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Club raises £5,300 for hospice after members' deaths

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Impressive total ... Tournament organiser Lou Handy with club president Tony Cornell and chairman Paul Thurston. MNJP-12-05-12 MW 007.

MILDENHALL Cricket Club raised a massive £5,300 for St Nicholas Hospice Care in one day at a memorial tournament.

The tournament at Mildenhall's Wamil Way ground was arranged following the deaths of club members Beryl Squire and Rick Handy, who both spent their final days in the care of hospice staff.

Club stalwart Beryl died aged 77, while Rick, who had played for the club since he was a child, died aged 44 from bowel cancer.

Lou Handy, Rick's brother, who organised the event to show the two families' appreciation for the hospice, said the total raised was "amazing".

"To raise that much money in a single night was not a bad effort. We had a lot of help from people and a lot of support," Lou said.

"Both families were really impressed with the facilities and the service provided by the hospice. We couldn't have asked for a better place."

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About 300 people attended the tournament, which was held earlier this month and brought together teams captained by Beryl's son, Andy Squire, and Rick's brother, Ian Handy. There were also teams of past and present club members captained by Lou Handy and Andy Lancaster.

Players and guests tucked into curries, a barbecue and bacon and egg rolls - a Beryl speciality - at the tournament, which was also the club's celebration of 40 years at the Wamil Way ground.

There was also a raffle and an auction to raise money.

Tony Cornell, club president, said a good day was had by all, despite the rain.

"I thought it was extraordinary that people came from far and wide on a not particularly nice day," he said.

"It was obvious that both had a great deal of support from both their families and people were just happy to give money to a worthwhile cause."



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