

Club's charity gift honours tragic Ian

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A SOCIAL club has donated £1,000 to brain tumour research in memory of a popular former member. Ian Clarke, from Cheadle Hulme, was an inspirational member of the Cheadle Gatley 41 Club for more than 32 years, before he passed away last July. He was 73.

Clarkey, as he was known, was diagnosed with a brain tumour three years after suffering a severe head injury in a fall which left him in a coma for two weeks in 2015.

To honour him, club members were joined by Ian's family to present the Brain Tumour Charity with a cheque for £1,000.

Russell Dymond, of

the Cheadle Gatley 41 Club, said the club chose the charity for the donation because they want to give something that may help people in future.

He said: "Anything to do with charity, Ian was always there helping. We loved him and he loved us. He is fondly remembered."

Ian's daughter, Joanne Sander said: "Dad was a fantastic man who made a positive impact on everyone he met. He genuinely enjoyed his work and carried on working right till the end."

"He loved his friends and his family who all adored him. Dad enjoyed everything he did - a fantastic example of how to live your life."

"He was a much loved husband, dad, grandad and friend and his death has left a big hole in all

our hearts. My dad made lifelong friends at the club and we've been truly touched by their generosity and support."

Geraldine Pipping, the charity's director of fundraising, said: "We are extremely grateful to Joanne, her family and the Cheadle Gatley 41 Club for their continued support in memory of Ian and for allowing us to share the family's story to raise awareness."

"We receive no government funding and rely 100 per cent on voluntary donations, so it's only through the efforts of organisations like Cheadle Gatley 41 Club that we can change these shocking statistics in the future and bring hope to the thousands of people who are diagnosed with a brain tumour every year."



● Cheadle and Gatley 41 Club members (back row) with (front row from left): Ian Clarke's daughter Joanne, Kerry Roe-Ely, community fundraiser, Ian's wife Susan and daughter Alison. Inset: Ian Clarke

Pupils get buzzy

STOCKPORT pupils are buzzing as they embrace the iconic Manchester bee and put their best foot forward for charity.

Norbury Hall Primary in Hazel Grove is among schools to sign up to take part in the Manchester Midday Walk in April, in aid of St Ann's Hospice.

Eamonn O'Neal, chief executive of St Ann's, said: "Participants of the Midnight Walk are over 11 years of age, and we've had a real demand for a similar event which is suitable for younger children too. We're really pleased we've been able to respond to that demand with the midday walk."

To request a schools information pack or sign up for the walk visit www.sah.org.uk/middaywalk

Table top sale

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