



The Rob George Foundation Newsletter No. 4 Autumn 2015



Joe Barnett was Rob's mate and last cricket captain at Colchester & East Essex CC - he is about to attempt to row the Atlantic, in aid of the RGF. We will all be following his trip and wishing him a safe adventure.

If you would like to sponsor Joe please [follow this link](#). If you would like a flavour or just what Joe has undertaken, please [watch this short video](#).



A final reminder.
Please don't forget
to purchase your
RGF Ball tickets for
9th Jan'16
[CLICK HERE](#)

Saturday 9th January 2016
The Hurlingham Club, Ranelagh Gardens, London
SW6 3PR

Sparkling reception 7.00pm - Carriages midnight

Three course dinner
A Magical Cabaret
Raffle
Silent Auction
Live Music

Black Tie
£75 per head



After the success of our first Ball earlier this year don't miss out on the fun; come to next year's Ball - 9th Jan'16. Tickets [on sale here](#).

Fine wines, fun entertainment, delicious food, live music - a fab evening not to be missed at The Hurlingham Club, Putney, London.

Expect to be thoroughly entertained!!

Please look out for our Silent Auction Catalogue - to be circulated in the very near future. If you have any donations to add - we would love to hear from you.

**We have some fabulous lots to tempt you...
coming soon!!**



Congratulations to the 16 cyclists who completed the John O'Groats to Land's End ride back in May'15. It was quite an extraordinary trip, with an astonishing £57,000+ raised for the work of the RGF. This was Rob's personal challenge and he was never far from our minds - every mile of the 1114 cycled - what next?

Help!!! we cried at the RGF - and help arrived (hurray!!)

John O'Connor, voluntary role of Treasurer - a retired banker he has got everything money wise very well organised.

Wendy Smith, voluntary Grants Officer, helping to process the daily applications now arriving at the foundation.

Abi Claydon and Graham Mayes, assisting us with identifying companies who may be interested in supporting the work of the RGF.

Thank you so much for everything you are all doing to help - if anyone has an idea as to how they might help or a specific skill to offer the RGF, please [get in touch](#). We'd love to hear from you!



Stuck for christmas presents....how about visiting [the RGF shop?](#) T-shirts, hoodies, polo shirts, caps, fleeces, 2016 calendar...failing that please don't forget [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](#) - you pay the same on your online purchases - we receive a donation - Ho! Ho! Ho!

I wish... what are you wishing for this Christmas?

We received 33 applications for help in October 2015 alone at the RGF.

At this time of parties and presents, spare a thought for our aim 1 applicants. **To offer financial and/or practical support to young people with life threatening illness'**. The applications make heart breaking reading and it never fails to shock us, the seemingly limitless permutations of suffering of the young people that find us and ask for our help.

I wish...that I didn't have skin cancer whilst being 7 months pregnant, how can I provide for my unborn child? (Aged 24)

I wish...that I didn't have acute lymphoblastic leukaemia, and that I could afford to get to and from the hospital. (Aged 20)

I wish...that I didn't have cervical cancer, and could afford to buy a fridge so that I can store the drugs I need and the fresh food I should be eating, and come home from hospital. (Aged 25)

I wish...that I didn't have leukaemia. I am wishing for a laptop so that I can keep in contact with my mates whilst receiving treatment. (Aged 15)

I wish... what are you wishing for?

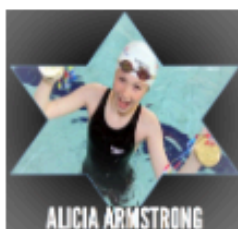


Would you like to get on your bike for the RGF?

20th-21st August 2016.

24hr cycle challenge - Le Mans, France.

Please look at the [website](#) or [email Lorraine](#) for more details. **An expression of interest is all that is needed at this stage** - it sounds like fun to me! Entry opens soon, so please don't delay.



Our Star Moment :

Alicia is now 14 years old. Aged 12, she was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia for which she underwent multiple rounds of chemo' followed by a stem cell transplant. Now doing well, Alicia qualified to represent Team GB at the World Transplant Games in Argentina earlier in 2015.

Alicia enjoyed a fabulous experience, as she said, in her own words: "Celebrating Life!" She clocked up an impressive 5 gold and 2 silver medals in the pool. Rob spoke himself of his ambition to compete in these games; he had planned to attempt to qualify as a cyclist and the shot putt! We are all so proud to have helped this young lady achieve her ambition.

