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**A NEW HELICOPTER
- A NEW ERA**

**CHILDHOOD DREAM
BECOMES REALITY**

**ARE YOU UP TO
THE CHALLENGE?**

WHAT'S ON...

Throughout the year, the people of Lincs & Notts choose to support the Ambucopter at various events across the two counties, or host events dedicated to raising money for the Charity. Here are just a few of the events taking place in the coming months.

MAY

Monday 1st
RETFORD CHARTER DAY

Saturday 13th
HARTSHOLME PARK FAIR
Lincoln

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY SHOW

Sunday 21st
WOODHALL SPA COUNTRY SHOW

Saturday 27th
MEGA MAY MUSIC DAY
North Hykeham, Lincoln

Sunday 28th
NOTTINGHAM 10K

Sunday 28th
HOVERINGHAM VINTAGE VEHICLE & VILLAGE SHOW

JUNE

Sunday 4th
BRANSBY HORSES' SPRING FAYRE

Saturday 10th
RANSKILL SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Saturday 17th
COTGRAVE FESTIVAL

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd
LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW



Saturday 24th
CROWLAND SHOW
Crowland

Saturday 24th
EAST BRIDGFORD VILLAGE SHOW

JULY

Sunday 2nd
LONG SUTTON HORSE & PONY SHOW

Saturday 8th
RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT CARNIVAL

Sunday 9th
SPILSBY SHOW

Saturday 15th
STICKNEY SHOW

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th
WOODHALL SPA 40s WEEKEND

Sunday 16th
NORWOOD GOLF CLUB FAMILY FUNDAY

Saturday 29th
STAY SAFE SKEGNESS

Saturday 29th
HECKINGTON SHOW

AUGUST

Wednesday 2nd
LARK IN THE PARK
West Bridgford

Sunday 6th
REEVESBY SHOW

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3rd
WRAGBY SHOW

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th
SCAMPTON AIR SHOW

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th
HARBY COUNTRY SHOW

Saturday 30th
SOUTHWELL PLOUGHING MATCH



If you would like to hold an event to raise money for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, email fundraising@ambucopter.org.uk or call 01522 548469 (Lincs) or 0115 941 2255 (Notts). Our fundraising team is looking forward to hearing from you.

All details correct at the time of going to press

DEAR SUPPORTER

Since the last edition of Sky Shout, we have had a very busy six months here at the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.

Most notably, the end of year statistics revealed that 2016 was the busiest year on record for the Charity with 1,009 missions throughout the year. That is over 1,000 of the most serious life-threatening incidents responded to by the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance across Lincs & Notts, giving people their best possible chance of survival in their greatest hour of need.

In 2016, 40% of incidents we responded to were road traffic collisions, 25% were medical incidents, 17% were industrial/agricultural, 9% were sporting accidents and 9% were falls.

Looking forward, 2017 is shaping up to be a very exciting year for the Charity as, following a short delay, we are about to take delivery of our AW169 helicopter- more on this on pages 4-5.

Throughout the year we need to raise £2.5m to keep the Ambucopter in the skies and saving lives

365 days of the year. We do not receive any direct Government or National Lottery funding so this can only be achieved thanks to the people of Lincs & Notts who continue to support our Charity. Whether you volunteer your time, undertake a fundraising event, or help to spread the word about what we do, we are grateful to each and every one of you. You can see just some of the fantastic fundraising events from the past 6 months on pages 12-13.

Together we can help ensure that Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire continue to have a first-class Helicopter Emergency Medical Service for many years to come.

Best wishes,



K. Jobling

Karen Jobling
Chief Executive Officer

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SAVING LIVES EVERY DAY

Since our first flight in 1994, the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance has responded to over 18,000 life-threatening incidents. Working alongside other emergency services we offer the very best chances of survival to the most seriously injured and ill patients.

Since 1994, we have leased two different models of helicopter. The first was our blue and white Bolkow. We undertook around 3,700 missions in this aircraft before we upgraded to our first MD902 Explorer in 2000. We have flown this type of helicopter for the past 17 years, undertaking a further 14,300 missions to date.

Last year we made the decision to upgrade our current helicopter to a state-of-the-art AgustaWestland 169. This aircraft will enhance the advanced critical care that we can offer to patients, giving them the best possible chance of survival. It is bigger, faster and has greater endurance, meaning we can fly further without the need to refuel.

