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Best Charity or Community Project entry

The Gallery Dental Group, comprising Meadow Walk and The Gallery Dental & Implant Centre, are based in the heart of our small local community. As such we like to be involved with, and support, not just one but a number of local charities and community groups. We identified a total of five different causes: charities, community groups, and an individual to support in the past 12 months.

Moretonville Wanderers U8s football club, Buckingham

This local junior football team were looking for support with sponsorship to enable the club to run an under 8s team. Meadow Walk Dental Practice was happy to help by providing the football kit for all the team, including the managers' jackets. Dr Balaji attended the awards evening at the end of the season to hand out the trophies to the players; and parents were provided with goodie bags from the practice. The Practice intends to continue its commitment to support this young local football team.

"As a community football club which is run by volunteers for the benefit of local children throughout the local area, we are reliant on the generosity of local businesses to help support our teams by providing sponsorship so we can provide football kits for the youngsters.

Trying to obtain such sponsorship can be very difficult especially in the current economic climate. As such when I was approached by Meadow Walk Dental Practice offering to sponsor my team of 7 and 8 year olds it was incredibly welcome. Over our first season the company provided the children with a full kit and training tops as well as coats for the managers.

As a local football club we seek to give opportunities for children to play sport but this can be only done with the help of the local community. As such businesses such as Meadow Walk Dental Practice ensure this can happen."

Alex Romaine

Moretonville Wanderers U8's



Moretonville Wanderers U8s show off their kit



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Buckingham Half Marathon in aid of Willen Hospice and Alec's Angels

This event is only in its second year. The Buckingham half marathon supports two charities, the Willen Hospice, based in Milton Keynes, who provide end of life care; and Alec's Angels a charity set up in memory of a young boy to raise funds for other children and their families experiencing cancer.

Four hundred runners took part in the half marathon in May this year. The Gallery Dental Group donated £500, in addition to providing help on the day, and free toothpaste samples for the participants.

"The Gallery Dental were one of the main partners of the Buckingham Half Marathon this year. Their generous donation allowed us to provide additional supplies for our checkpoints (vital in the hot conditions), as well as present each runner with a cereal bar upon finishing the race, which according to feedback was very well received! The support from Jenny, the Business Manager, who came along with Hellen, one of the dentists and Bil, the Clinical Manager to cheer the runners on race day was also much appreciated. On behalf of the Buckingham Half Marathon, thank you for your support."

Alex Penny

Race Director Buckingham Half Marathon



The Gallery Dental providing support to the Buckingham Half Marathon

Pictured (left-right):
Bil (Clinical Manager); Hellen (Dentist);
Jenny (Business Manager)





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YC2 Buckingham & Winslow Young Carers Youth Club

The Gallery Dental donates £50 every month to this local charity. Known locally as YC2, this group offers support for children and young people with significant personal caring responsibilities for one or more family members in the North Bucks area. YC2 offer a club specifically designed to provide fun, freedom and friendship, where the young carer is the first priority. Their needs are what drives the programme, and where they know that they are among other children who share many of the day to day experiences that they do.

"The support given to YC2 by The Gallery Dental helps provide so much, the amazing results of some of our young carers when they are sponsored for the Young Leaders Award is yet another future enhancing investment that you have helped with, paying for a mini bus to attend the theatre or go bowling - a treat that many young carers have never had, all comes from our supporters like yourselves. Please know just what a huge personal difference you are making to the lives of many children and young people who live in our area. Thank you from everyone at YC2."

Margo Jackson

YC2 Coordinator & Family Liaison

Cancer Research UK

Two of the team from Meadow Walk Dental Practice, dentist Evangelos and nurse Amanda, entered the Ultra Ballroom event in Milton Keynes in support of this charity. The event saw entrants learn the jive and waltz in just eight weeks. This event was taken very seriously, with regular practising, and the buying of ball gowns! The evening event was held in Milton Keynes in front of 600 people. Of the 16 couples who took part in this event, Evangelos and Amanda were awarded the prize for best dance of the night. Not only did they win the coveted prize, but also raised £724 in sponsorship for the charity.



Evangelos and Amanda celebrate winning Best Dance of the Night at the Ultra Ballroom event in Milton Keynes, raising money for Cancer Research UK.



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COMPETITION

Dental staff celebrate their dancing award

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Two dental staff based at a practice in Buckingham are celebrating after winning a dancing award.

Dental nurse Amanda Bridge and dentist Vangelis Viskadourakis from Meadow Walk Dental Practice came in first place at a charity black tie dancing event in Milton Keynes last weekend.

The dental staff raised £525 for Cancer Research UK by dancing the waltz at The Holiday Inn and took home a trophy following their success.

Amanda said: "I saw something on Facebook in January about the event and wanted to take part in memory of my

granddad Philip (who passed away due to cancer). "I was looking for a dancing partner and couldn't find one so Vangelis offered to take that role.

"We were both complete dancing novices at the start. "We trained on Thursdays and Saturdays for eight weeks

and did some extra rehearsals at the hall in Maids Moreton. "Just before the performance, I was absolutely terrified but Vangelis was fairly relaxed.

"The first dance went OK but the second one was much better."

Amanda lives in Dadford-

while Vangelis, who is originally from Greece, lives in Milton Keynes.

Amanda said the pair's foray into dancing was likely to be a one-off.

She said: "We have no plans to compete again in the future.

"I think Vangelis would prefer to concentrate on playing basketball."

More than 300 people attended the event with the dental staff taking home a trophy with the phrase 'ballroom- best dance of the night' as a memento of their achievement.

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Dancing dentists Vangelis and Amanda Bridge

Edward Tobin, undertaking a charity expedition with Outlook Expeditions

Edward is a patient at The Gallery Dental & Implant Centre, and was raising £3,925 to fund a charity expedition to Nicaragua to participate in a community project, helping build a school or library for children there. As part of the expedition he will be teaching children some basic English. The Gallery Dental Group was delighted to be able to sponsor £100 towards Edward's expedition.

At The Gallery Dental, we feel that by supporting numerous good causes and charities, both financially and with staff volunteering their time, we can make a difference and benefit the local community.