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# Hello May 🎇

April was a month packed full of family events and fundraising! Thank you to all our amazing volunteers and supporters who have given up their time and worked so hard to make it all possible.

Read on for more details...

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## Run to Run 2025



Our Run to Run event is less than a month away now! We would love this year's event to be the biggest and best yet, so please spread the word to anyone who might like to get involved and don't forget to sign up for your tickets.

The run is taking place this year on Saturday 31st May with registration starting from 10am and the first run getting underway at 10:30am.

You don't have to be a keen runner to take part, just come along and have fun Our mini mile is great for families! It's a short distance, perfect to get the kids out of the house and having fun on a Saturday morning while also raising money for a good cause.

All funds raised will go towards keeping our charity running so we can continue offering vital support to children and families affected by childhood cancer.



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# Family Events

Easter Picnic Fun 🤛 🐡





The sun was certainly shining on us last Saturday when we gathered our families at Abbots Wood for a picnic and Easter Egg hunt!

We had an amazing turnout on the day of over 70 people which made the day extra special. There was a lovely, relaxed atmosphere as the families played games, talked and enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch.



We sent the children and grown-ups off along the nearby trails to search for colourful pictures of eggs. From all around we could hears laughter and whoops of delight as the children discovered eggs and then went racing back to the picnic area to claim their prize. They exchanged their picture eggs for the real, chocolatey version. The adults weren't left out as, thanks to the amazing generosity of our donors, we had enough eggs to hand out to them too  $\odot$ 



Our families stayed for a long time after the egg hunt was complete, playing together and chatting in the sunshine. With such a great turn out on the day, there were plenty of opportunities for families to share updates about their cancer journeys and seek advice. The relationships that have formed between the children and adults alike during their time with Children with Cancer Fund were clear to see

Thank you to our sponsors for this event: Pig and Butcher and Children in Need.

Fizz on Foot ?













A diagnosis of childhood cancer is devastating and consumes the entire family. Parents often spend all their time caring for their poorly child and making endless trips to and from hospital. We understand that it is crucially important for parents to have time to reconnect and discover their relationship as a couple away from the stress of cancer treatment. A bit of space can be beneficial for both the parents and their children, as time to recharge can mean that parents are more mentally able to support and be present for the whole family.

That's why we run parent only events and our most recent one was hosted and sponsored by the incredible Fizz on Foot at the Lansdowne Hotel, Eastbourne. A group of 20 enjoyed an evening of wine tasting alongside a delicious meal. They took a tour through cuisines of several European countries with each course and a complementary wine was served with each.

The atmosphere was light and chatty throughout the evening, families had meaningful conversations with each other and even exchanged phone numbers for support in the future which was just lovely to see 💗

All in all, this was an incredible event for the parents to be able to seek support from others while also having some respite themselves.

## **Fundraising**

### La Locanda Del Duca Fundraising Dinner 🗢 🍾

On Thursday 3rd April, we held our first ever fundraising dinner at La Locanda Del Duca in Eastbourne. Thanks to the hard work of Peter Sanders, all 110 tickets sold out well in advance, so we were all looking forward to a fabulous evening and we certainly weren't disappointed.

The evening was brilliant from start to finish! We were all treated to an outstanding 3 course meal by the amazing team at La Locanda Del Duca, who were the most gracious of hosts. All attendees had a great evening, during which we all played games, held a raffle and had both silent and live auctions. Our auctioneer, James Hanaway, deserves a special mention for being highly entertaining and doing a wonderful job of helping us to raise over £9,000 on the night. The star lot of the night was a 5l bottle of Chianti Classico, which raised a jaw-dropping sum of £2,000 on its own!



When the total from the evening had been added to the amount already raised through ticket sales and donations, we made a grand total of over £12,000. Thank you to Kevin McKenzie and Stanmore Construction, who very kindly donated over £2,000 of that total.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who was involved in making this event such a success. From everyone who donated raffle and auction prizes and those who bid on them, to absolutely everyone who purchased a ticket to be there on the night. It was truly inspiring to see so many companies and individuals come together to support Children with Cancer Fund and make a difference to the lives of families living with childhood cancer.

Thank you to our sponsors for this event: Ginger & Sanders Sales and Lettings, Mango Insurance and Quality Care Group.

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On Tuesday 8th April, we hosted the Arlington Bluebell Walk and Farm Trail and what a day we had!

We were incredibly lucky with the weather and the sun didn't stop shining all day. From the very first visitor to the very last, the day was filled with smiles, laughter, delicious cakes and beautiful scenery. Although the bluebells hadn't yet made an appearance when we were there, the wood anemones were breathtakingly beautiful and the scenery on the walk itself was undeniably stunning. We all enjoyed walking through the woods and making the most of the peaceful atmosphere and being among nature.



There was so much to do beyond walking! We stroked the sheep, lambs and goats, perused the offerings in the book and plant stalls, held a hugely popular teddy tombola and of course, had a fully stocked café on offer.

Thank you to those who donated so many mouth-watering cakes and bakes for the event, including M&S Eastbourne, Poppyseed Bakery, Green Fig Catering and Holywell Tea Chalet. Thank you also to the amazing home bakers who took the time to bake some incredible treats. Our visitors really were spoilt for choice!

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us on the day, it means a great deal to us all. And last, but never least, thank you to all our kind volunteers who helped to make the day the incredible success it turned out to be.



