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Kirsty Howard

Kirsty Howard was an inspirational young woman, who defied a medical prognosis as a child and went on to secure the future of Francis House, died on 24th October 2015. She was 20 years of age.

Kirsty was born with a rare and inoperable heart and lung condition, which required extensive treatment and oxygen 24 hours a day.

Born on 20th September 1995 to parents Lynne and Steve, from the age of 3½, Kirsty received respite care at Francis House. When she was four years old she was given only weeks to live but defied the odds, battling her disability with remarkable courage for another sixteen years.

During the summer of 1999, Susie Mathis a former radio presenter in Manchester and a hospice supporter, met Kirsty and her family. It was agreed that an appeal would be initiated and that Kirsty would become an ambassador for all of the children who use Francis House.

Through the 'Kirsty Appeal', a charitable foundation established in her name, a target of £5 million was set to secure the future of Francis House.

In 2002, Kirsty and David Beckham, presented the Jubilee Baton to the Queen to launch the Commonwealth Games in Manchester. Pictures of the little girl with large eyes and a beaming smile connected to an oxygen cylinder, captivated people's hearts and Kirsty became a household name throughout Britain and around the world.

Touched by her bravery, celebrities, business leaders and people from all walks of life wanted to help in any way they could. Donations poured in and by 2006 Kirsty and the appeal team had achieved their incredible fundraising goal.

Throughout her short life Kirsty continued to raise awareness of Francis House through her fundraising. As a young woman Kirsty continued to champion the place she loved until her death. Her efforts totalled over £7½ million.

Away from the cameras, Kirsty spent time with her family and relaxed at the hospice enjoying time with the staff and the other young people who had become close friends over the years. She went to college and had plans to become a special needs teacher. As a child she endured many major and painful operations, continuing to inspire countless people with her bravery and determination.



Recognition for her courage and fundraising efforts came in the many awards that she received, including; the Pride of Britain Award, Young Citizen of the Year, and in 2014 the Outstanding Achievement Award from the children's charity Variety. Cosmopolitan magazine named her their 'Ultimate Woman of Courage'.

In 2004 Kirsty received the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Special Category Award because of her No. 1 status in the Manchester run. She attended sports personality events and was mentioned in the obituaries at this year's awards.

In the early days of the Kirsty Appeal she came to the attention of Mr Mohammed Al Fayed, then owner of Harrods who became a great friend both to her and to Francis House (his Foundation continues to provide monthly support to the hospice).

In May 2014 a new state of the art extension at the hospice was opened to provide a parent-free zone of seven further bedrooms to meet the growing demand for care for teenagers and young adults who are over 13 years of age. Mr Mohamed Al Fayed joined Kirsty, staff, young people and families to celebrate a new era in the life of the hospice. Everything Kirsty did she did for Francis House and the families that rely on the hospice in their times of greatest need.

Kirsty died in hospital at Manchester Royal Infirmary in the early hours of Saturday 24th October, after suffering a kidney infection and then a heart attack. Her family and friends were with her throughout.

Following her death, Kirsty and her family including elder sisters Zoe and Kim together with close family friend and Kirsty Club Director, Phil Taylor were once again cared for at Francis House prior to the funeral.

Fittingly and as per Kirsty's wishes, a white hearse and pink coffin, drawn by two white horses dressed in pink feathers departed from Francis House on 3rd November 2015. Hundreds of people turned out to pay their respects as the funeral procession stopped at places important to Kirsty prior to a service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Northern Moor, which was attended by people of all walks of life but most importantly her family, friends and representatives of the Francis House Family.

Kirsty will always be remembered and her legacy lives on in Francis House and Francis Lodge, the place that she loved and made it her life's work to support. We will never know the true extent of her work, in a short life, she achieved so much.

God will care for her and continue to bless her family.

Rest in Peace Kirsty and well done.



Bien Joué Harold!

It was a privilege to be present at the award ceremony when one of our devoted longstanding volunteers, Harold Addie, was made an Officier of the Légion d'Honneur by the Honorary Consul of France on behalf of the French President.

The Legion d'Honneur is France's highest distinction and was presented to Harold and some of his Normandy colleagues in recognition of the part that they played in the Liberation of France in 1944.

