

Fund raising Ball at Sywell in aid of  
the SDBTT Claire Rowland Fund  
on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007  
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# PRESS RELEASE

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**ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS**

## **Friends to organise a Charity Ball in memory of Kettering girl Claire Rowland**

In August 2005 Claire Rowland started to complain of headaches.

After many tests and a CT scan Julie and Tony, Claire's parents, were given the devastating news that Claire had a Glioblastoma Multiforme tumour, one of the most malignant forms of brain tumour. Claire was given a life expectancy of 12 months. The consultant said, *"I'm sorry, there is very little we can do. Take her home and make the most of the time that you have left."*

Claire died peacefully at home in her parent's arms on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2006.

Claire's family decided to raise money for The Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust. SDBTT. This is the largest dedicated brain tumour charity in the UK. The aim of the charity is to raise awareness of brain tumours and to raise funds for research to improve survivability and to help to find a cure for brain tumours.

It is their wish that other families in the future faced with the diagnosis of a brain tumour may hear their consultants say *"There is a treatment and the long term outlook is good"*. Supporting SDBTT makes this possible.

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In November it would have been Claire's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday and on **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November** there will be a glittering Charity Ball in aid of The SDBTT Claire Rowland Fund. "The Glitz and The Glamour" Ball will be held at Hangar One, Sywell Aerodrome, Sywell, Northampton. Tickets are £50 a head on tables of ten people and available from Sue Whatton. Tel: 01604 864030, Email: [tickets@glitzandglamourball.com](mailto:tickets@glitzandglamourball.com)

There has already been considerable interest in this Ball and tables are selling well. To be part of one of Northampton's premier fund raising event and to avoid disappointment, contact Sue to reserve your tickets now.

If you have been affected by this story and feel you would like to sponsor this Ball in aid of the SDTT Claire Rowland Fund and for general enquiries regarding the Ball and other fund raising activities, contact Natalie Miller Tel: 01536 741704, Email: [info@glitzandglamourball.com](mailto:info@glitzandglamourball.com)

For enquiries about the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust Claire Rowland Fund, contact Tony Rowland Email: [clairerowlandfund@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clairerowlandfund@hotmail.co.uk) and to donate to the Claire Rowland Fund via Gift Aid log onto [www.justgiving.com/SDBTTClaireRowland](http://www.justgiving.com/SDBTTClaireRowland)

The Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust, Tel: 0845 130 9733  
Website: [www.braintumourtrust.co.uk](http://www.braintumourtrust.co.uk). Registered Charity No. 1060627.

### **Some little known facts:**

March is Brain Tumour Awareness month.

More children die from brain tumours than from meningitis.

A child diagnosed with a brain tumour has a 60% chance of survival after 5 years compared with an 85% chance of survival in leukaemia.

4,500 adults are diagnosed with a primary brain tumour each year in the UK, in addition to 13,500 diagnosed with a secondary tumour from other cancer.

Research into brain tumours remains desperately under-funded

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Photos available: Claire Rowland