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When lockdown was first announced we had no idea what to expect, but one thing was for certain, we would continue to support the families in a safe way no matter what. We had to cancel all family events and close our caravan doors but we quickly adapted by moving our services online and over the telephone. We have continued responding to all new referrals sent from the Royal Marsden and other hospitals, as well as granting wishes whilst following government guidelines. We have also been working with the wonderful Green Fig Catering Company who have been delivering delicious meals to some of the families we support. The response we have had from this has been amazing and the meals definitely put a smile on the families' faces.

It feels very strange not being able to hold our family events and fundraisers but we are taking this time to plan lots of exciting events for our families in the future as well as coming up with some brand new activity ideas. During lockdown, we kept our families connected through our private family group on social media and sending them some virtual activities to do such as designing a CWCF Mascot!

Throughout lockdown our staff were furloughed, apart from Shirley who has been a rock for our charity. We were very excited to surprise Shirley with a certificate presentation to thank her for all of the amazing work she has done for the charity and the families we support over lockdown. We were delighted that Mr Peter Field, Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex could join us at the office and present Shirley with her certificate, flowers and a bottle of prosecco. Shirley had absolutely no idea about the presentation and was very much surprised! Thank you to our volunteers who also came out in the rain to watch the presentation (socially



distanced of course!), well done Shirley – you truly deserve it!

On the fundraising side of things, Zoe organised all of our fundraising supplies – which is a very big job indeed! Any of the items we had stored that were nearing their use by date were donated to the local NHS Care Packages. We are so pleased they went to good use. Unfortunately, we had to cancel all of our fundraising events but we have been lucky enough to have some successful online fundraisers including our raffle which raised £1,400.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters for your ongoing support, it has been a very difficult year for our charity but we are ready to bounce back with lots of family activities, fundraisers and reopen our caravans and office doors when it is safe to do so.

Our telephone lines continue to remain open 24/7, please call **01323 488561** or email **info@childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk** if you would like to get in touch.

AIMS

Our aim is to grant wishes to children up to the age of eighteen, and their families, who have/have had cancer and who primarily live in East Sussex, Brighton and Hove. Wishes can be practical, medical or fun and made to individual families as well as supporting a group together by giving them quality family time. We can also support local hospitals/community nurses who assist in the care of the children under our remit.

ABOUT US

CWCF was formed in July 1998 and is a small group with the main thought being to enable the children, and families of the children with cancer, to have a quality of life that we would hope to have ourselves. Most of the time it means giving them treats or buying them something they have missed out on, normally due to the fact that their money has been spent fighting the illness or burning up petrol going to and fro to the hospital for treatment.

WISHES

Most of our referrals come directly to us through the community nurses and hospitals who are treating the child. After we have introduced ourselves we have a talk with the family about their wishes.

Over the years we have gone from strength to strength granting wishes such as laptops, trips, theatre breaks, football tickets, bedroom makeovers, providing cookers, dishwashers – the list goes on. In addition to individual wishes we now annually take a number of families away for a short break, over recent years to the Isle of Wight. We also have two 10-berth and one 6-berth caravans where families go on holiday, this as well as numerous outings for all our families, which, in particular gives them the opportunity to get together with others going through similar experiences and where they are able to build friendships and support networks.

However, the only reason we have been able to do this is because “you” the local community have supported us so well. But we say we get the best “bit”, and that is the “bit” no money can buy: the granting of wishes. Sometimes a simple thing like a Lego kit has lit up the eyes of a child like having a million pounds could never do. But! We couldn’t do it without you, so to all who read this a BIG, BIG THANK YOU from CWCF.

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WHO WE ARE!

CWCF is a registered charity. We are supported by many, we are not religious based, yet we are supported by many of the local churches. We are not politically minded, yet all the various parties have made small donations in different ways. We are not directed by ourselves. We are directed by the wishes and guidance of the families and nurses that we support. BUT without your support we could not have that direction. So to all those that give CWCF our direction THANK YOU, plus those that believe in our dream - to help children and their families who are suffering, or have suffered, from cancer.

INTRODUCTION TO NEW FAMILIES

When we receive a new referral, the first thing we do is to send the family an “Introductory Letter” about CWCF and with it we enclose our “Family Newsletter” which tells them all about our programme of events for the year. On top of this we also include a £50 voucher and, if appropriate, an annual parking permit for the Royal Marsden hospital in London.

Why do we respond in this way? The reason being is that when a family is told that their child has cancer their world falls apart. However, they still need to be able to get to the hospital, park the car, and the rest of the family still needs to eat and pay the bills. So, by doing what we do we have tried to cover some, if only a few, of the practicalities. The voucher can be used for petrol or food and the parking permit means that the family doesn't have to pay for some very expensive car parking charges.

The responses we had back when we first started doing this were very positive with a lot of “Thank You’s” by way of e-mails and telephone calls, telling us how very useful this is.

We have therefore continued to give families this little boost to help them when they first need it.

ARE YOU FREE FOR 10 MINUTES?

We are looking for people to deliver our newsletter to their own street/road. We are not asking you to do loads, just your local area. If you are interested, please contact us on 01323 488561 or e-mail us please.



**COVER STORY:
WHEN A PICTURE TELLS
A STORY, WITHOUT A
WORD BEING SPOKEN**



When one of the Mums sent us this picture recently, it really made me feel emotional. To me it read, 'I'm devoted, I'm dedicated and if

you try to separate me from my child we will have serious words!'

This is the sort of focus that our parents put into their children when treatment is happening, and that is why, when we do wishes for the families, we look at 'The whole family'. Because we know what the parents give up, and like most of us we would do it time and time again. So when we say to the parents that we want wishes for you as well as the poorly child, they often think it is nice for them to be recognised, although most of the time they think they are not worthy.

At CWCF, we do things from the heart, and hope that this meets with your approval, because like the parents, we really appreciate the support you give us.

Hooe Old Motor Club

On a sunny day last August Chris went along to enjoy the Vintage Car Show where the committee presented him with a cheque towards CWCF. Over the years the Hooe Old Motor Club have always been a great supporter of CWCF.



UCKFIELD FAMILIES PIZZA MAKING

Recently we treated our Uckfield families to an afternoon of pizza making at Pizza Express! Each of the families were given freshly made pizza dough and a variety of delicious toppings to choose from. There were smiles all round as the children designed and decorated their pizzas ready for the oven.