The citation read, 'France owes you an eternal debt of gratitude for your contribution to the liberation of Europe, which this award can never fully repay. On behalf of the French people, I thank you wholeheartedly for your sacrifice and selfless service'.

Well done indeed Harold, we at Francis House are very proud of you!



Sainsburys Once Upon a Time

Dennis Hayward who works on the checkouts at Sainsbury's Fallowfield for his day job but in his spare time he penned a lovely festive story and called it 'The Christmas Party' which he sold to the customers and staff at Sainsbury's Fallowfield and to family and friends. Thank you Dennis for your inspirational writing and to everyone who bought a copy helping to raise an incredible £1,365.00.

Sainsbury's Fallowfield also hosted the Greater Manchester Police Male Choir who were invited to entertain customers and spread festive cheer. The group of 12 singers were in store performing popular festive favourites and Christmas carols and the customers gave generous donations during the two hours they performed and raised £281.06.

The four local Sainsbury's that have chosen Francis House as their charity have raised over £7,000.00 so far and we are truly grateful to Hale Local, Withington, Birchfield's and Fallowfield Sainsbury's who have helped in raising this amazing sum with still four months to go. Keep up the good work!



Francis House Trek 2 Morocco 2016

Every two years friends of Francis House undertake a trek to raise money. We found that people were taking part in sponsored events but using sponsor money to pay for air fare and accommodation - not so on the Francis House trek! Every participant pays for the 'holiday' and also commits to raising one thousand pounds sponsorship for Francis House. The trekkers this year have raised in excess of forty nine thousand pounds and money is still coming in.

This year the venue was the High Atlas Mountains of Morocco. Twenty two trekkers with ages ranging from 20 - 70 years of age took part in what was sometimes a gruelling expedition.

Arriving in late evening, luggage was loaded onto mules as we donned our head torches and walked up to the Kasbah du Toubkal at Imlil, here we were to spend two nights and a day of acclimatising as we trekked through Berber villages and got used to the high altitude.

Day 3 - Began with a 'slog' up to the Tizih' Mzik Pass (8800ft) where we had a long lunch with breath taking views whilst being attacked by herds of marauding goats. After five hours walking we camped at Azib Tamsoult.

Day 4 - Took us through juniper forests to the village of Tizi Oussem before traversing the Tizi N'Tagondalle Pass (8858ft). Unfortunately the weather closed in with strong winds and sleet putting the end to any thoughts of lunch stops and sunbathing. The deterioration in the weather meant that the night was spent in a Berber village 'guest house' (Dr Andrew thought that you would have better accommodation in a Moroccan gaol!). The evening meal was a goat tajin and our trek leader, Howard, had to go to the village square to watch the animal being slaughtered!!

Day 5 - Saw us climb to Tizi N'Touati (6890ft) through almond groves. After 7 to 8 hours we reached the Berber village of Tisqui (5249ft). Here we camped beneath walnut trees and the following day after a very windy night we were able to purchase walnuts from Berber children (boosting the local economy).

Day 6 - We walked through mountainous nature reserves ending our day at another guest house at Tizian Ouirgan. 22 walkers, 10 muleteers, 2 guides and guest house owners - only two toilets - not exactly five star!

Our final day saw a steep climb out of the valley before descending back to civilisation and transfer to our hotel in Marrakech and a celebratory meal.

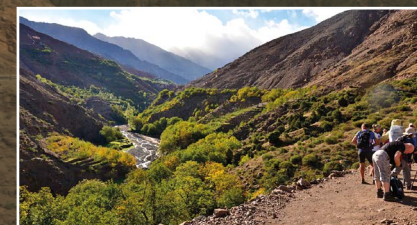
The Berber people that we met were very friendly and helpful, though their standard of living is poor and their life is hard. Our chosen trek company reinvests its profits into supporting education for girls. Children in the villages were glad to receive sweets and toys but the real thirst was for writing materials, we were constantly asked for 'biros'.

The group training had welded us into a supportive and cooperative group, the guides were excellent and the whole venture was AMAZING. Thanks to Howard Chambers for organising this trip and Emma Rapley in our Fundraising Office for coordinating the whole event.

If you would like someone to come and speak about the Trek please contact Ann Kirwin at Francis House on 0161 434 4118 or email ann.kirwin@francishouse.org.uk

And finally a big thank you to all of the sponsors.

