

# charity FOCUS

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## DAWID PSYCHED FOR 15,000FT SKYDIVE FOR NSPCC

AN insurance adviser is taking a giant leap this spring in a bid to raise money for charity.

Flucky Dawid Mandyna, who works at the O2 store at the Eagles Meadow shopping centre in Wrexham, is psyching himself up to plummet around 15,000 feet doing a skydive to raise money for his company's partner charity, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

David said: "I'll be jumping as part of a group from other O2 stores in different parts of the UK with the aim of raising as much money for the NSPCC as possible.

"We'll each be jumping on our own but there'll be an instructor in the air close by to tell us what to do and, importantly, when to pull the cord to open the parachute."

"I've got a target of raising at least £300 for the NSPCC, which is an excellent charity that does so much good work for children."

"I'm being sponsored by my family, friends and colleagues in the store and everyone's giving me some great support."

David's boss and the O2 store manager James Francis said everyone was proud of him for agreeing to make the jump.

O2 is the official partner of the NSPCC and the company aim to raise £20,000 for the charity by the end of this financial year.

■ If you would like to support David please go to [justgiving.com/cewms-plus/](http://justgiving.com/cewms-plus/)



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### Noticeboard



■ Tystyn Lewis

### » Farewell night aids charity

THE Gethse Chapel in Llandudno saw approx. 900 people turn out for Tystyn Lewis' farewell concert with Orlogwyn Male Voice Choir on February 28. He was joined by Aberystwyth Male Voice Choir and soloists Elysa Llyr Thomas and Meirion Roberts. It proved to be quite a send-off for Tystyn, who has been with the choir since the age of 16, when he joined as a young bass, taking over the baton while still at University.

A collection made on the night for Carers Llandudno, raised £931.00. Tystyn said: "I have been in regular contact with those running the charity and have seen the excellent work they do, supporting those who care day and night for family members or people in the community. Carers Llandudno is vital to them, raising money for multiple care and many other important things. I am pleased to have been able to help them continue with their good work."

### » Guide dogs

A Coffee Morning with stalls, 10am to noon on Saturday, March 19, at the Abergele Old Peoples Centre, in Church Walls. The £1 admission will include tea/coffee and cake. All proceeds are for the local branch of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Come and meet some of the wonderful Guide Dogs. More details: Sheila 01492 879399.

### » Easter event

HOSPICE at Home Gwynedd & Anglesey Easter coffee and cake event at Hafan Mafallan Day Hospice (YG site), on Wednesday, March 23, 11am-3pm. Just £2.

# Cancer specialist to mark retirement with marathon

ANORTH Wales cancer specialist will mark his 80th birthday, and his retirement, by running the Virgin London Marathon at the end of April.

Professor Nick Stuart, who retires after nearly 40 years of service to the NHS and 23 years working in North Wales, will join over 30,000 runners for the 26.2 mile run on Sunday, April 26, as he bids to raise over £1,500 for the North Wales Cancer Appeal, a charity which supports patients receiving care and treatment at the North Wales Cancer Treatment

Centre at Glas Clwyd Hospital.

Prof Stuart, who also regularly works as the Allow Unit in Ysbyty Gwynedd, said: "Running the London Marathon provides a very fitting way for me to thank all the staff I have worked with over the years and to raise money to support local people living with cancer."

"When I started work in North Wales in 1993 I was the only Consultant Oncologist based in the area and the only chemotherapy specialist working in Wales."

He continued: "It has been a privilege to have helped build a first rate Cancer Service and to have been part of a team that now provides care for hundreds of cancer



■ Prof Nick Stuart is running the London Marathon

patients and offer the best modern treatments with chemotherapy, radiotherapy and surgery."

"I've been overwhelmed by the generosity of friends, colleagues and other complete strangers who have donated

through my JustGiving page and have helped me towards my target of raising over £1,500 for the North Wales Cancer Appeal."

One message which accompanied a £200 donation on the Professor's JustGiving page read: "You don't know me but you have treated my mum who is in remission from cancer. She's nearly 90 and has had some wonderful extra years because of the great work you do."

Another message read: "Thank you for all your work and knowledge to help me and many others live on and cope with this disease."

"Hoping you have a long and very enjoyable retirement, you deserve it!"

Through Anyr Lla, the North Wales NHS Charity, people can give directly to the specific hos-

pital wards, departments, or community healthcare services that are closest to their hearts.

Prof Stuart is supporting The North Wales Cancer Appeal (formerly the Ros & Margaret Smith Appeal), which raises much needed funds to purchase vital equipment to treat cancer patients from across North Wales. The Appeal has recently given nearly £1m to help purchase a new radiotherapy treatment machine.

Prof Stuart, who lives near Beaumaris on Anglesey, added: "I am training at least three times each week and running up to 18 miles each weekend."

"During the winter I have had to cope with cold, wind, rain and dark, evening runs but this has been made easier by the support already shown by my sponsors."

To sponsor Prof Stuart go to [justgiving.com/nicholas-stuart80/](http://justgiving.com/nicholas-stuart80/) or text NWCA60 £10 to 70070 to donate £10.