We raised an outstanding £1,786.84! We are excited for all the amazing things we can do for our families with this money.

We hope to see you all to do it again next year!

Quality Care Group - Walk This Way 🗼 🗼



On Sunday 13th April, an amazing team from Quality Care Group undertook a 10mile sponsored walk from Hove Lagoon to Brighton Marina and back again.

This is what they had to say about it: "The day went really well with 14 Walkers on the day, we covered 11.7 miles (a little over the original 10 Miles planned!) from Hove Lagoon to Brighton Marina and back in glorious sunny weather, and a slightly nippy tailwind!

So far... we have raised £2,810 – smashing our original target of £1,000 and then our stretched target of £2,000 and we also have three buckets with plenty of cash collected on the day."

Since completing the walk and sending this message, the team has added to this incredible amount and the total raised is now £3,276! WOW!

We are massively thankful for the remarkable effort put in by the whole team in organising this event, getting so much money in sponsorship and, of course, undertaking the walk. This unbelievable amount of money will make a huge difference to the families we support

If you would like to host your own fundraising event for Children with Cancer Fund, then please do get in touch with fundraising@childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk. We would love to hear from you!

## Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the amazing companies and individuals who donated so many Easter Eggs to us for all our children and families.

The generosity of those who give donations never goes unappreciated and at special times of the year, like Easter, it really does help to make the celebration period extra magical for our children. The smiles on the faces of our children when choosing an egg from the pile is a heartwarming thing to witness.



# What's Coming Up ••

### Eastbourne Carnival

It's party time! On Saturday 24th May we will be taking part in the Eastbourne Carnival. This year's theme is "Celebrations of the World" and the parade will start at 2pm from Fishermen's Green and will end at the Wish Tower Slopes, Western Lawns.

This is always a fabulous day out filled with fun and laughter. We are looking for LOTS of volunteers to come along and join in walking alongside our float and carry collection buckets. We would love to have a large presence there on the day! If you would like to come along, please contact fundraising@childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk.



#### Eastbourne Chamber Charity Golf Day

Keen golfer? You won't want to miss out on this fantastic day 🗱

This will be held at To Royal Eastbourne Golf Club, on To Friday 16th May 2025.

The day will begin with coffee & bacon rolls at 9AM, then the shotgun start will commence at 11AM.

There will be prizes for the teams who are winners, along with prizes for Longest Drive, Nearest the Pin in 1/2 and Beat the Pro.

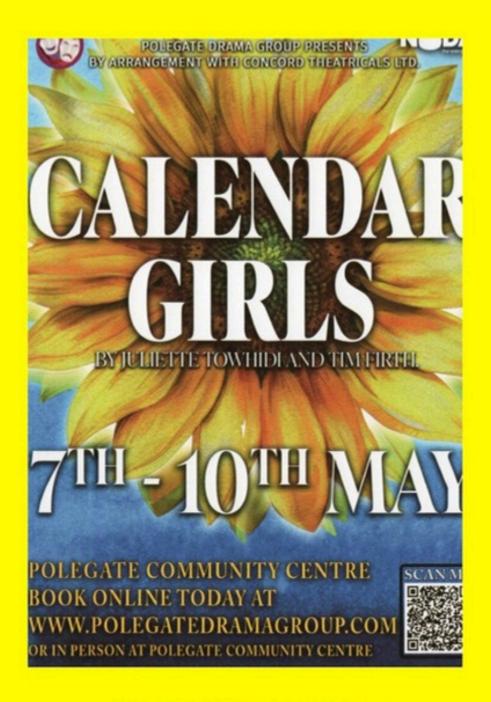
After all the fun the day will conclude with a three course dinner, prize giving ceremony, raffle and auction, helping to raise funds for Children with Cancer Fund.

To find out more & to book your place please click here.



#### Calendar Girls at Polegate Community Centre

The amazing Polegate Drama Group are putting on a production of Calendar Girls and will also be holding a collection in aid of CWCF. Why not go along and enjoy a great show?



### **Summer Garden Party**

Once again, we are one of the chosen charities for this lovely Garden Party in Seaford. There will be plenty going on so drop by if you can!

We are looking for volunteers and bakers to support this event with cakes and bakes so please get in touch if you can help us out.



### **Movement For Good**

The Benefact Group Movement For Good Health and Wellbeing £5000 Special Draw is currently open for nominations. Any nominations made for the standard draws do not count, so we would really appreciate if you could please take the time to nominate us again. It only takes a minute and will put us in with a chance of winning £5000 \*\*

Nominations are open until Sunday 4th May.



Nominate Us

## Could You Be One Of CWCF's Dream Makers?

Childhood cancer remains one of the most devastating diseases affecting children worldwide. The emotional and financial toll it takes on families is unimaginable. To become a Dream Maker, we are asking you to commit to a monthly donation of just £25 to Children with Cancer Fund. By donating this amount, you will become an integral part of our mission to support families battling childhood cancer, from diagnosis, throughout treatment, and beyond.





Visit Our Website For More Information

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

We need your donations! We are collecting jewellery and beads which we can upcycle and turn into gifts for our lucky dips at our upcoming fundraising events. We are also in need of teddies and unopened bottles for our tombolas.

Drop your donations into our office Monday - Friday 9:30 - 4:30 🥭 🍾 🗸

!! PLEASE NOTE: We can't accept used earrings for hygiene reasons !!