£49,000.00 - AMAZING!!



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TODDLING ALONG FOR FRANCIS HOUSE

The Mother and Toddler Group at St John Bosco, Blackley, raised a fantastic £1,371.12 through their annual sponsored walk with 3 year olds and grandparents alike all taking part to support the hospice.



ULTIMATE FINANCE GROUP TEES UP CHARITY DONATION

SME Funder, Ultimate Finance Group, has raised £5169.20 the proceeds of its inaugural charity golf day held at Worsley Park. Regional director of Ultimate Finance in Manchester, Martin Emmott, was delighted to hand over the money and was extremely inventive with his presentation!



MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY - IT'S A MAD WORLD

A big thank you to Iceland Manufacturing who hosted a spectacular Mad Hatter's Tea Party and raised £300 for the hospice. Kate and Rachel were invited along to judge their 'mad cake competition' and taste them all too! There were lots of brilliant bakes to choose from, but first prize had to go to the totally tasty turtle baked by Paulina Rukwska and second prize went to a wacky but wonderful entry from 'Alice' herself (alias Steve Blincoe).

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Patient Participation Group at South Chadderton Health Centre donated another cheque before Christmas. The group led by Dr Sharma and chaired by Margaret Heywood are regular supporters.



TIME FOR A SPRING CLEAN OF YOUR WARDROBE?



Don't forget you can still donate all of your unwanted clothes and textiles to one of our Bag it Up textile recycling banks, where they will help to generate funds for Francis House. The banks can be found all across Manchester – find your nearest by visiting www.biugroup.co.uk/banklocator/

HAVE A BREAK

The reigning World Number one Snooker Champion Stuart Bingham exhibited his world class snooker skills in front of a packed audience at the Moor Club in Heaton Moor. During the evening Stuart played a frame against our guest celebrity Manchester United football Legend Norman Whiteside. Snooker enthusiasts were able to buy signed snooker balls and pictures of Stuart with his world cup trophy and could bid to play a frame against him. The evening raised a total of £527.



LORETO PREPARATORY SCHOOL JOIN IN THE CHRISTMAS TOY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The girls from Loreto Preparatory School in Altrincham raised £620.00 through the sale of Christmas soft toys and were eager to hear about Francis House and the work that is carried out there. We are pleased to report that the Christmas Toy Campaign 2015 has raised £7,787.92.



MAKING MEMORIES AT ST VINCENT'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALTRINCHAM

THANK YOU to the children and teachers for their hard work, time, effort and enthusiasm that they put into producing a Christmas CD at school where all the children took part – a memory that we hope will last forever. Sincere thanks to everyone who purchased the CD's and to all the parents and families who came to the Christmas Carol Service and were extremely generous in the retiring collection with their donations. The amount raised is an incredible £2,192.16 for Francis House.



ALDERLEY EDGE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL HIT £5K FOR CHARITY

In the run up to Christmas for over 10 years Alderley Edge Community Primary School has supported the hospice by collecting money at events from the Infant and Junior Nativity Services to a Christmas 'dress down day' at school. The generosity of parents, families and friends of the school has been incredible and their thoughtfulness has been overwhelming.



In total this year the school raised £941.77 in only 3 weeks (their largest total on record). This means that the total the school has now raised, since 2007, in excess of £5,000 – a truly incredible amount of money.

ALDERLEY EDGE ROTARY CLUB

The club have supported us over the years and in January their Secretary Mallory Lowry and his daughter presented some Teddies. David took the opportunity to show them some of the Hospice as the visit took place during our training week.



HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW!

Ten year old Elysia Crossley made the brave decision to support Francis House by shaving her head in front of a packed assembly hall at her school, Crossgates Primary in Milnrow. Elysia has raised an incredible £6,078 overall, with the school contributing £1,081 raised through their 'Onsie Wednesday' and other fundraising ventures in support of Elysia. Ellie also donated her locks to the Little Princess Trust to be made into wigs for children who have lost their hair, saying she just wants to "make children happy". Thank you Elysia - we think you look lovely!



BROWN SHIPLEY TRIUMPHS AT HURST FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A team from private banking and wealth management firm Brown Shipley took the top honours at HURST's annual charity five-a-side football tournament. Brown Shipley beat a team from corporate recovery and insolvency specialists Leonard Curtis 3-1 in the final. The tournament raised £2,137 for Francis House Children's Hospice in south Manchester, which is HURST's charity of the year.