Once they had been cooked, the families sat down together to enjoy their delicious pizzas at the same time as getting to know one another. It was a truly fantastic afternoon for all of the families who attended and we would like to say a big thank you to Mel for hosting the event and to Pizza Express Uckfield for accommodating us.

We would also like to thank every one of our supporters, because without you, events like this would not happen .



Stay connected with your phone Introducing our brand NEW mobile App!

CWCF has moved into 2020 with the help of Yellow Island app designers and now we have our own app that you can download to your phone. It takes you to our web page at the click of a button. It lets you know what we are up to and you can even e-mail / donate, just from one click. Please support us by downloading the new app. Go to **cwcf.imobile.one** Thank you and we look forward to keeping in touch.





What a lovely thing to do

Seven year old Tia had 13.5 inches cut from her hair which will be donated to The Little Princess Trust. So far she has raised £550 in sponsorship for CWCF. Chris went along to witness the big moment and to thank her for her kindness. You look lovely Tia, thank you.



WHAT OUR FAMILIES SAY

Thank you CWCF for the fantastic work you all have done for Alistair and our family. After the shock news of Alistair's diagnosis CWCF has backed us through the different stages and he would now like to help when he can. Our three wishes are fantastic, Alistair likes Lego, he asked for Ninjago City which took him a week to do. Irene wanted cooking equipment as she, Alistair and myself all like home cooking - she asked for an Air Fryer and a Pasta Maker. Myself, I asked for a new Ham Radio that has just arrived in this country as myself and Irene are licensed Amateur Radio Operators which allows us to talk to people all over the world.

Thanks again to CWCF and sponsors for making us so happy with our gifts, it has made us realise that there is help if needed.



A BIG THANKS TO ALL AT CWCF



SARAH'S DOG WALK

Thank you to Sarah Dyer who held a sponsored dog walk along Bexhill seafront. The humans and dogs had a really good time raising over £392 for us which will go a long way to helping our families.



WELL DONE KIT

Last October an amazing young man named Kit took on the brave heights of walking over the O2, London Arena in aid of CWCF. He raised an outstanding sum of £1196.84. **WELL DONE KIT – WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.**



13-18 Ice Skating

In November, Chris and Jess took the 13-18 year old's that we support to the beautiful Brighton Pavilion for an evening of ice skating followed by a delicious meal.

Once all of the families had arrived, the teenagers swapped their shoes for ice skates and wrapped up warm ready to take to the ice! The teenagers apprehension soon disappeared after a few laps on the ice, with each of them looking out for one another. There were smiles all round for the teenagers whilst their parents enjoyed a cup of coffee and a chat as the children were skating.



After an hour on the ice, the teenagers had certainly worked up an appetite so we treated them all to a delicious pizza in the rink-side restaurant. This gave them a chance to sit down and socialise even more.

The event turned out to be a huge success with the teenagers walking away with happy memories and stronger bonds

with one another. Thank you so much to everyone who supports us and makes these events possible.



PANTOMIME PARTY

COURTESY OF SUSSEX MASONIC LODGE.

In December, we took over 300 individuals supported by the charity to see Eastbourne's Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk, followed by our annual CWCF Christmas Party.

The exciting afternoon began as the families arrived at the Devonshire Park Theatre greeted by our wonderful volunteers in reds. The families were shown to their seats and made themselves comfy ready for the pantomime to begin. The show was fantastic, with lots of laughter, boos and hisses! There were so many positive comments after the show with the families saying how much they enjoyed the panto.

As soon as the show had finished, our volunteers directed the families to the brand new Congress Halls where they were welcomed by carol singers and a fantastic snow machine! The families took their seats around the beautifully decorated hall and sat down to enjoy a delicious buffet. During this time, the cast of the pantomime came over to the families and spent time chatting to the families and having photos taken – we are so grateful to the cast for taking



the time to do this, making our party extra special.

Not long after the buffet was served, the amazing Ratton River Dancers took to the stage with their wonderful performance which really lit up the room. After the entertainment the families enjoyed a disco, photo booth, chocolate stall, balloon-modelling, craft activities and a visit from Father Christmas himself! Every child also received a wonderful gift kindly donated to us by More Radio and their very generous listeners.

As we are sure you can imagine, there was a sea of happy faces filling the hall, with lots of families relaxing and enjoying some festive time with one another. This is truly wonderful for us to see and we would like to thank everyone who makes this possible, including the Sussex Masonic Lodges who sponsored our Pantomime Party, and all of the staff, volunteers and entertainers who made the party a success. We really could not do it without you.





TAXI DRIVERS RAISE CASH AT GOLF DAY

Drivers for 720 Taxis and their families held a golf day at Pevensey Bay View Golf Club for a mixture of golfers and non-golfers. As you can see from the picture it was a lovely, sunny day which helped make it a great day for all.

Thank you Brownies for your continued support



CWCF was invited to Hailsham where the Brownies were having a fun, family session with a raffle and a quiz. There were some terrific prizes in the raffle and all the proceeds came to us.



Sunrise Senior living

During this year's festive period, the staff and residents of Sunrise had some FUN and raised money for CWCF with their massive raffle and community event.

THERE ARE SOME REALLY NICE PEOPLE AROUND...



Recently we took a phone call from a gentleman who wanted to support a family. He amazed us by there and then writing a cheque out for £50, with the instruction to go and do £50 worth of shopping then present it to one of our families.

This we did and it put a big smile on the Mum's face, as well as reducing their shopping bill that week.
Thank you John.



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Would you like to help sponsor parts of an event

From family events to fundraising supplies we are always grateful for any support you can offer.

Contact ☎ 01323 488561

"Thank you Lads"



Gildredge House

Three 6th form lads braved the shave and had their hair shaved off for CWCF. Rachel Gutsell (hairdresser to the stars) came along to do the deed. She was joined by staff and pupils of the school one lunchtime. They had also arranged a cake sale to boost the amount raised. Over £800 was raised.



Thanks to these lads we will have some very happy cancer families when they get their wishes granted.



POLEGATE SUNDOWNERS W.I.

The Polegate Sundowners W.I. kindly offered us two tickets for a **well organised** tour at Harvey's Brewery, Lewes. This is just one of the ways we all support each other and it was lovely to be involved in this "social" event. Thank you to the lovely ladies for organising it.



LOXFIELD MASONIC LODGE

David Rose, from Loxfield Masonic Lodge kindly chose CWCF to receive a cheque which was presented to us in the office. We have been very lucky to have the support of Loxfield Lodge because the dream of continuing to support local families with area group meet-ups and holidays in the caravans can continue.



