

Couple back Atlantic rowing bid for breast cancer charity

A COUPLE are going all out to help beat breast cancer by backing their son-in-law, who is set to row across the Atlantic.

Chris and Margie Griffiths, of Burrill, near Bedale, are in the process of raising cash for Breakthrough Breast Cancer in support of son-on-law Ed Curtis who lives in North Wales.

Chris is a member of Bedale Golf Club and last year was captain of the senior team and is also a Bedale minibus volunteer. Margie is a retired community

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physiotherapist who was employed by the NHS in Northallerton, covering Bedale and Masham. The couple are raising cash through the annual Finghall barrell push in May and are also having a fun night at the Buck Inn at Thornton Watlass in due course.

Their daughter Nicola Curtis, who is married to Ed, works as a human resource manager in Anglesey and was born in Harrogate.

Ed, along with friend



OARSMEN: Nick Rees, left, and Ed Curtis

Nick Rees, is rowing across the Atlantic at the end of the year to raise money for the cancer charity. Nick's wife Ellen was diagnosed with breast cancer at

the age of just 33. She is now in remission. Ed is a father of two children, Osian, five, and Betty, 18 months, and is a lifelong friend of Mrs Rees.

He is a watersports professional at the Plas Menai National Watersports Centre in North Wales.

In May last year, Nick and Ed announced their aim to row across the Atlantic unaided, in order to raise £250,000 and awareness of the charity. The Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge starts on December 2. In a 24-foot rowing boat, Nick and Ed will row unsupported from La Gomera in the Canary Islands to Antigua, a distance of over 2,600 nautical miles.