



JOHN'S CHARITY WHIZZ

John Hall, Golf Course Manager at Tewkesbury Park Hotel & Country Club, is running a half marathon for charity on October 6.

John's best friend has a son with Cerebral Palsy and is restricted to a wheelchair, and has been helped out by 'Whizz Kidz' - a charity who help kids who have mobility issues.

John said: "Seeing the cost of my friend's son's chair really opened my eyes. As well as paying for the chair they had to widen the door frames in their house to accommodate it, and also buy ramps. This charity helps by supplying everything from wheelchairs to toys."

He will be running the Royal Parks Marathon in London and there are various ways to donate. Either call John on 07900 620987, or text kidz96 then £1, £2, £5 or £10 to 70070 to make a donation to this hugely worthwhile cause.



NEIL SALUTES 25 YEARS

Neil Fauble, Course Manager at East Herts Golf Club, has marked 25 years at the parkland course and says he's loved every minute.

Neil joined the club straight from school and served a four year apprenticeship. He continued to work at the course - and his career - before becoming Course Manager ten years ago.

He said: "I used to watch The Masters when I was a kid and marvel out how fantastic the golf courses looked. I thought 'someone's got to look after that, what a great job' and that's how it all started.

"I've loved every minute, the best thing about the job is there is a different challenge every day. Of course it's very, very hard work and there's so much to get involved with, for example today I've been painting fence posts. But when you get great feedback from

golfers it makes it all worthwhile - we recently had a members match versus a local club and the visitors said the course looked superb, which was so satisfying to hear.

"But my main priority is to keep the people who pay their annual fees happy."

He added that members had recently asked him where the club's finances had been directed, so Neil and his team made a point of putting all their machinery on show during a competition.

He said: "They generally only see one guy on a mower so they were amazed we had so much kit when they walked past, and began to understand where their membership fees were spent.

"It's all part of communicating with them, because if they don't like the club they will leave, simple as that."

TORO FINALIST SAM IS RADIO STAR

Sam Evans, Deputy Head Greenkeeper at Oakland Park Golf Club, appeared on Radio One recently as part of a regular feature called "Here all week".

Early morning DJ Dev seemed fascinated by Sam's job and the fact he is a finalist for the Toro Student of the Year 2013.

But Dev seemed to be under the impression that greenkeeping was a matter of landscaping and occasional hedge trimming...so it was over to Sam to try and educate him! If you've appeared on TV, radio or in newspapers let Steve Castle know and spread the word.