WELLESLEY CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDING

Last year, Chris and Chloe met with Lynn from the Wellesley Charitable Foundation who have very kindly supported us with grants for a long while. Chris, Chloe and Lynn discussed upcoming plans for the charity surrounding family events, wishes, holidays, newsletters and promotional opportunities for CWCF that need help with funding. A little while later we received the most amazing news from Lynn that the Wellesley Charitable Foundation had decided to support CWCF with funding for not just one,

but the next three years. The wonderful foundation will be providing funding for a whole range of areas within the charity including area group family events, 13-18 events, caravan welcome packs, a volunteer's tea party, Santa's Grotto and toys, just to name a few. Thank you so much to Lynn and the Wellesley Foundation for choosing to provide us with the most amazing help and allowing us to keep these areas running for the next three years, we are extremely grateful for your support.



Pevensey Ukulele Group music at Morrisons

A huge thank you to the Pevensey Ukulele Group for supporting us throughout the year. They have also been having lots of fun fundraising whilst making music at Morrisons.

QUIZ NIGHT

IDENTITY held their quiz night in November (which was one of many events they have done over the year) and raised money for us. It was hosted by the resident stand-up comic Shea Bennett. There were plenty of laughs and fantastic views of Sovereign Harbour. The competition was intense and Team 9 were victorious. Well done and thank you once again to Identity for supporting us.



MEADOWS NURSERY

Meadows Nursery has supported us for a number of years and this time it was a pyjama day. The children and staff looked very colourful and comfortable, whilst raising over £70 for us. It looks such a fun day and nobody thought it was bedtime!

The nursery also has one of our collection buckets on the desk, so thank you everyone for putting in your coins and your continued support.



A huge thank you to dwd telecoms for paying CWCF's telephone bill for a year and installing new phones. During the installation pizzas arrived for the hard workers, which they well deserved! Again, it's the unseen things like the phones that are essential for us to be able to be contacted and for us to contact the families.



Anderida Chapter Lodge

Thank you to Anderida Chapter Lodge who held several charity raffles and a Sunday luncheon to raise money for us. We were Mez's nominated Charity of the Year during his term of office.





FUN DAY OUT



Over 50 of our families had a wonderful day at Knockhatch Adventure Park, Hailsham - a picturesque setting in 80 acres of countryside with wild areas to encourage insects and birds.

Between the indoor and outdoor adventures our families enjoyed a fantastic BBQ that staff at Knockhatch had supplied. Juicy burgers were a big favourite. The farm animals were a popular attraction.

Over 50 of our families (200+ people) had a wonderful day at Knockhatch Adventure Park. This was all possible due to the event sponsors **MORE RADIO** and **TESCO**.

We were also lucky to have been joined by one of our patrons, Juliet Smith JP, DL who loves coming to events and presenting wishes to our families.



CWCF HAS THE BEST VOLUNTEERS

We couldn't possibly fit on one page all the amazing support CWCF receive, but we would like to say a huge **THANKYOU** to **ALL** our volunteers for their continued support.

We couldn't run without you!
If you would like to join us please contact the office: 01323 488561





TEDDIE'S WISHES

Teddie and his family were delighted to receive their wishes. A Drusillas pass will mean lots of outings whatever the weather and the tablet has already been appreciated whilst in the waiting room at the hospital. The whole family will enjoy watching the television and Bertie found the box just as much fun!



BRIGHTON NAIL TIME BRIGHTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Talking to the play therapist at Brighton Children's Hospital that looks after our cancer children, she explained she also looks after the parents. One thing she wanted some support with was mum time whilst the children were in the operating theatre. She is very good at doing nails and said if she had the equipment, she could do their nails and take the mum's minds off the fact of what their child was going through, which we thought was great. Knowing that we had a local company who does that sort of thing, we contacted them, and they helped us sort out all the things she would need (and did it for a very good price). We recently

took the items down to her and her eyes lit up, very excited at the fact that she would be able to help a very nervous mum out that afternoon. Yes, it did cost us over £200, but it's often the things you don't think about like this that are really important and help our families get through. Thank you Capital and all who supported this project.



DORCHESTER CHOCOLATE CO.

Whether it is for the panto party or as amazing raffle prizes, Dorchester Chocolate Company are so good to us. They make sure with Steve's taxi that we have enough chocolate to get a smile from all the families.



An appetising Fundraiser

The owner of the .gr/eat Greek Restaurant in Eastbourne had a brilliant idea to support CWCF and kindly donated £2 for every Christmas menu booked over the festive period.

In total a fantastic £200 was raised which helped one of our families get a wish, so why not! Head on down to the restaurant in Terminus Road for some delicious Greek cuisine and support those that support us.



Asda Champion

In August Community Champion from Asda Eastbourne, Athena Putland, organised a fundraising evening at the Kings Arms to help raise money for the Children with Cancer Fund. The evening consisted of local performers; Britain's Got Talent finalist Drew Cameron, Cassie Callow, Katie Legg, Mary Grace, Linsey Simmons, Wanda Kent, Athena herself and more. With the help of an entry fee and raffle she managed to raise £537.

She is very grateful to The Kings Arms, Seaside Road, Eastbourne for allowing her to use their venue free of charge and for also providing a DJ and equipment at no cost. Also special thanks to Asda Eastbourne who not only provided the buffet and decorations for the evening but they also matched the funds raised bringing the total to a fantastic £1,074!



D-DAY REMEMBERED

To mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day, one of our regular supporters Chris French held a D-Day lunch for a group of friends. 75% of them are ex-military and wanted to raise money for CWCF. A raffle was held and the fantastic sum of £700 was raised for our families. Thank you to you all for your continued support.

BLUEBELL WALK 2019

"What an absolutely AMAZING day!" Thanks to John and his lovely family CWCF hosted our first ever open day at the Bluebell Walk in April. We had the perfect weather for it too. The amount of people we had coming through the gates was fantastic and we couldn't be happier with how

the day went. A HUGE thank you to everyone who volunteered, baked cakes and supported the event. We raised the outstanding sum of £1,931.72! We could not have done this without you! We were so lucky to have this eventful day at the Bluebell Walk.



Unfortunately our 2020 slot was CANCELLED due to the Coronavirus pandemic, but we hope to be back in 2021 and look forward to seeing you all there.