Our crew have undergone training on the aircraft so that when it arrives they are already familiar with its layout and procedures. Although we have had a delay in its arrival, this is commonplace when a new aircraft comes into service and was anticipated. In the meantime, we continue to fly an average of three missions a day with our trusty Explorer.



Our new AW169 helicopter

Excellent patient care is at the heart of everything we do. The combination of speed, endurance and technology that the new aircraft can offer, together with the potential to deliver patient interventions in a warm, dry and well-lit interior will be of huge benefit to our patients. That said, it will be a very emotional day when our crew flies the Explorer helicopter for the last time as the aircraft is close to the hearts of our crew, staff, volunteers and the public.

We are proud to say that our Charity Saves Lives Every Day, and with our new aircraft we can continue doing so for years to come. This is only possible thanks to the people, organisations and businesses who continue to support us. So, a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you!

- Karen Jobling, CEO

HOW IS THE Lincs & NOTTS AIR AMBULANCE CALLED OUT?

All 999 calls go through to the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) Emergency Operations Centre. If the incident meets various criteria – such as immediately life-threatening or where time is critical, like a cardiac arrest for example – the Ambucopter will be dispatched. The crew will receive a call on their ‘bat phone’ at the base HQ at RAF Waddington.

While the pilot goes straight to the helicopter to start its engines, the paramedics grab the kit they will need and take down the information about the incident. They can be airborne in less than 5 minutes. The Ambucopter goes to the most serious of 999 calls.



The Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance is now woven inseparably into the pre-hospital trauma network, and is more important than ever in helping to achieve the remarkable outcomes in patients who otherwise simply would not be alive today. The combination of improved medical techniques and a more capable aircraft helps to ensure that critically injured patients have a better chance of survival.

Recent breath-taking advances in this pre-hospital trauma care means that even our trusty MD902 Explorer is now at the top of what it can achieve.

In line with the helicopter industry, the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance has recognised the need for an increased amount of equipment, a requirement for 360° patient access, longer transits to the most appropriate hospital and an increasing desire to provide all of this in the dark.

Replacing our Explorer with a state-of-the-art AgustaWestland 169 fulfils all these requirements. Cabin space is dramatically increased and the aircraft is significantly more powerful. It also has the most advanced navigation capabilities on offer in the industry. It flies very well and is extremely

future proof which means that it will comfortably see us through whatever is thrown at it for years to come. Also, it looks fantastic!

It's a very exciting time for all of us to be involved with the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance."

Chief Pilot, Captain Paul Smith



DID YOU KNOW

The busiest day of the week for the Ambucopter between October and February was **Monday**

The busiest month for the Ambucopter between October and February was **October**.

Between October and February the Ambucopter went to more **RTCs** than other jobs, at **36%**



Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance in the headlines



Our current MD902

HELP TO SPREAD THE WORD



HOW DO YOU ACCESS INFORMATION?

DO YOU PREFER WEBSITES OR SOCIAL MEDIA?

Did you know the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance not only has a website, it is also on Facebook and Twitter making it even easier to follow our progress and learn more about what we do on a daily basis.

Our website contains information on all areas of the Charity, from our staff and crew, to fundraising and volunteering. You can take a look inside our current helicopter or learn about how we are dispatched to 999 calls. Maybe you are looking for

inspiration for a fundraising event, or want to find out more about our history, you can find all this and more at ambucopter.org.uk

We love to share news about the Charity, our missions and some of the fundraising efforts of our community on Twitter and Facebook. It is a great way to spread the word about what our amazing supporters are doing for us. Why not like our Facebook page at [/Ambucopter](https://www.facebook.com/Ambucopter) or follow us on Twitter [@LNAACT](https://twitter.com/LNAACT)?

If you are holding an event to raise money for us, or undertaking a sponsored event, please share your news and photos on Facebook or Twitter – we love to see how the money has been raised. Make sure you tag us too so that we can help to share your post among our followers.

Please also help to spread awareness of what we do by re-tweeting and sharing our posts on your own profiles.

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John pictured presenting a certificate to the organisers of the Richmond Park Country Weekend.

FAREWELL JOHN

This year we said farewell to long-time volunteer John Turner, who sadly lost his battle with cancer in January. Supported by his wife Barbara, John volunteered for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance for 22 years.

During the many years he dedicated to the Charity, John happily undertook any task

requested of him including collecting lottery donations and collection boxes, attending presentations and helping out at events, as well as organising events himself.

Over the years he helped to raise in the region of £300,000 which is an amazing achievement. John will be sadly missed by all at the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.

