

NEWS RELEASE

Issued on behalf of Cancer Research Wales

Date: November 2006

WHERE'S MY TIE? I SAID, WHERE'S MY TIE?

A PIECE of soap history is up for auction - to help raise funds for a Welsh cancer charity.

The actor who played soap legend Fred Elliott in Coronation Street, until his sudden and dramatic demise last month, has donated his character's tie to a charity auction in Portskewett.

The auction is being staged as a part of a fundraising dinner dance in aid of the Cancer Research Wales charity, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

It's being held by husband and wife Joe and Joyce Sawley at the Recreation Hall in Portskewett, on Friday December 2.

Other money-can't-buy items up for auction include a limited edition print of the Millennium Stadium in the building process, a signed Ospreys shirt and a print of the last Cup Final at Wembley Stadium.

Local MP David Davies has offered a personal tour of the Houses of Parliament with afternoon tea, and AM Laura Jones has offered a tour of the Senedd with lunch.

Last year, the auction and dance raised £2,250 for Cancer Research Wales. Tickets for this year's event are £10 and available from Joyce Sawley on 01291 431108.

-Ends-

Notes For Editors:

- Cancer Research Wales was formed by a board of trustees in 1966.
- Cancer Research Wales has its headquarters at Velindre Hospital in Whitchurch, Cardiff.
- Cancer Research Wales is a separate charity from Velindre Hospital and Cancer Research UK.
- All money raised by Cancer Research Wales is spent in Wales
- The money also funds vital research projects, doctors and scientists in Welsh hospitals
- Cancer Research Wales also funds the only dedicated cancer library in Wales, at Velindre Hospital
- The charity's patrons include Nigel Walker and Huw Edwards
- The research team is headed by Professor Malcolm Mason
- Over £3 million has been raised by the charity in the last few years alone.

For further information on this press release, please contact Sarah Kilcoyne at Effective Communication on 02920 660119 or email skilcoyne@effcom.co.uk