BELLA BERSERK CHARITY SHOW

CWCF joined the wonderful Frankish family for their annual Charity Show at Deans Place Hotel in Alfriston. The evening involved fantastic entertainment from Bella Berserk, a drag comedy act which left the audience in stitches. There was also a brilliant raffle at the end of the night with so many prizes. The whole room was filled with laughter and everyone left having had a fantastic night.

In total, the show raised over £1,500 - smashing last year's total. This will be split equally between three charities including Children with Cancer Fund. A huge thank you to the family for organising such a brilliant event and choosing CWCF as one of the charities to benefit from the show. Thank you also to everyone involved in the evening, including Bella herself, the audience and our volunteers who helped on the evening.



At the end of a publication run there are normally loads of the toys left which are stuck on the front of magazines. Well, luckily for us, Dan at Signature Publishing kindly donated CWCF four large Royal Mail sacks of these new toys. They are going to be used in our treat boxes at the hospitals for children when they are poorly.



TREAT BOXES FOR THE NURSERY

I wonder what is in there?

When our children are having treatment the community nurses step in with a little treat to 'help the medicine go down'. Each little treat is supplied and wrapped up by CWCF for when the children are having treatment such as blood tests or chemotherapy. This is all done with the generous donations and fundraising by our supporters.



Visiting our hospitals

CWCF has recently been paying a visit to some of our supporting hospitals.

Moments like this really hit home with what our poorly children and their families have to go through daily. Our brave families are the real hearts of our charity. We have the upmost respect to all the nurses, doctors, staff, support workers, porters... even right down to the people in the parking office! We take our hats off to you for your amazing care. The love and support from each and every member shines throughout.



13-18 CHRISTMAS MEAL

In December we took fifteen of the 13-18 year olds that we support to the Yew Tree pub in Arlington for their annual Christmas meal. As the teenagers arrived they were greeted by Jess and Chloe and offered a soft drink whilst finding a comfy seat at the table in the conservatory reserved for CWCF. Chris took care of the parents with drinks and nibbles whilst the teenagers enjoyed their time together. There were delicious meals all round followed by some amazing festive puddings. Each and every teenager thoroughly enjoyed their meal and had great fun catching up with old friends as well as meeting new ones.

Each year at the Christmas meal we give the teenagers some post-it notes to write down some ideas for 13-18 events they would like to take place next year. We had some fantastic suggestions which have helped us to plan the events for 2020.

Thank you so much to the Yew Tree for once again being so accommodating and for their ongoing support. It is truly amazing. We would also like to thank everyone who makes these events possible.





COFFEE, CRAFT & CWCF

In October 2019 Chris was invited along to the annual Guardian Court Coffee Morning in Polegate organised by one of our amazing supporters, Karen. The morning involved the residents of Guardian Court coming together over a cup of coffee, along with a craft sale, with many of the items on sale handmade by Karen herself. Chris also gave a talk updating the residents on how the money they raise and the support they provide has helped CWCF.

Thank you to everyone involved as we understand the volume of work that goes into making the crafts and organising the morning, and Amanda for allowing the coffee morning to happen.

We look forward to joining you again in the future!

Guess the name of the baby

When the Head of Willingdon Community School found out she was having a baby, the decision on what to call her started. Once they had chosen the baby's name, they wanted to do something different to help Children

with Cancer Fund, so, they decided to involve the school's teachers and see if anyone could guess the name, making a small donation and standing the chance of winning half the money raised. Well baby Florence



was born and everyone was a winner, mum and baby are doing well, a lucky teacher won, let's say enough for a pint or two, and Children with Cancer Fund was able to grant another wish to a poorly child.

Thank you to everyone involved and welcome to the world baby Florence.

A big thank you from CWCF for choosing us and we wish Florence and her family health and happiness.

CHOCOLATE GUESS HOW MANY GOLD COINS



At one of our recent events, we had a 'guess how many gold coins there were in the jar', and, on a cold afternoon once she had finished school a well wrapped-up little girl came to collect her winnings. When she saw them, her face changed from an 'I'm cold look' to the biggest smile ever. Thank you mum for bringing her in to collect them and hope she did share with you.

CWCF BUSINESS CARDS



Little things mean a lot to us here at CWCF. We know we are not always at the head of things, but we didn't have business cards to give out to interested people because we would prefer to use the money on a wish than have posh things like that.

Well, I said this to a kind gentleman, who just so happened to be a member of the 'Order of St George'.

He spoke to the right people and thanks to the Order, CWCF now has 'real' business cards. Thank you.





Horam Golf Club

Every year Don (pictured here on the left) has a Birthday Golf Challenge where all the players have a round of golf to try to win the cup. Don has kindly chosen us again as his charity this year. What a lovely way to celebrate a birthday.

Thank you to all who took part.



PATCHAM SCHOOL

The end of term 'Turkey Run' was just one event that Patcham School did to raise funds for us. The Headmaster had great pleasure in presenting us with a cheque to use on wishes that our cancer children wanted.



Beavers and Scouts

On a fine day a whole group of Beavers and Scouts from the Monday and Tuesday Stone Cross groups joined up to do a sponsored onesie walk along Eastbourne seafront. It was great fun and people walking by enjoyed watching them raising money for CWCF. The Beavers and Scouts have supported us for many years and always come up with fun ideas. They raised over £476 which will go a long way to make it possible to do more things for our families - WELL DONE!



PHOENIX CHOIR

The Phoenix Choir were very generous when they had a collection at their performance in June. Everyone had a splendid evening with enchanting music. We are very grateful for their support. Thank you.



PENNY'S BENCH

Penny bought and donated this lovely bench to us which Mick and Jude took over to our Hastings caravan.

It is going to be so lovely for our families to be able to sit outside and enjoy their meals on their breaks whilst staying at the caravan. Thank you Penny.



Eastbourne Pier



On a bright, sunny afternoon, CWCF was invited to Eastbourne Pier by Sheikh Gulzar, where, as one of his chosen charities he presented us with a cheque for £250. Thank you for your continued support that helps our families so much.



LOOSE CHANGE POTS

When people walk through the door with a red pot in their hand, Nan's old saying of '*pennies make pounds*' floods back in the mind. But at the time of writing this article, all the pennies we have received this year from the shops, pubs and people's houses, already add up to over £1,000 which we really appreciate and think is unbelievable.



NEW LOGO NEW FLAGS



Last year, when we had to change our logo (due to Microsoft copyright rules), we were also lucky enough to have been chosen by Identity of Westham to be their charity of the year. Well, it just so happens, they do flags and all sorts of marketing items. Well, how smart do we look now, we can be seen by everyone and our profile is being lifted wherever we go. Thank you Identity for your support.

