

# NEWS RELEASE

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## LONGEST DAY GOLF CHALLENGE FOR DMH.

Andrew Wilson from Yarnfield ,Stone is organizing the Golf Challenge on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009, in memory of his partner ,Debs who died of cancer in August 2008.

Four rounds of golf will be played on 4 local golf courses all on the same day by 4 teams of 4 ,so by the end of the day,each golfer will have played 72 holes ,18 on each of the 4 Golf Courses.

The golf courses that have agreed to help are Newcastle ,Trentham Park, Barlaston & Stone. . Each team will start at 4.30am at each of the Golf Clubs & will then move on to each of the other clubs during the day,at 9.00am ; 1.30pm & 6.00pm.

Andrew said; “When Debs was 1<sup>st</sup> diagnosed , I knew like most people ,the Douglas Macmillan Hospice existed but I was very ignorant of the true value of the Hospice & its staff . We first visited the Hospice as a very scared couple ,fearing the worst but from the that day forward ,the support we received on every level was exceptional . I could see that Debs was getting the best help possible & I have never doubted that her last months were made significantly better for her ,& her immediate family because of the Hospice & all the staff that work there. I feel it is not important exactly how much is raised from this event, but it is far more important that the event is taking place & that every single penny we manage to raise will help Douglas Macmillan continue its incredible work.

I would like to thank the 4 Golf Clubs for allowing us to use their facilities & to all the Companies & individuals who have pledged sponsorship to date & to those who are helping us on the actual day by caddying, driving teams around & preparing food. “

Zoe Hollingsworth , Senior Fundraising Development Manager said ;

“We do wish Andrew and his friends every success in completing this Golf Challenge .It is a huge commitment from the 16 golfers & all their helpers & hope that the weather is kind for them on the day. “

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**Photo opportunity: who where and when**

**At any of the 4 Golf Clubs ,commencing at 4.30am ;9.00am ; 1.30pm ; 6.00pm**

**NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. Douglas Macmillan Hospice provides specialist palliative care for adults across North Staffordshire who face cancer and other life-limiting illnesses
2. Care is provided at the Hospice and in people's homes across the community.
3. The Hospice is independent (it receives no funding from any national charity) and has no association with any organisation bearing the same or a similar name.
4. It costs over £7 million each year to run and develop the full range of services form the Hospice. More than two thirds of money comes from local voluntary donations.

For quotes and comments on behalf of Douglas Macmillan Hospice, contact in the first instance should be made through Peter Keller on 01782 344303