Coast to Cavern for Cleethorpes couple’s cycle challenge

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A couple from Cleethorpes have embarked on a mammoth cycling challenge for charity, all in memory of their friend Karl Brumby.

Jim and Tracy Collins, both from the North East Lincolnshire resort, are cycling a 316-mile round trip from their hometown to the famed Cavern Club in Liverpool.

The pair are raising funds for St Andrew’s Hospice in Grimsby, in memory of their friend Karl Brumby, who was cared for by the hospice in his final days.

Setting off from Cleethorpes on a sunny, Monday morning, Jim and Tracy are due to arrive at the Cavern late on Wednesday after crossing the country via Sheffield and the Peak District.

“The first day is the hardest day for us, we have the longest distance and several climbs in very hot conditions,” explained Jim.

“We will be heading out of Cleethorpes on the A46 and then crossing over to Gainsborough and onto the outskirts of Sheffield for our first stopover.

“The climbs get harder after that as we cross the Peak District but then it is a nice run into Liverpool, which we’re hoping to get to on Wednesday.”

Tracy added: “I will find the hills a real challenge – I am not as much of a road cyclist as Jim, I did some climbing in Scotland last year but not with as much sun as this!”

And the duo are hoping to raise a significant amount of money for the hospice, with over £500 collected online already.

“St Andrew’s was able to provide Karl and his wife Sharon the opportunity to make their final days together memorable as husband and wife,” said Jim.

“In acknowledgement of the tremendous work the hospice does, we wanted to support them by raising money, which is how Coast to Cavern came about.

“The Cavern was a favourite place of Karl's who went to many events there and even performed himself.”

Jim and Tracy are hoping to complete the challenge by returning to the Spider’s Web in Grimsby at 5pm on Sunday 1 July.

To find out more about the challenge or to sponsor Jim and Tracy, please visit https://standre.ws/coast2cavern.

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