Probus Club of Hailsham

The Probus Club of Hailsham, has supported us



over several years and were also instigators of us putting welcome packs into the caravans. So when I was invited back to 'bring them up to speed' on the charity, it was great to tell them how we had carried on with doing the welcome packs for the caravans and how great it was for the families to walk through the door and

be greeted with a bottle of wine for the adults, as well as sweets, squash and biscuits to start the holiday off on the right foot. The money raised at the end of the talk has also meant that we can carry on doing the packs next year. Thank you to all the members for your continued support.

THE ONE GREAT DAY

The One Great Day charity event at Langney Shopping Centre lived up to its name. CWCF and Great Ormond Street Hospital shared £1,038 raised by generous shoppers. Customers were invited to take part in a range of activities, including stalls, fancy dress and

entertainment. There were also members of the fire brigade, RNLI and First Responders.

Thank you to Dominos who kept our volunteers happy while they were fundraising on the One Great Day event in Langney. YUMMY!



Sussex Portrait Artists

In May CWCF went along to the Award Winning Sussex Portrait Artists studios to judge a photographic competition that was held to raise funds for us. There were three categories in different age groups. It was very difficult to choose the winners as all of them were beautifully captured by Sarah. These are the winners from each category who will get their picture on canvas. Thank you Sarah and team for such a lovely morning and for raising over £300 for our families.



LLAMA PARK IN WYCH CROSS



In August, we took some of our families to the fantastic Llama Park in Wych Cross which proved to be an amazing day for all involved!

The day began with a cup of coffee in the Llama Park cafe where all the families were greeted by Chris, Chloe and Amy who were hosting the

event and giving the families an opportunity to get to know one another. Once the families had finished their drinks, they went on through to the outdoor area to see the animals and play in the children's park. Not only were there llamas at the park, there were all sorts of fascinating animals including reindeer, peacocks, pigs, sheep and goats which kept the children thoroughly entertained!

Bobby, the owner of the park, kindly organised a llama feeding session for our families where they fed the llamas some freshly cut carrots and even got to stroke and walk them. Some of our children got up close and personal with the llamas by feeding them the carrots from their mouth! The children absolutely loved the feeding session and there were smiles on everyone's faces!

Later on in the afternoon, our families all met in the outdoor seating area where they enjoyed a delicious picnic together. It was great to see the children having such a wonderful time and the families bonding with one another.



PEVENSEY BAY CARAVAN 2020

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CWCF owns three caravans across East Sussex, these caravans are offered to our families, giving them the chance to have a break away from the harsh reality of cancer and treatment. The caravans allow the families to have some respite and spend some well-needed quality time together as a family. They are equipped with all the essentials for a family break and full of toys, games and DVD's to entertain all members of the family, the caravans are also practically located near hospitals should our families need them, giving them that peace of mind that medical assistance is always accessible. The response we have from the families surrounding the caravans is so positive and we are delighted to see the difference our caravan breaks make to the families wellbeing and morale. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we have had to temporarily close our caravans but we look forward to opening them up for the families again in the future.



Amanda's flowers

A BUNCH OF FLOWERS TO SAY THANK YOU

Recently CWCF were presented with a 'new-to-us' caravan from the 'Remember Spencer Charity' enabling us to give more families a well-earned break at no cost to themselves, so we sent Amanda some flowers as a thank you.

When you are going through treatment



and after, there are important things that get lost, or left out and two of them are money and quality time together. By giving the families these two things back, we know a break at no cost, to regroup and make up for lost time, is just what the doctor ordered.

IN MEMORY OF THE BEAUTIFUL

Lauren Shields

"My sister Lauren will always be remembered as bubbly, kind and resilient. Her smile always lit up a room. At 16 years old she refused to let her cancer treatment stop her from doing what she wanted.

Against the advice of many she chose to sit her GCSE's - achieving an outstanding 1 A*, 4 A's, and 2 B's.

A day which was incredibly special for her and everyone who knew her was her prom. She wowed everyone in her stunning red dress and her make up was perfect, as it has always been one of her biggest passions.

Lauren was amazed by the



support of CWCF. She was over the moon when she received her Tiffany earrings to match the necklace she already had.

We have also benefited greatly as a family - one of our favourite memories this year was when we stayed in one of their caravans in Hastings.

Lauren loved the thought of raising money for CWCF, so she would be overwhelmed by the donations which were made on Lauren's Day. I was so proud to hand over the cheque in her honour, so that other children can receive their wishes too".

GOOD COMPANIONS

Back in January 2019, Zoe and Chloe met with the lovely Jane who runs 'The Good Companions' group to tell us the wonderful news that they had chosen Children with Cancer Fund as their Charity of the Year 2019. We told Jane all about the work of the charity and discussed the exciting fundraising plans Jane had coming up with the group.

In March, Chloe joined the Good Companions at St. Luke's Church and gave a talk to the group about CWCF, with many of the members taking a penny pot home to collect their spare change to donate to us. We have since had an amazing flow of donations from the group's fundraising activities throughout the year.

In November, Chloe popped back down to St. Luke's Church to give an update talk to the group and joined them with their fundraising afternoon. Jane and the group had organised some fantastic games including a tombola, guess the sweets in the jar, play your cards right, a raffle and bingo (just to name a few!). Everyone who attended the afternoon had a great time, taking the Good Companions

fundraising total to over £600!

Thank you so much to Jane and The Good Companions for your amazing support, we have loved working with you.



Drusillas Charity of the Year 2019



Towards the end of 2018, we were delighted to find out that we had been chosen as Drusillas Park's Charity of the Year for 2019. We have had strong links with Drusillas over the years with many of our families wishes being for Drusillas tickets. So, as well as us holding family events there, when we heard the news that we had been selected as their charity we were over the moon! Our partnership with Drusillas began when Chris and Chloe were invited to the Park in November 2018 to discuss plans for the forthcoming year. They were made to feel very welcome and spoke about all the exciting things that would happen throughout 2019.

To begin the year we were given the opportunity to choose one of the animals at Drusillas to adopt, in which we would receive 10% of the adoption profits throughout the year. After some careful consideration and some help from our Facebook followers, we decided to adopt Gordon the Sloth.

