

# OUR SAINTS GO MARCHING ON!

Where would we be without our wonderful supporters, the Independent Company from the We Have Ways Of Making You Talk podcast? They began their epic 2026 Marching for Finley season with the Kent Buffs Invasion Coast Walk on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, which raised a whopping £2.5k. Next up were Berkshire on 30<sup>th</sup> May, before our patron Al Murray joins the London IC on 13<sup>th</sup> June, with West Wales, Cambridge/Norfolk, Bristol, Dorset, Northern, Highlands and Essex ICs all marching over the summer. Our heartfelt thanks to Ant 'Bomber' Brentnall, Karl Reid and all the 'afflicted'.



The Kent Buffs not even out of Puffs!

**Total Help Given (as of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026):**  
**Grants Issued: £268,000 - Hospital Survival Bags: 474 - National Trust Memberships: 397**



When little Summer Kilgour was diagnosed with kidney cancer aged just one, Finley's Touch were happy to help. And now her dad Matt and his friends have thanked us in spectacular style by completing the 'Breaking The Bounds of Chailey' challenge. On 9<sup>th</sup> May they ran, rowed and cycled 24 miles around the East Sussex village as Summer, her big sister Amber, their mum Michaela and a wealth of supporters cheered them on. They raised £38k, to be split between us and Children With Cancer Fund Polegate. Incredible. We hope you all have the **BEST** summer ever!!



## Thanks a Million

We are thrilled to announce we have passed a huge Quarter of a Million-Pound milestone! Finley's Touch has now given out over £250,000 in Financial Grants, to families who desperately need it. And it's all thanks to you, our loyal legion of supporters. Thank you.



To Join IN!

# DKMS

WE DELETE BLOOD CANCER

DKMS has now opened its stem cell donor register to **16 year olds**, giving young people the real chance to save lives earlier than ever. Registering is quick and easy, involving a simple mouth swab you can do at home. If you are a match, it's like giving blood, it's a safe, truly generous act that can make a lifesaving difference for someone in desperate need.

[www.dkms.org.uk](http://www.dkms.org.uk)



# WHAT A TEAM

Finley's Touch is now the proud charity partner of Haywards Heath Town Football Club. We've been warmly welcomed by Steve and Jane at Hanbury Park, where fans have already given generously – and enjoyed chucking chooks into our chinook! We cannot wait 'til next season – when we know incredible things are going to happen!

## Why we do this...

"Just incredible. What a gift. I am so humbled and grateful."

"I am left speechless. I cannot put into words what this means to our family in these difficult times. We are at the beginning of our journey with our daughter and everything is a blur. From the bottom of our hearts thank you."

"The grant is going to help so much with travel costs to hospital, and I can treat my son who is three and has leukaemia. I honestly can't thank you enough."

"My two year old daughter has a rare and aggressive brain tumour and as you understand, being hurled into this situation gives you no time to prepare. As a single mum I was living on my overdraft... a massive thank you for what you do. You are incredible."

## Peak Performance



**Hats off to Ben Browning**, who took on the daunting Everest In A Day challenge in April. That means climbing Mount Snowdon FOUR TIMES in under 24 hours – the equivalent elevation as Base Camp One to the summit of Everest! Unfortunately, due to a Red Storm Warning, the event was cut short – but he still achieved a staggering 3000m of elevation and 28 miles in gale force winds, raising over £1600. Wow.

## PYRAMID SCHEME



**Warden Park Primary Academy** in Haywards Heath has done it again! Year 3 invited us along to the fantastically creative Great Egyptian Experience, where parents bought pyramid models made by the children. An amazing £389 was raised! Well done Mrs Hart and the team.



**We're so touched** the team at Wisdom Art Prints have created a limited edition charity print. The beautiful artwork depicts the Fairey Swordfish plane attacking the German battleship Bismarck, and a donation will be made for each one sold. A huge thank you to Wisdom, the Duxford Big Wing IC and the Polish Heritage Flight. "This special print celebrates courage, resilience and community – both in the skies over the Atlantic in 1941, and in the lives of children fighting their own battles today." Get yours from [wisdomartprints.co.uk](http://wisdomartprints.co.uk)



**We were honoured** to attend the ICAP Impact evening in March, hosted by Ant and Dec. The Charity Day at the broker's offices last December raised £5.7million and we were absolutely blown away to receive a £25,000 donation this Spring. That money will make such a huge difference.

Special Mentions for these wonderful efforts::

- \* Our Super-fundraiser and Regular Runner Becca March, who raised over £1200 completing the Hampton Court Half Marathon
- \* Channing School in London for donating £2000
- \* Burgess Hill Rugby Club
- \* The Weald Theatre Group for raising £1000 with their Panto
- \* Frank Hall whose latest shenanigans raised £2180

We need at least £15,000 a month to keep our important work going - you can set up a regular monthly payment via our website: [www.finleystouch.org.uk](http://www.finleystouch.org.uk)