Thank you to all of the professionals who took part.

THANK YOU FOR GETTING CRAFTY AT CHRISTMAS!

Following a small article in our Autumn newsletter we were overwhelmed by your generous response to our plea for Christmas crafts. We received lots of parcels with beautiful knitted and stitched decorations, cards, tree hangers, bunting, jumpers and hats. The handmade items were very popular at our Annual Christmas Fair held at The Heatons Sports Club, helping us raise a record amount of £2,278.

Thank you to all of our crafty supporters! We hope to see you again in 2016.

GIFT AID

We are most grateful to everyone who has already completed a Gift Aid Declaration. To date over 2000 supporters have signed up to the scheme.

We are able to claim 20p for every pound donated.

If you are a UK taxpayer and haven't already signed up please consider completing and returning the slip overleaf, no donation is too small to be gift aided.

If you are planning a special occasion - wedding anniversary, birthday, christening etc and wish your guests to make their gift a donation to Francis House, we can supply small gift envelopes and cards to be sent out with your invitations.

We can only claim gift aid if the donors pay UK tax and we have their name and home address.

Please phone Pauline on 0161 434 7252 or email: pauline.armitage@francishouse.org.uk if we can help.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our new projects mean that we need to raise 3.6 million pounds per year. Whilst this is happening we still have to keep Francis House and Francis Lodge operating.

Some years ago Sister Aloysius established the Friend in a Million appeal and many of you subscribe regularly. Later we asked people to donate regular amounts through standing orders and we are ever grateful to those of you who continue to support us in this way. However the need to establish regular income continues and so we are asking as many as possible to consider a regular gift weekly, monthly or annually. You can do this by completing the tear off slip or by going onto our website and emailing us a standing order. Better still ring Pauline on 0161 434 7252 and she will do all of the work for you.

To those of you who give already we send thanks from all at Francis House and to those of you who might be considering it, don't delay as every regular donation enables us to plan ahead and decide how we can best expand and develop the service for the benefit of the Francis House families.

Name of Charity:

Details of Donor:

Title

Forename(s)

Surname

Address

Post Code

Email

I wish the charity to treat:
(please tick as appropriate)

☐ the enclosed donation of £

☐ All donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years

I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please let us know if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Celebrity Christmas Trees

Once again the Lowry Outlet Mall has hosted our Francis House Festival of Christmas Trees. Companies, schools, sports clubs and celebrities were invited to decorate trees which were then auctioned off to raise funds. Manchester United, Lancashire County Cricket Club, Manchester City, Coronation Street all played their part in raising an amazing £30,759.00.



Our photograph shows Kim Marsh of Coronation Street and her friend Hayley Tamaddon of Emmerdale who dropped in to add their support to the event. A big thank you once again to the Lowry Outlet and our own Mary and Alan Gillatt for their hard work.

hold tight it's 60s night

In aid of Francis House Children's Hospice

Gawsworth Hall, Macclesfield SK11 9RN

Saturday 9th July 2016

A fantastic two-hour roller-coaster ride through the biggest hits of the 1960s from music's most memorable decade

The show is a knockout with over 35 great 60s hits from the Beatles to the Beach Boys, from Cilla Black to Aretha Franklin, from the Supremes to the Swinging Blue Jeans. With fantastic costumes, great harmonies and brilliant authentic musical arrangements.

Whatever your taste in 60's pop music you will have a wonderful evening

BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT - HOSPITALITY AVAILABLE
01260 223320 Mon - Friday 9.30-5.00. Email Judy Bailey: judy@francishouse.org.uk

Tickets £25 £1.50 booking fee per booking - Group bookings of 20 or more adults qualify for a 10% discount

Not suitable for children under 6 years of age | Disabled facilities - The auditorium has covered space for 3 wheelchairs

DANIEL O'DONNELL
LIVE IN CONCERT

Monday 12th September 2016
7.30pm
Liverpool Philharmonic Hall

The proceeds of 200 tickets sold goes to Francis House

Tickets £42.50 (upper circle only)

Contact
Jim Nicholas
Variety Events Organiser
0161 793 0248
nicholas.j@sky.com

During his phenomenal twenty-five year career Daniel O'Donnell has achieved the pinnacle of success, both at home and abroad. Always the idealist, he has never given less than perfection on stage whilst remaining modest and unassuming.