Since then, we have done many exciting things with Drusillas, including awareness stalls at the park, a family day where we took some of the families we support to visit Drusillas, and being invited along to the grand opening of their fantastic new carousel! The staff at Drusillas have also fundraised for us through their Bake Off Competition where staff members baked some amazing cakes and voted for the cake they thought tasted and looked the best! Chloe was kindly invited along to help judge. One of the keepers named Gemma was announced as the winner with her delicious white chocolate cheesecake!

In total Drusillas raised an absolutely amazing £2,372.05! We would like to take this opportunity to thank Drusillas for all of their support throughout 2019, it has been truly wonderful and the money raised will go such a long way.

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When you turn up at a family's house with carrier bags of shopping that line the path and then ring the door bell, well the look on their faces is one I hope you can imagine. It was absolutely priceless.

We had heard they were on their way back from the hospital and the cupboards were bare. Well we had just received a donation from Cophall Roundabout Co-op and thought it would be a great way to use the money that their customers had donated and help one of our families at the same time. We also had their wish for a new TV, so with the money left over, we were able to grant their wish at the same time.



Charity Boxes HELP

We are very grateful to the staff of Farmlands store for having our charity donation box in their store. It all makes such a difference to what we are able to do.



Wishes are more than just a holiday or a computer.

At heart we are still just little old us and if we hear that a family is struggling to pay their bills because they had to spend so much on fuel getting to the hospital, we will do our very best to support them, which is what we did recently to one family. A £200 gas bill was like a tonne of worry on their shoulders until we asked them for the details and were able to pay the company directly, relieving the worry and letting them get on with looking after their poorly child. Thank you everyone who has a penny pot, we used your money for this wish.

Unfortunately, since we did this, the young person has lost their battle and is now looking down on us from high above.



FOLLERS MANOR 2019

In August 2019, we were lucky enough to be invited back to Follers Manor in Alfriston by the wonderful owners, Anne and Geoff. To help run their 'Open Garden' for a day in aid of Children with Cancer Fund.

Joined by an amazing group of volunteers we were able to serve guests a variety of delicious homemade cakes, teas and coffees whilst keeping up with the washing-up, manning the car park and clearing the tables! Despite the windy

weather, everyone had a great day and enjoyed taking in the sights of the stunning garden, raising a phenomenal £1,000 for CWCF. This is a fantastic fundraiser that we have had the pleasure of running for a good number of years now and we would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers who baked cakes and volunteered on the day, as well as a huge thank you to Anne and Geoff for once again letting us back in to their beautiful garden.



EASTBOURNE AND DISTRICT INDOOR BOWLS CLUB A FANTASTIC PARTNERSHIP

In January 2019, Zoe and Chloe were invited along to the Eastbourne and District Indoor Bowls Club in Hampden Park. The club had kindly chosen Children with Cancer Fund as their *Captain's Charity of the Year* and wanted to tell us all about the first very exciting fundraiser they had planned.

The club had organised a '*Captain's Charity Bowls Tournament*' that month. The day involved 72 bowls players of all abilities paying a small fee to take part in the tournament in the hope of winning one of the fantastic trophies or medals! Also organised was a raffle with many great prizes and we also had a stall there on the day. Everyone had a fantastic time and the winners were very pleased with their trophies!

They have also held a bottle tombola that raised £137 and a Beatles Tribute Night at the club.

The total raised was a phenomenal £3,193.38 which is absolutely amazing.

Since then we have been invited back to the club on many occasions to hold many teddy tombolas, games stalls, etc. at their open days and fairs which helped us to raise even more funds and awareness for CWCF.

We have absolutely LOVED our partnership with Eastbourne and District Indoor Bowls Club throughout the year and we are very excited to be joining them again throughout 2020.



THE BOND SHOW

In January, Chris and Chloe attended a fantastic fundraiser at the Hydro Hotel in Eastbourne – James Bond *'Live and Let Dine'*. The evening began with a reception where guests were welcomed into the suite where all the entertainment would unveil. The room was buzzing almost immediately with lots of excited guests chatting and ordering the first drinks for the night. During the welcome reception, guests were greeted by '*Money-Penny*' who made a brilliant start to the Bond parody show. The guests were then invited to sit down at their tables where they enjoyed the first part of the show and served the delicious starters. The show then proceeded, filling the room with laughter as the actors performed and interacted with the guests whilst the delicious three-course meal was served throughout. Once the fantastic show

came to an end, guests were then treated to live music from the Beatles tribute band '*Nothing is Real*' - an amazing end to the evening with all the guests dancing and singing along to the classic tunes. A huge thank you to Nick Moon and his team for organising such a brilliant fundraiser for Children with Cancer Fund raising £2,082. It really was a fantastic night and the money raised will go such a long way in granting wishes for our local families going through cancer. Plans for next year's show are already underway so watch this space!



SMUGGLERS INN ALFRISTON



Thank you to the Smugglers Inn at Alfriston for their continuing support for us. They hold a regular quiz night and their fundraising will enable CWCF to be there for our families. Thank you!



Sarah's 50th and Fundraiser

What can I do for my 50th? I know, let's have some FUN and raise money for a local charity.

Those were Sarah's thoughts, and thankfully she thought of us at the same time. No presents, just bring a £10 note seemed to be the theme of the night, because as they came in the room her guests were welcomed with a hug, then presented with bingo tickets, before being relieved of the £10 which went straight into the CWCF bucket. Champagne, sweets and hard cash were some of the prizes as well as bottles of spirits for the stand-up, sit down game.

Over £450 was raised on the night and a fantastic, fun night was had by all, thank you so much Sarah for choosing us.



ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES FAIR

Last October we brought back our wonderful antiques and collectables fair and what a fantastic day we had! The preparations began on the Friday evening when a team of our wonderful volunteers met Zoe and Chloe at Willingdon School to set up the hall ready for Sunday. It was a very busy evening involving moving many tables and chairs, putting up signs and setting up the awareness stall.

On the Sunday, Zoe, Chloe and the team arrived at Willingdon School just after 6am ready to greet all of the stall holders as they unloaded and set up their tables. The morning set-up flew by and before we knew it the public were arriving at 9am to look at all of the wonderful antiques and collectables on offer.

We were also very lucky to be joined by Eastbourne Auction Rooms on the day who provided a valuation service which saw a variety of interesting collections, jewellery and medals. We considered the return of our Antiques Fair to be a great success raising over £620.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Willingdon School for giving us use of their hall and the Friends of Willingdon School for providing delicious refreshments throughout

the day. As well as a massive thank you to all of our truly amazing volunteers, stall holders and anyone who visited the fair, we could not have done it without you!



