

Hi everyone, hello and welcome to the fourth issue of The Bulletin. I hope everyone has had a great year so far! Its almost coming into warmer times thank goodness! I have more stories of fundraising events and many others from people's experiences, so enjoy!

The Final Year

Your continued support is greatly appreciated and helps in many ways. I am now in my honours year at Strathclyde University studying psychology, which is difficult work, but definitely worth it! While I am talking about university, I would like to mention a few special people who graduated this year.



My good friends Fiona McKie and Laura Syme earned a Bachelor of Education and Ashley Harris a Bachelor of Arts.

New Website

We recently up-dated the appeal website and we have a new web address-www.davidazhar.com. The page has event information from the past and the future. I would like to say a massive thank you to Colin MacKay for all the hard work he put into the previous site.

Kind Donations

It was established this year by the appeal committee that it was time to look at my mode of transport. The previous car was in need of up dating, and because of the speciality of the car (wheelchair adapted). I would like to thank the Appeal and Murrayfield Trust for contributing to a vital part of my day-to-



day life.

Your Events, My Experiences

It never ceases to amaze me the amount of effort people will do to help in any way possible. The appeal is driven by that same determination and whoever you are and whatever you did to support the appeal, we and especially myself, are hugely thankful! Below are just some of the fundraising achievements that have taken place this year:

Sponsored Diet: Sandy Geddes, a committee member, decided to lose a few pounds before the Rugby World Cup. He was very successful in losing a lot of unwanted lbs and we would like to especially thank Dr Jean Geddes for her generosity in sponsoring Sandy!! The disappointing thing is that he went to France to watch the World Cup, and put it back on.

Spark of Genius 365km Cycling Challenge:



Spark of Genius set themselves the mammoth challenge of cycling 365km in 365 minutes (which equates to travel to each of the Spark of Genius centres in a round trip). St Mirren Provided them with bikes and the staff and young people in each centre contributed to the 365k. Half of the proceeds went to Children in Need and half to the David Azhar Appeal. The day went really well, a lot of fun for those involved at each of the centres. They also decided that instead of once again buying Christmas cards, all the saved money would be donated to the appeal. A HUGE thanks to everyone at Spark of Genius and especially Tom McGhee for his friendship continuous support!!

Clydesdale Bank Rugby Club: The Clydesdale Bank RFC unfortunately last year disbanded and they decided that instead of spending the money on a drinking session, they made the gracious



decision to donate all the funds to the appeal. Thank you to everyone who was involved in making this decision.

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Lochinch Quiz Night: There was a quiz night at Lochinch in aid of



the appeal in early 2007. It wasn't really a fair quiz because Norrie Flowers made the questions feel like mission impossible and the very 'bright' shirt that a 'slightly' drunk Sandy Geddes was wearing didn't help either! It must be mentioned that congratulations are in order to my close pals Ashley

and Lynsey who seemed to win everything at the raffle (a raffle fixing enquiry has been established). Thanks to all those who came along to a great night and made a real contribution to the Appeal!

Autumn Test Collection: The Scotland international rugby team played three difficult countries during the autumn tests. The appeal got a chance to arrange a bucket collection at Murrayfield when Scotland played host to Australia. A massive amount of preparation and organisation took place. Thank you to Barrhead High School, Whitecraigs boys, Lothian Youth Arts and Musical Company and especially SPRC who have been proactive in this collection and our thanks go to Bill Nolan for instigating this.



The 10k/half Marathon Effort: The runners took to the Glasgow streets once again in the half marathon and womens 10k. Ashley Harris and her mum Ruth took part in the Womens 10k as did Angela once again. Also running for the appeal was my Dad and Brother (right). Craig finished impressively at 1:28:15 with David Snr coming in at 1:44:59.



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Future Prospects

Murrayfield Collection: The appeal received some great news that we have been given a licence to hold a street collection outside the Murrayfield stadium during the 6 nations championship. We will be collecting before both the Scotland v France match on 3rd February 2008 and the Scotland v England match on the 8th March 2008. It is an excellent opportunity to raise funds but to also increase knowledge of The David Azhar Appeal! If you'd like more information about the collection then please do not hesitate to contact us at admin@davidazhar.com.



The 2008 Raffle: We decided to hold a mega raffle to support the appeal. It will be held this year with the draw in April. There are fantastic prizes including plasma TV, holiday vouchers and some amazing rugby and football memorabilia. If you'd like more information about the raffle then please do not hesitate to contact us at admin@davidazhar.com.

End Of Season Clash: Our new patron- Sandy Carmichael MBE- has decided to organise a fundraising exhibition match with an ex-professional select captained by our patron Gordon Bulloch. The team will be against a Strathclyde Police select at West of Scotland. If you have any queries about the game, please contact us at admin@davidazhar.com or write to the address below.

**Look out for the next edition of
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