On Sunday 15th May 2016
Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club
will be hosting their annual PUCK RACE, a major event in the local calendar. It will take place as always in Bramhall Park. Each year we donate the proceeds to a local charity. Last year we raised over £15000 which we shared between Valley School and several smaller good causes.

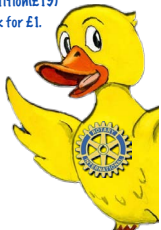
This year we are supporting
Francis House
and other Rotary charities.

In order to maximise the amount collected each year we rely on support from local shops and businesses. You can help us in many ways and at the same time advertise your business:

- Place an advert in our programme (£50)
- Sponsor a race with your name (£100, but includes a free advert in the programme)
- Buy and race a giant duck which you can dress and decorate with your business name, which will also be displayed in the paddock before the races and entered in to the best dressed duck competition. (£90)
- Enter your last year's duck in a race and the competition (£15)
- Come and have fun at the Puck Race and race a duck for £1.
- Donate a prize for our raffle.
- Visit Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club
bwrotary.org or ring 0161 499 2365

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP OTHERS.

THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE FRANCIS HOUSE CHRISTMAS BALL



The ball in December was another outstanding success and raised £112,000.00 for the hospice. The theme this year was Showtime and the main entertainment was provided by the Gilev Band. Once again our old friend Charlie Ross of TV Antiques Show fame did an excellent job and proved, once again, charity auctions can also be really entertaining!

A big thank you to all of our sponsors and to everyone who bid for auction items and promised support in the pledge auction.

Since 2001 Judy and her amazing team of ladies have built on their success year on year and they all have the undying thanks of everyone at the Hospice. Over and over again people tell me that the Ball is the 'start' of Christmas and bookings for tables are made on the night for the following year. What a success story!

Sadly 2016 is the year that we will see Judy retire from her role at the 'helm' and she will be a very hard act to follow. In addition to the Ball, Judy has also been the person responsible for our very popular Arley Firework Concerts and latterly the Tatton Park Concerts along with many other significant events such as the Cathedral Concerts, the Orient Express trips and Burns Nights.

Her hard work and devotion to Francis House goes without saying, but we want to take this opportunity to thank her for her consistent dedication and professionalism, she has been an important element both in our fundraising strategy and in raising the profile of Francis House.

Her final fundraising event will be the 'Hold Tight its 60's Night' at Gawsworth Hall on the 9th July 2016 (more information opposite).

As in all good organisations, Francis House takes succession planning very seriously and Lucy Thompson of the Fundraising team has been 'shadowing' Judy for several years and will take over coordination of the Ball.

The show must go on! But thank you Judy for your years of hard work and thank you to all of the ladies on your team and their partners and families who have all given so much over the years.

(Somehow I don't think that this will be a complete retirement – Ed)



MUFC Players visit Francis House

Manchester United and England captain Wayne Rooney and midfielder Marouane Fellaini visited Francis House to deliver early Christmas gifts. The event was organised by the Manchester United Foundation with players visiting sick youngsters around Manchester over the festive season.

The stars met with families of children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and heard how the hospice supports them with respite care for the whole family.

The players spent time posing for photographs with the families before handing out gifts to thrilled hospice users in Francis House and the new teenage and young adult unit Francis Lodge (many of whom are accomplished wheelchair footballers).

Wayne Rooney said: "It's important that we come here today to see the kids and young adults with various disabilities. I know how important it is not just for the children but for the families at Christmas time to get a bit of a lift, and hopefully me and Marouane have helped to do that today, Josh Martin, 12, from Chorlton has Duchenne muscular dystrophy and was only on his second stay at Francis House. "It was fantastic to see the players and to get to meet Wayne Rooney was incredible," said Josh.

James, Josh's Dad added: "It was amazing to get to meet them and for the whole family to be able to come too was great. We can't believe what a difference Francis House has made to all of our lives already. We look forward to coming and the whole family can get involved, it's made our Christmas."

