receive the MBE on behalf of Our Appeal, its dedicated committee members and supporters. I truly consider it to be a Helsby Golf Club Team award.

Wishing you all the best for the coming season

Alan Lee, MBE

Chairman

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## What have we achieved?

- 319 powered wheelchairs for deserving youngsters
- Fundraising for 30 years
- £32,966 raised in 2013
- 11 wheelchairs presented in 2013
- £30,748 spent on wheelchairs in 2013

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Marcus Lightfoot and Partners with  
Peter Alliss on the 1st Tee at Elie

## Peter Alliss Masters

The 26th Peter Alliss Masters was held at the Golf Club House Elie, Fife on Tuesday 8th October 2013.

Places are awarded at this prestigious event to clubs and societies who have supported the Crusade based on the number of wheelchairs that they have donated in the year to disadvantaged children.

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 year's competition is on 25th May if you would like to try to win a place). David Kitchen was one of the founder members of the PWA but sadly passed away.

The Helsby contingent last October were Brian Prince (Captain), Marcus Lightfoot (Quaich winner), Kieran McCabe, Dave Nagle & Keith Ainsworth for their sterling work for the Classic, Brian Kennerley for his help & support over a number of years, Roddy Snedden for his fundraising through META and some of the PWA committee.

Congratulations go to Steve Cuniffe, representing Helsby, who came 4th on a card playoff.

There is a change of venue for the next Masters which will be held on Wednesday 1st October 2014 at the Old Thorns Golf & Country Club, Liphook in Hampshire.

## Black & White Evening



At the Black & White Evening on 7th December, Mark Eccleston, Disability Sport Development Officer for Halton joined the Captains of Helsby, Brian Prince and Jarmila Lee for the presentation of wheelchairs to Sean Dolman from Widnes, who has his sports lessons with Mark, and Toby Griffiths from Alsager.

An excellent evening's entertainment was provided by Andy Knight who sang a variety of songs to satisfy all tastes.

Our thanks go to Suzanne Kiberd for making a beautiful cake for the raffle and to Forrester's in Kingsley for supplying a Christmas hamper.

## Chinese Banquet



Phil Evans, RBS with Harry  
and his family

Phil Evans, Relationship Director from RBS Corporate Division in Warrington, joined the Helsby Captains to present a powered chair to Harry Graham from Widnes. Last year, Phil and his colleagues raised money for the Appeal which contributed towards the cost of Harry's chair.

Harry received a chair from PWA in 2010 but he has grown out of it and had to go back to a manual chair.

On behalf of Harry and his family, father Steven thanked Helsby Golf Club and all those present at the Chinese for their generosity in

providing Harry's wheelchair. It makes such a difference to the children's lives. He explained that since May last year Harry had been in hospital to have surgery on his hips. He had been in a hospital bed at home for many months recuperating. His new chair will give him back his independence.

Harry's old chair is to be passed on to another child at his school.

A great evening of fun and food was enjoyed by all.

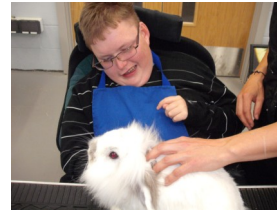
Our thanks go to Pat Tang and her team at the Fortune Palace Restaurant, Delamere.



**Geoff Harris**, whose son James received a chair in 2002, sent the following message in the summer after fundraising for the Appeal at the Aqueduct Marina Fun Day in July:-

"I doubt that many of those who put so much time and effort into PWA activities will really have any idea how much of an effect the past thirty years or so have contributed to the independence and growth of all the recipients of those wheelchairs. The wider families of the wheelchair users will have benefitted immensely, not just the chair users themselves.

Forever grateful, Geoff, Anya and James Harris."



James at Reaseheath College in 2012

**Sean Dolman**, who received his chair at the Black & White, sent the following:- "I would really like to thank you all for your kindness for helping me get my new electric wheelchair. It is really helping me around school and gave me back my independence. I can now do all my favourite things like football and people like my chair so I would like to give a very big thank you. I am happier than I was in my manual chair but I do need to get used to the speed settings.