P.J.'s family wishes

What an amazing family, they didn't want the earth and were so pleased with what they did get. The gauntlets were an immediate hit (literally) for the boys and the mermaid for their younger sister.

There were tears of joy from the lady of the house and looks of disbelief from Dad as the gifts just kept on coming.

Thank you so much to everyone who helps make these moments possible, it's the looks, smiles and sheer pleasure you give these families that has kept CWCF so very special over the years. It has also given them a snippet of time when they forget about the bad things they are going through and allows them to realise that there are people out there who care.



Reid+Dean

Reid and Dean were delighted to hand Chris a £200 cheque for CWCF following money raised from the Eastbourne Half Marathon which they sponsored.



Even more money was raised over the Bank Holiday when Zoe, the Lettings Manager, and her husband took part in a tug-of-war challenge.

This will make a big difference and enable CWCF to grant wishes to the families at a difficult time.

Thank you Samuel

An amazing young man recently decided to hold a coffee morning with family and friends in aid of CWCF raising a wonderful amount of £63.60. Thank you so much Samuel and family, you should be very proud.



RUN TO RUN 2019

The weather was good and it was a fun run down the Cuckoo Trail. The number of entrants are increasing each year. Like so many of our events the volunteers who filled out the entry forms, marshalled the check points and handed out the

medals helped to make the day such a fun day. Tesco was great and gave us bottles of water, cereal bars and bananas for the runners.

If you know a company that would like to SPONSOR / SUPPORT this event please get in touch.



Unfortunately our 2020 slot was CANCELLED due to the Coronavirus pandemic, but we hope to be back in 2021 and look forward to seeing you all there.



LOSE THE POUNDS *OR* RAISE THE POUNDS

This event is organised by James Gietzen and has grown every year since inception. It has a great balance of fear and motivation whilst raising money for charity. After over-indulging at Christmas, 30 friends took on the challenge of losing 10% of their body weight in three months together committing to a personal lifestyle change. Many also ditched alcohol along the way as well! Every participant was set their own end of challenge target weight. The rules were very simple, hit target weight every two weeks to avoid a fine. All proceeds from entry and some fines were being donated to a chosen charity.

A total of 225kg at an average of 7.5kg per person was lost



between all participants. The overall winner was Peter Henry losing a remarkable 15.9kg, an impressive 14.9% of his body weight. Runner-up was Ross Maryan losing 13.8kg 12.2%.

It was effort, motivation and peer group encouragement that played a large part in this event.

Participants are all placed into teams. This year the team challenge went right to the wire, with only 0.6% splitting all six teams.

The 2019 winners were Uckfield College Teachers.

The weight challenge 2019 wanted to support a local charity this year and CWCF was something close to many participants hearts. As the organiser, who works in a large school, I work closely with families within my role, I have seen first hand daily struggles individuals and families go through dealing with cancer. I am really pleased that I have helped some of my larger friends lose weight and along the way we have raised £520 for this special charity.

CWCF TAKE ON THE O2

In July, sixteen of our wonderful supporters took on the brave challenge of climbing London's O2 arena, reaching the height of 52 metres above ground. The excited (and slightly apprehensive!) team met at the CWCF office early in the morning, where one of our wonderful volunteers then drove us in a mini-bus all the way to London's amazing landmark. The team was then given a briefing and set themselves up with the jackets and equipment needed for the climb!

After lots of group photos, the team lined up and began the climb. The first part of the climb was very steep and seemed almost vertical when you looked ahead! Once the team reached the top, they took a few moments to enjoy the breath-taking views of London and restore their

energy ready for the descent. The team had to hold on tight to the railings as they made their way down the steep roof. Everyone was ecstatic upon reaching the ground, feeling very proud and excited for completing the challenge!

We are extremely pleased to announce that our O2 Challenge raised a phenomenal total of £3202.33 which we are over the moon with! A massive thank you to everyone who took part and to those who sponsored and donated towards the challenge.

Feeling inspired to take on your own challenge for charity? Contact:

fundraising@childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk
and we can assist you with any fundraising ideas you may have.



A THANK YOU FROM OUR FAMILIES

I wanted to share our journey over the past year and a half. Our son Elijah was diagnosed with cancer after we had discovered a lump on his belly. As you can imagine this is a world changing event.

I won't go into all the emotions and upheaval this causes however to say the whole family were in shock is an understatement. With so many hospital appointments having a knock-on effect on us all it was difficult to adjust and try to keep life as normal as possible for both of our boys.

Elijah was one when he was diagnosed and Jamil was three. We explained as best we could what was happening and what was likely to happen in the future. As there is no manual or parenting guide for this we didn't know how much the boys had understood or taken in.

This is when we were contacted by the Children with Cancer Fund charity. They were a godsend. They introduced us



to families that were going through or had been through the process. This helped us and prepared us for what was to come. They provided practical and emotional support throughout our journey and were always available if we needed them. They gave our boys joy in an otherwise dark period of their lives by providing them with wishes. Elijah chose

an electric car which he had taken a liking to in hospital. He absolutely loves it and drives it in and out of the house.

He can become upset when the battery runs out but still sits in it and plays with the steering wheel.

It gave us lots of smiles when we badly needed to smile. Jamil chose to go to Peppa Pig World.

This was a great day the whole family enjoyed and provided memories that we will never forget.

I cannot stress enough the importance and impact the charity has had on all of our lives.

They allowed us to have fun, support, love, cry and laugh like any other family. We will always support them in their fantastic vital work and hope you all do as well. Elijah had chemo followed by an operation and was declared cancer free late in 2019. We will never forget the highs and lows and the wonderful people we met along the way.

A MENTOR'S PERSPECTIVE...



Volunteering as a mentor with Children with Cancer Fund has been an inspiring adventure. I have worked with Chris Downton for about 6 months and I found him to be a man of passion, direction and focus. **With his team, they have made magic happen!**

The service they provide is extraordinary and the staff are hardworking and help to bring the magic to life.

There is a 'crystal clarity' at the front end of what the charity does and what it seeks to deliver. However, the founders have always taken the brunt of driving and delivering (along with their staff). The crystal clarity needs to be applied behind the scenes as well and even the best

leaders require a strong support. This is where most of our discussions were to be had.

