



The Jamie G Sporting Trust

It is difficult to believe that a year has passed since young Jamie Gentleman tragically collapsed and died just days before his 14th birthday. His death was a result of dilated cardiomyopathy a fairly uncommon condition that affects the heart's ability to pump blood.

A keen, talented and dedicated sportsman, in his short life Jamie had already established himself as a highly rated footballer and captain of the Upper Clatford Under 14s football team. He was also a member of Andover's Darts Academy with a number of trophies to his name.

Shining Star
Jamie Gentleman

Despite his youth, Jamie was renowned for always being well-mannered, cheerful, courteous and fun to be around; he was extremely popular. In order to acknowledge the impact this very young man had during his short life, his friends and family got together to try to establish an appropriate memorial, tribute and lasting legacy for the benefit of others.

As a result of this initiative The Jamie G Sporting Trust was created with 3 key objectives –

- To help the young of Andover get the greatest health and social benefits from their sport
- To contribute to the growth of youth sport in the Andover area
- To use Jamie's passing as a starting point to promote, fund and encourage the Andover young to participate, enjoy and embrace sport



Tributes left at
John Hanson School



Mum, Dad & Jamie

In the few months following the loss of Jamie, numerous fund raising activities took place on behalf of the Trust, these included quiz nights, football matches, participation in the Hyde Park Fun Run, a fishing competition, a Halloween night at the Walnut Tree pub and, in November, a Gala Ball to officially launch the Trust.



Committee of
Jamie G Sporting Trust with
Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of
Test Valley Borough Council

The success of these events was reflected in the total amount of over £20,000 raised by the end of November and, in December, Jamie's Christmas Party was arranged to present 7 financial awards to local sports clubs. The number 7 is significant and a fitting memory as it was the number on Jamie's football shirt.

20th March 2010 would have been Jamie's 15th birthday. In celebration of this and following continued fund-raising activities, the Trust will be holding their second presentation of 7 financial awards to local clubs.

Jamie's short time on this Earth brought so much pleasure to all those who knew him; through the work of the Trust, the legacy of his passing will ensure that many other lives will be touched by him today and into the future.

Links:

www.jamiegssportingtrust.org

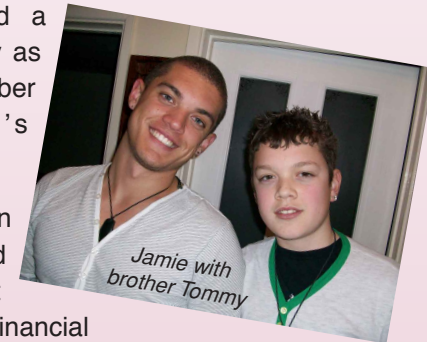
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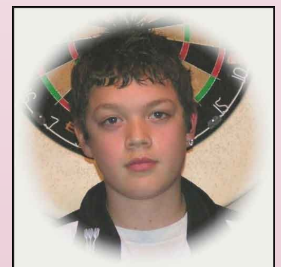
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Jamie with
brother Tommy



Darts portrait