Thank you everyone at Helsby Golf Club. Master Sean James Dolman"



Sean  
Dolman

**Mark Eccleston**, the medal winning Paralympian, attended the presentation of wheelchairs at the Black & White Evening in December and used the opportunity to thank everyone present for their generosity. He also explained how life changing the chairs are to the children, giving them the independence they deserve and also making a big difference to their families.

He spoke of the work that he does with the children introducing them to a number of wheelchair sports and in particular he shared the success of the wheelchair football team that he trains, Halton Hawks. Recently, the team secured an amazing League and Cup Double by winning the Matthew Jones memorial Cup and also the local League after a series of round-robin fixtures.

Mark (who is Halton's Disability Sport Development Officer) explained that the Matthew Jones Memorial Cup is an annual event run by Everton in the Community in memory of Matthew who was a keen wheelchair footballer and instrumental in starting and developing the sport across Merseyside.

The Cup is an important and prestigious event that Halton Hawks have proudly participated in for the past 3 years. It is a competition that every team aspires to do well in and he was delighted with the strong team performances from the Hawks to win the trophy ahead of 2 excellent teams from Maghull and Woodchurch.

The team also did fantastically well in winning the league. Encouragingly during the year, new players have joined the team and 3 members of the team received funding for new sports specific electric wheelchairs which make a huge difference. All these factors contributed significantly in the overall improvement of the players as individuals and as a team.

Our team also feeds into the Everton team which competes in the North West League and the wheelchair FA Cup and will also be playing in the national league from next year.

Mark said "We are grateful for all support but particular thanks should go to the Powered Wheelchair Appeal at Helsby Golf Club who have provided Powered Wheelchairs to 3 of the team members."



Mark with his Paralympic Medal  
Athens 2004



Halton Hawks Team

Will Junaid (Chesnut Lodge School)  
Connor Webb (Chesnut Lodge School)  
Kieran Law (Widnes)  
Lucas Knight (Liverpool)

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## Forthcoming Events

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Powered Wheelchair Appeal will be held at Helsby Golf Club on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30pm. All supporters of the Appeal are welcome.

The Spring Dance on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014 is a 'Sounds of the Sixties Night' featuring "The Chimes" who are famous for their Merseyside music and humour. Root in your wardrobes for your 'sixties gear' and join us for a fun evening. If you prefer, smart casual dress is acceptable.

MEGA Day – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Black & White Evening – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014

## 32nd Wheelchair Classic

This year's Wheelchair Classic takes place on Thursday 12th June 2014.

During the day the Golf Competition is 4 Ball Better Ball with 7/8ths handicap. There are separate trophies & prizes for the men and the ladies.

The cost to play is £80 per pair.

If you would like to play, full details are on the enclosed application form. Please complete and return with your payment to

Penny Ainsworth  
2 Arden Lea  
Alvanley  
Frodsham  
Cheshire WA6 9EQ

In the evening, there will be a presentation of wheelchairs to local children

This is followed by the presentation of the trophies & the prizes to the competition winners.

The Auction is usually great fun with golfing memorabilia and days out at sporting events.

There is a bottle tombola throughout the day and the evening is completed with the raffles.

All prizes for the above are donated. If you would like to make a donation, please contact a member of the committee.

## Thank you to the following for their generosity in 2013

Phil & Chris Davies

Jim & Val Fishwick

Lindsay Kitchen

Rose Lawton

Norman Martin

John & Hilary  
McGrady

Karen O'Neil

Christine Fletcher

Peter Moir  
& Probus

Roddy Snedden &  
META

Cath Gleave &  
the Hens

Bromborough  
Paints

Moore Foundation

HGC Ladies' Section

Alex Walters  
& NatWest

Steve Jervis  
& DHL

HGC Sportsmen's Dinner

Aqueduct Marina

The next Edition of the Newsletter will be in the Summer 2014. If you have any news items or suggestions for what you would like to see, please let me know. Penny Ainsworth, Appeal Secretary.