



THE GRAHAM HOMES MEMORIAL MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Fundraising for cancer charities

Press Release

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THE Graham Homes Memorial Ride will be 2,000+ miles of motorcycling on Great British roads over a week at the end of May, raising money for two important cancer charities.

Five bikers and one pillion will begin their journey in Boston, Lincolnshire on Saturday 25th May, travelling to the extreme north, east, south and west points of Great Britain. Graham's son Allister and daughter-in-law Zoe will be joined by Rick, Paul, Edward and Veronica to raise money for Cancer Research UK and Macmillan Cancer Support in Graham's honour.

Graham Homes was diagnosed with stage IV kidney cancer in 2012 that had already spread to his lungs and spine – something neither he nor his family had ever expected. Graham passed away only a few months later, aged 61. Having been a keen biker, you may have seen him and Rick riding around Lincolnshire on their matching BMW R80RTs!

Zoe said: "This is not the first time we've done something like this. Back in 2009 we undertook a similar trip taking us from John O'Groats to Land's End and raising more than £2,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support and The Salvation Army. We want to recreate something of that trip in tribute to Graham; we know it won't be the same without him but feel it is only right to do something positive in his memory to try and make a difference to someone else and their family."

Each and every donation is split down the middle – half to Cancer Research UK and half to Macmillan Cancer Support (the trip itself is funded by those taking part, and donations will not be used for fuel, lodgings, food or anything else).

Zoe added: "We never know when we, or someone we love, might need the services of these charities – please help us do something now to help should that need ever arise."

For more information about the ride and to show your support by donating please visit <http://bit.ly/gvhrise>

Notes for the Editor

The Graham Homes Memorial Motorcycle Ride is raising money for Cancer Research UK and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Graham Homes died in June 2012 at the age of 61 following a diagnosis of Stage IV Kidney Cancer just a couple of months earlier. He had been treated at Boston Pilgrim Hospital and Lincoln County Hospital before being transferred to the Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham.

Before retiring in his 50s, Graham was the Managing Director of LINPAC Garages Ltd, having six dealerships across greater Lincolnshire. He was also a member of the Salvation Army, played in the Salvation Army Band for many years and was Group Scout Leader of 14th Boston (S.A.) Scouts.

Allister and Zoe Homes live in Waddington and both work at the University of Lincoln. Allister is Graham's son.

Veronica is Zoe's sister and is married to Edward Addis. They live in Boston. Veronica is Head of Art Faculty at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in Horncastle. Edward is Assistant Manager at McDonalds, Boston. Edward passed his Motorcycle test just a few weeks ago, inspired by wanting to take part in the Memorial ride. Veronica will join us as pillion for the trip.

Paul Clark is Managing Director of Hill & Clark Ltd, Boston. Paul has returned to biking especially to take part in this Memorial Ride.

Richard Wray, retired Business Development Manager at Fenland.

All riders are members of Boston Salvation Army.

The riders will also be joined by Bradley (Graham's other son) and Liz Homes for a couple of days during trip.

The four points of the compass being visited on this trip (in order) are:

- Easternmost – Lowestoft Ness, Suffolk, England
- Southernmost – Lizard Point, Cornwall, England
- Westernmost – Corrachadh Mòr, Ardnamurchan Point, Scotland
- Northernmost – Dunnet Head, also known as Easter Head, Caithness, Highland, Scotland

For more information about The Graham Homes Memorial Ride please visit

<http://bit.ly/gvhblog>.

For interviews or photography (especially if you'd like to cover the start of the ride in Boston on 25th May), please call Zoe Homes on 07876 567734 or email

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