Josh Slack, 19, from Flixton has been coming to Francis House for 4 years and stays in Francis Lodge where he enjoys the independence and being able to spend time with friends. "It was a big shock when I turned around and saw Wayne Rooney and Marouane Fellaini's faces, it was incredible I couldn't believe who I was seeing. I am a big fan and I've been to a few matches. They were both really friendly and spent time chatting to each of us. Wayne was even joking around as I reversed my wheelchair, deliberately putting his foot in the way, it was so funny, "Both players were brilliant and I'll be saving my present to open on Christmas day." said Josh.

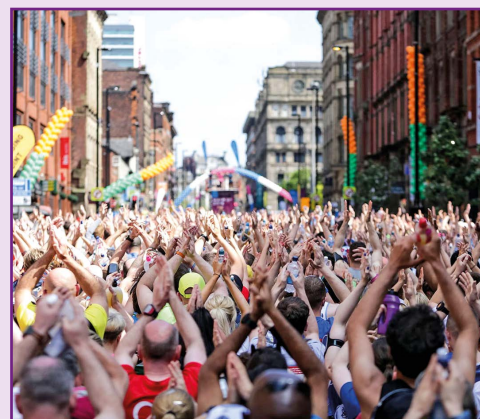


Pull on Your Running Shoes for Francis House!

We were delighted to be one of the Gold charities at the 2015 Great Manchester Run with over 260 supporters crossing the finish line of the 10k route for Francis House raising an incredible £53,000 so far!

And once again Francis House has been chosen as one of the Gold Charities. This year's Great Manchester Run will take place on Sunday 22nd May. We are offering charity places to our supporters free of charge (usually £38) if you commit to raising a minimum of £200. We'll be with you every step of the way with tips and guidance, plus fundraising materials including a free Francis House t-shirt or running vest. We'll also have a team at the event helping you celebrate your achievement once you've crossed the finish line.

To register for one of our charity places please download a form from www.francishouse.org.uk/great-manchester-run-2016/ or contact Emma on 0161 443 2200 or emma.rapley@francishouse.org.uk



TARGET £10,000 - REALITY, DOUBLE IT & ADD £1,468.84

The CEO of Manchester based financial advisors Altium, took on one of Britain's most famous cycling challenges and raised £21,468.84 for Francis House Children's Hospice. As part of an eight-strong group, Phil Adams set off on a Ride Across Britain starting at Land's End on Sept 5th. Joined by over 800 other riders, covering an average of 108 miles a day in the saddle.

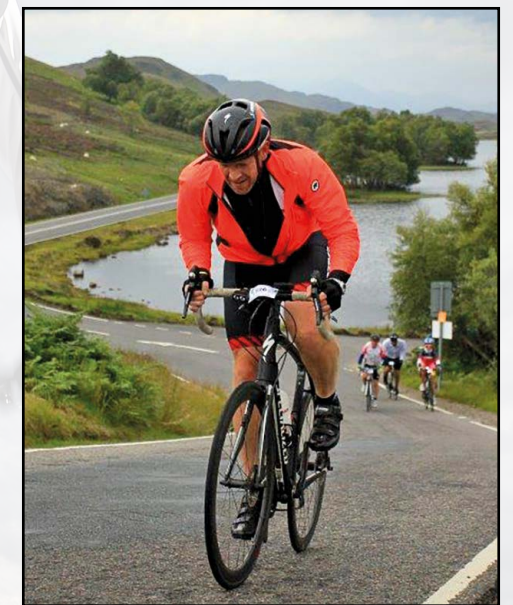
Phil said, "It was a fantastic, challenging experience made special by the amazing scenery, superb organisation, great camaraderie and many messages of support. Before May I hadn't ridden a bike regularly for over 25 years, and that was a daily 3 mile commute. It's fair to say that my start of training weight of 100kg wasn't quite in the Chris Froome category, so the hill training has not been fun."

After nine eventful days, over 960 miles and around 46,000 feet of climbing, he arrived at John O'Groats on the afternoon of Sunday Sept 13th.

Returning to his city centre office in Booth Street, the day after the race he said, "I am happy to confirm that I have completed the ride and I can still walk and sit unaided. Thanks to everyone who sponsored me, it was well worth a little bit of pain. Phil, a specialist in private and public company mergers and acquisitions, was inspired to fundraise for Francis House by his daughter's dance school.

