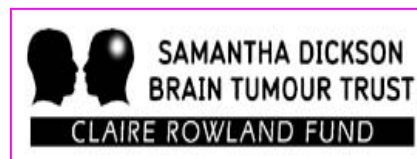


SDBTT Claire Rowland Fund

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Events update

Launch of Sam's Campaign

It was with some misgivings that Tony and I accepted an invitation to the launch of Sam's Campaign, a reception held at the House of Commons on Tuesday 6th March. We were uncertain if the event would prove too emotional being less than 8 months since Claire died. However, we are glad that we decided to go as it was a privilege to be present and feel the strength of emotion that will carry SDBTT on to even greater achievements. We were also very pleased the Philip Hollobone, MP for Kettering, was able to join us for the reception and to lend his support. The event received good publicity; it was covered by Channel 4. Our local paper, Kettering Evening Telegraph, also ran an article.

Website : www.ketteringtoday.co.uk

(Put Claire Rowland in the search box top right hand corner and it will bring up all five article printed so far.)

Tea Party

To tie in with Tumour Awareness Month in March, SDBTT invited everyone to 'Put the kettle on for Sam's Campaign'. I am not known for my organisational abilities, but I thought that even I could manage cups of tea and cakes. So, having roped in some willing helpers, I invited friends and neighbours to join me one Saturday afternoon to help raise money for SDBTT.

We were blessed with a lovely spring day, which meant that the younger (livelier!) visitors were encouraged to be outside. A steady stream of people arrived bearing a marvellous selection of delicious cakes for the cake stall and an amazing array of books for the book stall.

Helen organised a quiz for those with a sweet tooth - all the answers being types of confectionery- with a delicious edible prize donated by Marks & Spencers.

It was wonderful to see local friends, school friends, work friends and friends of friends! As we are usually rushing around most of the time it was great to catch up with people over a cup of tea. Also, it was lovely to see Peter and Claire's friends joining in the fun.

Over 60 people visited during the afternoon and between us we raised over £370. As someone said: not bad for tea and cakes!

So a huge thank-you to everyone who joined in and helped to make it such a successful afternoon.

Donations

A big thank-you to everyone who has donated to SDBTT Claire Rowland Fund since it was set up in November.

There have been lots of very generous donations directly to us and through the Justgiving site.

Other contributions include:

Masquerade Choir, who have very kindly made another donation in memory of Claire.

Helen Hall, who donated the commission from a Phoenix Card Party.

The current total stands at just over £3,400

Still to come...

London Marathon

Philip Greenfield, a colleague of Tony's, is preparing to run the London Marathon on Sunday 22nd April to raise money for SDBTT. He is running in memory of Claire and is therefore running dressed as a pink pig!!! There is a very fetching photo of him on his Justgiving web page in full costume: www.justgiving.com/phil-londonmarathon07. We can't make it to London, but we shall be watching the coverage to see if we can catch a glimpse of this special pink piggy!

Waendel Walk

We are hoping that friends, young and old, will be able to join us on the evening of Friday 11th May to take part in the Friendship Walk around Wellingborough. If you would like to raise money sponsorship forms are available, otherwise every one is more than welcome to just come and join us for the exercise! Hopefully, we will be recognisable as a group as we will be wearing pink. (Pig costumes optional!)

More details are available on the website : www.wellingborough.gov.uk/waendel

Wellingborough Carnival

SDBTT Claire Rowland Fund has been chosen as the official charity for the Wellingborough Carnival on 7th July.

The theme this year is Caribbean so it should be very lively and colourful!

Again, more details are available on the website : www.wellingborough.gov.uk in the Focus On section

Glitz and Glamour Ball

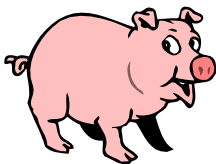
The Committee are hard at work organising a fabulous, fun filled evening for everyone on 17th November 2007. Tickets are now on sale, so to be sure of your table for this not to be missed event get your booking form in pronto!

Also, if anyone can offer any help with raffle prizes or sponsorship for the event we would love to hear from you!

Full details are available on the website : www.glitzandglamourball.com

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About SDBTT Claire Rowland Fund

Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust is a registered charity set up by Neil and Angela Dickson following the death of their 16 year old daughter from a brain tumour. The charity has encouraged a number of families to set up a fund under the SDBTT 'umbrella'.

Thus we are able to fundraise on our own behalf with the proceeds paid into our own dedicated SDBTT bank account. We can then choose how we would like this money to be used in the work of the Trust. We can decide to support a research project or the money could also be used for patient support work.