

# Turning wheels for the hospital

A STUDENT will be cycling 2,240km across Europe to raise money for the hospital which is helping his father.

Jamie Menzies, of Downside Gardens in Potton, will cycle from Papworth Hospital in Cambridgeshire to Geneva in Switzerland and back again.

The money he raises will be given to Papworth Hospital for use in the Mesothelioma Research which is being undertaken there.

He decided to complete the journey after his father, John Menzies, was diagnosed with Pleural Mesothelioma in November last year. The rare and incurable form of cancer affects the lungs and is usually caused by exposure to asbestos.

John, 81, has been living in Potton since the early 1980s. Over the years he has assisted with the children's football teams, volunteered at Burgoyne Middle School and helped manage the Potton United reserves team. He now attends Potton Bowls Club.

Jamie, 22, has had to raise the target due to the high number of donations and he is now hoping to raise £2,240; £1 for every km he cycles.

He said: "I wanted to think of something that was suitably big.

"I plan to cycle 100 metres for every inpatient they treat over the course of an average year to raise money and awareness for the



THANKING PAPWORTH HOSPITAL: Jamie and John Menzies

Papworth Hospital Charity so that they may continue their amazing work.

"They have 22,400 inpatients annually and this equates to cycling 2,240km.

"At the moment I'm hitting the gym three times a week and going for a bike ride one or two times a week. I try to do 70 miles on Saturdays.

"I also do rock climbing and hiking.

"I'm really looking forward to it but I'm a bit nervous about the

weather!

Jamie will start his ride on Wednesday, June 8 and he aims to complete it within 23 days with an average of 97km or 60.5 miles a day – or even faster. He only began cycling again as an adult in September and he will be completing the journey by himself.

And while Jamie is training his sister Kate is organising all of the fundraising and publicity for the ride.

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