15 year old Eleanor dances at the Cardwell Theatre School in Atrincham and while sitting in the audience at the school's annual show Phil heard about the hospice and its valuable work supporting children, teenagers and young adults with life-limiting conditions. He then decided to set himself an ambitious fundraising target of £10,000. The school's annual show has raised almost £78,000 during thirteen years of support for the Greater Manchester based children's charity.

"Whenever you meet anyone who has come into contact with Francis House you appreciate what an inspirational organisation it is and how much it means to the families it supports" said Phil.



25 MILES FOR 25 YEARS OF CARING

On September 10th 2016 we are inviting walkers to join us in celebrating our 25th anniversary with a 25 mile hike across Yorkshire's three highest peaks; Pen-y-Ghent (694m), Ingleborough (723m) and Wharfedale (736m). This challenging yet rewarding adventure is an excellent way to raise sponsorship for the hospice. Taking 8 to 15 hours to complete it's certainly not for the unfit or inexperienced – but there's plenty of time to start training now ready for September!

If you're looking for a gentler challenge a little closer to home, we will once again be holding our Cheshire Three Peaks walk on Sunday 12th June. Starting in Tegg's Nose Country Park in Macclesfield, the route will take you through 13.75 miles of the beautiful Macclesfield countryside and across three of Cheshire's highest hills. For less experienced walkers, a 6.4 mile route is also available, making it a great day out for all the family!

Please contact Rachel in the fundraising office to find out more about these walking events.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2016

25th April	Viewing Day	Francis House	0161 434 4118
15th May	Duck Race	Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club	0161 439 2365
22nd May	Great Manchester Run	Manchester	Emma Rapley 0161 443 2200 emma.rapley@francishouse.org.uk
11th June	Concert at the Farm	Mobberley	Carole Geary 01625 583995 carolegeary@aol.com
12th June	Cheshire Three Peaks Challenge	Macclesfield	Rachel Astill 0161 443 2200 rachel.astill@francishouse.org.uk
13th June - 21st June	Golfing Holiday	Barrowfield Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall	
14th June	Ascot Day		Carole Geary 01625 583995 carolegeary@aol.com
16th June	Ladies Ascot Day	Piccolino Restaurant, Lapwing Lane, Didsbury, M20 2WS	Sara 0161 434 7524
30th June	Trafford Park Golf Day	Davyhulme Park Golf Club	John Andrew 07711 817503 john.andrew@francishouse.org.uk
9th July	Hold Tight its 60's Night!	Gawsworth Hall, Macclesfield	Judy Bailey 01260 223320 judy@francishouse.org.uk
1st Sept	Charity Golf Day	Stockport Golf Club	John Andrew 07711 817503 john.andrew@francishouse.org.uk
10th Sept	Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge	Walking 25 miles to celebrate 25 years of caring	Rachel Astill 0161 443 2200 rachel.astill@francishouse.org.uk
12th Sept	Daniel O'Donnell Live in Concert	Liverpool Philharmonic Hall	Jim Nicholas 0161 793 0248 nicholas_j@sky.com
30th Sept	Colours Fashion Show and Pop Up Shop	St Catherine's Social Club, Didsbury, M20 6HS	Emma Rapley 0161 443 2200 emma.rapley@francishouse.org.uk
1st October	Luxury Train Excursion to Historic Edinburgh	Aboard the Belmond Northern Belle Train	Travel by Design 01625 584195
3rd October	Senior Charity Open Day	Davyhulme Park Golf Club	Brian Cooke 0161 747 8819 golf@davyhulmegolfclub.co.uk
13th October - 20th October	Annual Charity Golf Event	Almerimar, Spain	Tarleton Travel 01604 633633 golf@tarletontravel.com
5th November	Viewing Day	Francis House	0161 434 4118
2nd December	Francis House Christmas Ball	Mere Golf & Country Club	Judy Bailey 01260 223320 judy@francishouse.org.uk

STOP PRESS

Luxury train excursion Wilmslow to Edinburgh on the famous Belmond Northern Belle, Saturday 1st October 2016 including champagne reception and 4 course dinner. £295 return (or £340.00 with a visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia).

For more information contact Carole Geary on 01625 583995 or carolegeary@aol.com

Visit our website at www.francishouse.org.uk

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