

At their recent AGM, Rugby Police Bowls Club presented a cheque for £1682 to Cure Leukaemia a blood cancer charity in memory of Dave Ronnie, a long standing and well-liked member of the Police Bowls Club, who had been diagnosed with leukaemia and



passed away from Covid in early April 2020, as his immune system could not fight the virus. Dave's wife and daughter Katherine attended the presentation. The cheque was presented to Mark Nicholas who represented the Cure Leukaemia charity, who himself is a survivor of this terrible disease and he has since gone on to complete several major long distance charity bike rides. After the presentation, Mark gave us an insight into his life and treatment, both before and after his diagnosis, which was very inspiring to hear for all those who were present. Mark being a testament to what could be achieved with the right care and treatment. James McLaughlin the CEO of Cure Leukaemia thanked the club and provided the following statement On behalf of us all at Cure Leukaemia, I would like to thank all at the Rugby Police Bowls Club for such a generous donation in memory of David Ronnie. Blood cancer remains an indiscriminate and cruel disease and the funds raised by the members will go towards funding our Cure Leukaemia Research Nurse Tina McSkeane who treats blood cancer patients across the West Midlands at our Clinical Centre for Haematology. David Owen the Rugby Police Chair said Despite only having a small membership and with Covid restrictions meaning we could not hold our annual club BBQ, end of season meal, or day out, all of which contribute greatly to the charity fund, the amount raised was a tremendous effort by all members. Dave loved his bowls especially the camaraderie and the social side, enjoying a few beers and being an ever present member on the clubs annual tour, where he provided many a laugh with his dry sense of humour. I would also like to thank Oakfield B.C. for their help and support in organising a charity game against us, then donating all of the proceeds to the fund, with thanks also to Rugby B.C. for their generous donation. Tonight, was very emotional listening to Mark and his experiences, from being a very fit individual one minute to being struck down with Leukaemia the next, but I know that both Dave's wife Ruth and daughter Katherine found it a truly positive experience to hear his story and to meet with someone who has survived the illness. Ruth thanked the members on a great achievement in having raised so much money.