

Chamber

Chat September - October 2023

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Supported by Jo and Josh (his mother and his brother) along with Ming and Paul, Dan's epic journey covered the length of mainland Britain.

The team had quite a few adventures along the way, as well as meeting a number of incredibly generous and warm-hearted folk (just don't ask Jo or Paul about the standard of driving "darn sarf"). Several campsite owners refused to charge once they heard what the ride was in aid of. And several campers and staff donated cash too!

Special thanks to: My Place Yorkshire for kicking off the fund-raising with a wonderful donation of £1000.



Dan Did It!

From 3 September to 19 September, Dan spent 73 hours in the saddle and covered 1200+ miles from John O'Groats to Land's End, and raised (to date - donations are still coming in) £10,500 towards the running costs of your centre!



One of the biggest surprises on the trip, apart from the generosity of folk, was that despite everything thrown at them (bike breakdowns, bad weather, worse drivers, poor mapping software from Sustrans, broken tent poles, sloping campsites) the team never once fell out with each other!

However, we all wait with bated breath, shivering with anticipation (and unbridled terror) at the thought of what Dan might do for his next fund-raiser. Cairo to Cape Town?

You can still donate here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/daniel-goodwin-jogle>

Opening times

Monday	9am to 3.30pm
Tuesday	8am to 12.30pm
Wednesday	9am to 3.30pm
Thursday	9am to 12.30pm*
Friday	9am to 3.30pm

*Thursday: times may vary due to capacity.

Cake, Quiz, and Tombola!

Following the roaring success (and a note from Paul's doctor) of the inaugural Quiz Night we held in April of this year, we've decided to gird our loins and do it all again!

Friday 27 October is the date, 6pm for a prompt 6.30pm start is the time.

Tickets are available now, and numbers are limited, so get them while you can. Priced at £7.50 per person, your ticket gets you entry to the best quiz in Gelderd Lane, as well as food and a drink at half time.

We urgently need donations for the tombola and bottle stall that we will be running on the night. And it would help us enormously if you could hand them over by Wednesday 25 October.

So... where does cake fit into this craziness?

We all love cake, so we've decided to run another of our cake weeks, starting on 23 October to help fortify ourselves and feed our grey matter ahead of the excitement and general mayhem of Quiz Night!

So, bakers, it would be fantastic if you can pull out the stops, beat the batter, and make our table groan under the weight of your wonderful cakey offerings from Monday 23 October.



An Urgent Call To Action

From 2024, our running costs will be increasing massively!

Yes, we're a charity. But we're a standalone charity. The **only** source of funding we have comes from you, our members, along with the fund-raising events undertaken by Joanne, Josh, and Dan.

Several members have advocated that we increase our suggested donation for sessions in the chambers and in the sauna. We are reluctant to do this and are seeking to avoid that route if at all possible.

Instead we would prefer that members of our community join in with some of the other fund-raising activities we have in the centre. The "Bonus Ball" and the "Joker" are two relatively cheap games you can try each week (or more often). At only £1 a go you get the chance to win some money as well as contribute to the very survival of our centre. In the last two years, two centres like ours have had to close through lack of funds.

It's true that larger, sponsored, fund-raising events happen throughout the year. But it always falls upon the same staff members to organise and take part in these. Maybe organising and running a fund-raiser of your own is something you might consider? A few ideas include getting children or grandchildren involved through their school to have sponsored silences, sponsored walks, sponsored reading events. We're sure you could dream up many others!

We thought long and hard before putting out this call to action. We've looked at the figures and weighed up the possible outcomes. Without some input from our community, we will cease to exist.

