



Oar-some challenge for two adventurers

A NORTH Pembrokeshire adventurer who will row the Atlantic for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, raised more than £1,000 for the charity at the recent Dinas Head rowing race.

Ed Curtis and friend Nick Rees will set off on the 2,600 nautical mile Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge at the end of next year.

The pair aim to raise £250,000 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. They were inspired to take on the epic challenge after Nick's wife and Ed's lifelong friend, Ellen, was diagnosed with the condition at the age of 33.

Members of the public had the chance to look round their £33,000 boat, the Breakthrough Atlantic, which was on display outside Newport Boat Club.

Ed and Nick will spend around 50 days on the boat, rowing in two hour shifts for 24 hours a day.

"The day was a great success and we had lots of people come and make donations and show an interest in what we are trying to accomplish," said Ed, who now lives in north Wales.

By Becky Hotchin

"The kids managed to collect £284 and we also received a number of donations as a result of the day via Justgiving that totalled more than £800.

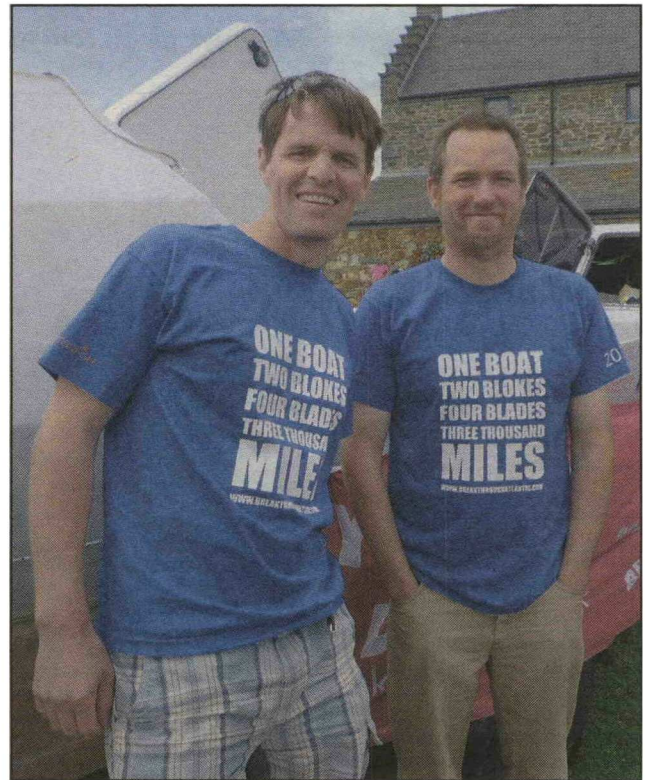
"It was really exciting to be at the club and to tell people what we were doing, but also to remind people why we were doing the challenge and how important the money we raise is in helping the fight against breast cancer in both men and women."

As well as aiming for a target of £250,000 for the charity, Ed and Nick are also working hard to raise £75,000 to fund the race and are looking for corporate sponsorship.

"If people are looking to get their company on a worldwide stage then they might like to get in touch with us regarding sponsoring the boat," said Ed.

To find out more about Ed and Nick's challenge visit www.breakthroughatlantic.com. To donate £10 text ROWA88 £10 to 70070.

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ON SHOW: Ed Curtis and Nick Rees raised over £1,000 when they brought their boat, Breakthrough Atlantic, to Newport Boat Club.