We developed some models, processes and tasks and Chris has been good to his word, taking action on what we have discussed. In particular we have focused on addressing leadership styles and getting clearer about the requirements, roles and responsibilities of those needed behind the scenes. Of course, the adventure continues and there is still work to be done as well as gaining access to more trustees in special fields, ie. events organising and HR. We need to find more of the right people who will deliver with the same level of passion. I hope, that in a small part, I have aided Chris in clarifying what support the charity needs, so that once he has put this support in place he can take a breather from time to time!



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Once the families had finished painting, Masterpiece laid out a delicious selection of cakes and



treats for the families to enjoy, along with plenty of tea, coffee and squash! We are very fortunate to have been able to run this event for many years now and each year Masterpiece have been absolutely fantastic at accommodating us, adding in lots of extra treats to make it that little bit more special for our families.

This event was a huge success, giving the families a chance to relax and chat to others who understand. Thank you to everyone who supports CWCF for making this possible. x



WELLESLEY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION & PHILEAS FOGG'S WORLD OF ADVENTURES

In February, Chris and Emma were delighted to take some of the Brighton families we support to Phileas Fogg's World of Adventures – an exciting walk-through experience which is said to be a combination of the Crystal Maze and I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!

It was a brilliant morning with the families working together to solve lots of different puzzles and taking part in team-building activities. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their



visit to Phileas Fogg's World of Adventures and left with big smiles on their faces.

We would like to say a big thank you to the Wellesley Charitable Foundation for kindly sponsoring this event as part of their three-year funding plan they have chosen to support us with. We really appreciate your wonderful support.



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Thank you More Radio and all your lovely listeners for donating towards the CWCF Christmas party.

We had some very happy children.



THANK YOU

When we first started doing loose change pots, we would tip them out on the floor or table and start counting, but nowadays, Jim has a quick sort through them and John takes it into the Metro Bank's magic machine and tips them in. It's a brilliant time saver!

Eastbourne Chamber of Commerce

The Eastbourne Chamber of Commerce kindly donated a hamper to CWCF after the Norman family were nominated. Needless to say they were really delighted to receive it from BeesHomes.com



A poem from a Dad's heart

My Daughter Dear

*Little hands upon my face
A christening gown all trimmed with lace
Sweet warm breath upon my ear
Memories of you My Daughter Dear
We were together for just twelve short months
That's all we were allowed
Just one sweet word you whispered "Dadda"
It made me feel a man - so proud
God moves in mysterious ways
And by His Rules we must abide
But who could hardly blame Him
For wanting you stood by his side
I have always wanted to do some good
Especially with you in mind
The other day luck came my way
A charity I did find
Children with Cancer Fund is its name
Supporting sick children and their families is its aim
These children are very ill just like you
I feel I'd like to help this cause yes I think that's what I'll do
It will give me satisfaction and help to ease my pain
And in that way My Daughter Dear
Your life will not have been in vain
And so until we meet once more in Heaven up above
I will leave you in God's safe keeping and
send you all my love.*

Dadda x x x



LOOKING BACK ON 2019

Looking back 2019 has been another amazing one for CWCF. Thanks to the support of our local community, fundraisers and volunteers we have been able to hold many exciting events for the families we support. Beginning the year with a private screening of the 'Greatest Showman' at Hailsham Pavilion, then our annual trip to Knockhatch, visiting the Llama Park, an afternoon of Pottery Painting at Masterpiece and our trip to the Eastbourne Pantomime with the wonderful Christmas Party, to name just a few.

This year has also seen our 13 - 18 year olds events grow with many friendships blossoming. We've been lucky enough to hold a range of different, exciting events for the teenagers including trampolining at Urban Jump, Pizza making and Pottery Painting, Glo Balls Mini Golf and our annual Christmas Meal. Watching the teenagers relax, be themselves and form such special bonds with one another has been wonderful for us all at CWCF to watch.

We have been thrilled to provide holidays for many families. We took another ten families to the Isle of Wight again, giving them a chance to meet others in a similar situation and spend quality time together as a family. More families then had holidays at our caravans and also at Butlins and Bournemouth. All of this would not have been possible without YOUR support.

Not only have we had a fantastic year of family events, we have also had some phenomenal fundraising opportunities. 2019 has seen partnerships with amazing groups and organisations, including Drusillas, the Eastbourne and District Indoor Bowls Club and Galliard Healthcare. It has also seen sixteen of our supporters climb up all 52 metres of London's O2 Arena and we also ran the Arlington Bluebell Walk for a day. Each of these have been amazing brand new experiences for CWCF, raising a fantastic amount of funds and awareness.

This only touches on the wonderful year 2019 was here at Children with Cancer Fund, and so we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us, volunteered and fundraised, we really appreciate the effort everyone has put in to make CWCF what it is today.

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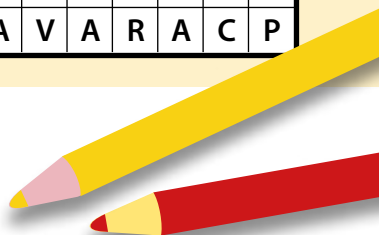
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WHO WE ARE

PATRONS



Juliet Smith JP DL



Neil Pringle
BBC Southern
Counties Radio



Greg Draven
Actor - Mr Haribo

TRUSTEES

Chris Downton
James Denny
Ursula Downton
Sylvia Daw
Ross Hollister
Sam Evenden
Bruce Campbell

IN THE OFFICE

Chris (Chairman)

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
plus out of hours

Shirley (Admin, Wishes)

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Zoe (Charity Fundraiser)

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Chloe (Community)

Wednesday
Friday

Emma (Events)

Monday
Thursday

Along with these there is a fantastic team of volunteers who help to keep our charity going.



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Supporting families across East Sussex, Brighton & Hove

THANK YOU

There are so many people, groups and businesses that have helped CWCF this year and for this we are truly grateful. Unfortunately we only have a limited number of pages in the newsletter so we can't do stories on everyone of you, but we really do appreciate all of your efforts. Please accept this as a personal thank you from all of us and the families we have supported thanks to your money.

For those that don't know CWCF was set up in 1998 by Ursula and Chris Downton with Kirsty (Ursula's sister) and James Denny. We wanted to do something but could not decide what, so one evening we went around the table saying what we believed in. Two themes came out of the conversation and they were children and cancer. So, from that night on, we decided to marry the two together and call ourselves "CHILDREN WITH CANCER FUND". Now, with the help of friends, family, staff and volunteers we still go out having fun raising funds to grant wishes to local children and their families who have had, or are suffering, from cancer.

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