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EPIC JOURNEY BY TRACTOR – TO HELP FIGHT CANCER

WINDOWS down, shades on....a Carmarthenshire man is getting ready for the drive of his life - by tractor!

David Jones, 61, from Lampeter, is preparing for a marathon 180 mile journey from Lampeter to Hullavington in Wiltshire to raise money for Cancer Research Wales.

It's all part of an attempt to break the world record for the most tractors gathered together in one field, taking place in Hullavington on Saturday, June 24.

David originally hoped to get a lift with a haulier like many of the other participants in the record attempt, but when this proved impossible a friend suggested driving the tractor itself.

“At first I thought he was mad, said David, who works servicing domestic appliances and is also a vintage car enthusiast.

“But then I had the idea of getting sponsorship for every mile I complete, in aid of Cancer Research Wales.”

“The money will go to the Penny Farthing Appeal, set up in memory of a friend of mine's son, Richard Davies, from Llandysul, who died from cancer six years ago.

“It's going to be pretty slow going, about 20 miles an hour at the most, but it's all for a very good cause.”

David sets out on his journey on Thursday 22 June and hopes to arrive in time for the event on Saturday.

“I just hope I don't break down! said David.

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“I’m servicing the tractor at the moment, so she’ll be in tip top condition for the journey.”

Maggie Hughes, fundraising director at Cancer Research Wales said: “We wish David the best of luck with his journey, and with the world record attempt itself.

“The Penny Farthing Appeal has raised more than £60,000 for the charity in the last six years, helping to fund vital research into the treatment and understanding of cancer.”

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Notes For Editors:

- Cancer Research Wales was formed by a board of trustees in 1966
- The charity’s headquarters is at Velindre Hospital in Whitchurch, Cardiff
- All money raised by Cancer Research Wales is spent in Wales
- The money funds scientists and their pioneering cancer research projects around Wales
- Cancer Research Wales also funds the only dedicated cancer research library in Wales
- 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