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We are looking for sponsors for our 2008 Macmillan Cancer support 4x4 challenge

No amount of sponsorship is too small or too big everything is appreciated, we can sell or auction any good or services, 100% of the sponsorship goes directly to Macmillan cancer support.

Sign writing recognising your support can be displayed on the vehicle if required. Please find below a brief report on the 2007 event.



Thank you for considering supporting our third attempt at the Macmillan Cancer Support 4x4 UK Challenge, you may be pleased to know we finished the 2007 event without any major dramas or crisis. Mind you it would have to go some to better 2006's character building event.

More importantly we, in 2007 with a lot of help raised just under £1000.00 towards Macmillan Cancer Support. The total for this year's event is currently over £110,000.00 with some money still to come in.



This year's event started Friday night at Craven Arms Shropshire with a series of clues, and map references to enable us to locate Passage boards. The more clues we answered and passage boards found the more points we achieved. To ensure this was not as simple as it sounds a number of farmers allowed Macmillan to cross their fields to ensure our map reading was spot on. Might not sound like a big deal but try standing in the middle of a field around midnight.



An unfortunate train of events resulted in the two night sections in forests to be cancelled; this resulted in an early finish (by Macmillan standards) at Clyro Court Hotel. Our finish time of 1.30 did not allow us to break the spirit of the event by booking into the hotel but did ensure we had to erect the tent by car headlights. Mac by this time could not be bothered to erect his tent but crawled into his survival bag and slept on the ground.



Day two, also known as Saturday saw the day start with a run down to Brecon Military range. Once at the Range the format followed much as Friday night, the organisers yet again proving to have very warped minds with the questioning and board positioning. Due to a misunderstanding with the start marshal, we had not located any of the claimed 12 boards at the first check point. Mainly because we had not been looking for them. The later part of the military range consisted of more clues, more boards, a water crossing and then a timed blindfolded slalom section, entertainment for this section was created by a Land rover being recovered 'up



hill' from some Tank ruts and seeing how much water you can get into a Volvo XC90 you know the joke, the good news is the radiators full the bad news is so is the ashtray.



Once out of the Military range we headed to Bala (apart from the XC90); Taking in some of Wales finest scenery; finding the answers to most of the clues and (having double checked this time) not looking for any boards. At Bala we discovered another section had been 'lost' so that was it for the night, an unheard of time of 8.30. We again did not break with the spirit of the event and camped; some may say this was down to all the rooms being booked by other competitors arriving before us. Camping like all things in life is down to planning and on this occasion we got it spot on, camping between an Irish man and a Scotsman resulted in a never empty Glass, and not having any trouble sleeping.



Day 3 (Sunday for those of you not keeping up). Started at the Bala off road centre; Guess what, we are looking for marker boards again. However this time against the clock, not an easy task with 70 acres to cover. Some skilful driving (or inspired guesswork) saw us score highly on this section. More importantly nobody had to recover us and we left with the car intact and all the bits still on, you know the bits I mean, bumpers, wing mirrors, spot lights, wheels.



Back at the Bala regroup we had another selection of map reference given to us, so it was a simple case of transferring them to the map and deciding the best way of covering all the references. Just a straightforward plot and bash, this resulting in another scenic tour of Wales and another selection of clues set by somebody who should get out more. Worryingly we found most of these.



The event effectively ended at the Horse shoe pass Ponderosa Café, the organisers had planned a regroup here as Last year North Wales was snowed in and they expected to lose sections. This year we had no snow and had lost more sections over the event than ever before.

Now just a simple drive to the finish Hotel, well it would be simple but for the road work's on the motorway. Mac now made his bid for television stardom (ok CCTV stardom) by leaning out of the car and collecting money from the slow moving (moving being an exaggeration) motorway traffic.



The Prize giving went well as we did not have to prepare any winning speeches and avoided being kissed by some celebrity who should really get a better agent.

The organiser's apologies regarding this year's unavoidable loss of a number of sections was given a major sting with the announcement that the 2008 event would start Friday lunchtime and we should 'be prepared', obviously spoken by a man who had not looked in the back of my car.

Mac and I would like to thank for considering supporting us in this event.

Please sponsor my Macmillan Cancer Support challenge 2008 at www.justgiving.com/macsean08



Yours sincerely,

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All costs for this event are paid by Clayton Car Contracts and Viatron Ltd all donations go 100% directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.