

People

On your bike!

Trust patient organises bike ride to raise funds for brain tumour research

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A PATIENT is organising a charity bike ride from Charing Cross Hospital to raise money for brain tumour research.

Dan Wiggins, 33, is holding the event in aid of the national charity the Brain Tumour Research Campaign (BTRC), which has a research centre at Charing Cross Hospital.

Dan, who was diagnosed with a brain tumour four years ago, said: "I want to raise money for research into treatment that will slow the growth of brain tumours and ultimately cure them.

"I'm expecting about 20 friends and family to join me for the 15-mile cycle event. I'm also inviting any staff from Charing Cross Hospital who'd like to take part to come along too.

"For those who don't fancy the ride, any sponsorship would be welcome."

BTRC's founder, Wendy Fulcher, set up the charity after her husband, John, died aged 52 of brain cancer at Charing Cross in 2001.

"Research into brain tumours is in its infancy. Very little is known about their behaviour, effective diagnoses and treatment," said Wendy.

"We're very grateful to Dan for his fundraising efforts which will help our research enormously."

The bike ride will begin at Charing Cross Hospital outside the Reynolds building at 10.30 on March 28. The route will begin in Richmond Park and end at Charing Cross at about 14.00.

For further information or to make a donation visit www.mindovermiles.org or www.justgiving.com/danwiggins-btrc.

Dan is also cycling from John O'Groats to Land's End starting on April 14.



Dan Wiggins training in Richmond park with wife Lucy