CHILDHOOD DREAM BECOMES REALITY



With the arrival of our new AgustaWestland 169 on the horizon, we also welcome co-pilots Llewys Ingamells and Anna Loake to the team. They will join Chief Pilot Paul Smith and pilot Tim Taylor in piloting the state-of-the-art aircraft.

Here Llewys talks about how he went from a helicopter-mad child to co-pilot of the iconic yellow Lincs & Notts Ambucopter.



Anna Loake, Co-pilot

“As a child I was always fascinated with flight, particularly helicopters and the idea of hovering or levitating. During my childhood I built many radio controlled aircraft but it wasn’t until a few years later that I came face-to-face with the real thing.

When I was about 13, I attended Waddington Air Show and spoke to the then Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance Pilot George Phillips. It was that chance meeting that led to my first helicopter flight that afternoon in a Bell 206 Jet Ranger – an aircraft I would one day go on to pilot myself.

It wasn’t until I spoke to George that I realised a flying career could be an option for me. Chatting with him I was told that the Charity’s pilots were civilian pilots and that the operation was not part of the military as I had thought. I decided there and then

that this was what I wanted to do when I left school.

After leaving school I trained as a commercial helicopter pilot and flight instructor before working as a commercial pilot across England, Scotland and Europe.

I went on to work as a ‘floater pilot’ for various Helicopter Emergency Medical Services before taking up a role to Captain the Humberside Police Helicopter. I soon heard of a vacancy as co-pilot for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance. I had an interview with Captain Paul Smith and CEO Karen Jobling.

This was perhaps, for me, the most important interview of my life. Ask any helicopter pilot what their dream would be and 90% would say a job with the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service, but to fly for your local air ambulance and serve the

people of your home county is about as big of a privilege as there can be to me.

“It will be a very proud moment to don the flight suit of the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.”

I feel incredibly lucky to be given the opportunity. To do what you love is incredible but to do it while helping others is absolutely amazing.”

Llewys Ingamells, Co-pilot



COULD YOU BE A VOLUNTEER?

HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER

If you are interested in finding out more, please have a look at the 'How you Can Help' section on our website at ambucopter.org.uk or contact your local Volunteer-Co-ordinator:

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People volunteer for many reasons. Some want to learn a new skill, others want to make new friends, some are looking to give something back and some want experience to add to a CV. Whatever your reason for volunteering, there is a role for you.

Volunteering can be an extremely rewarding experience. You can volunteer as little or as much time as you can, all help is very much appreciated. No experience is necessary and training will always be given.

MYTH-BUSTING!

I don't have time...
There is no minimum time commitment

AGE IS NO BARRIER FOR LEWIS!

The main reason I chose to volunteer for Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance is that I have great respect for the emergency services overall and I wanted to give something back to the community.

I remember finding out that the Charity is reliant on donations, and without these, the Ambucopter wouldn't be able to function and ultimately save lives. I felt that I could be a small part of that bigger picture and volunteered to help make it possible. I started fundraising for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance towards the end of

September 2016. As a volunteer, I attend community events and gatherings, look after the Charity stall, give a friendly interaction with local people, and raise awareness of the Ambucopter.

I do genuinely feel that I am giving something back to the community. Although most people will never require the assistance of the Ambucopter, I am quick to remind them that it is far better for it to exist in case the unthinkable happens. The simple fact is, it has and it will continue save lives.

Lewis Cartwright, 16.



Lewis Cartwright and Volunteer Co-ordinator Sue Walker

MYTH-BUSTING!

I'm too young/old...
Volunteers can be any age, 16 upwards

MYTH-BUSTING!

I can't afford to get there...
Travel expenses will be reimbursed

THE AMBUCOPTER ALLOWED US TO SAY GOODBYE TO OUR DAUGHTER



In 2001 we received the call that no parent ever wants to get, our daughter Alex had been in a serious road traffic accident and had been airlifted by the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance to the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham.

We rushed straight there. In due course we were taken to see Alex lying unconscious and connected to a life support machine. We stayed with her until late the next day when Jill assisted the medical team to switch off the life support machine. She said "I brought her into the world and I will help her out of it".

We realised later that the fact she was airlifted had allowed us to spend time with her rather than receive a call to say that she had

died in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. We resolved to help the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance in return for giving us that time with Alex.

Since then we have attended many community events on behalf of the Charity, received cheques and talked to groups about the Ambucopter, taken part in the Great Nottingham Bike Ride for ten years raising nearly £30,000 and Jill now sorts donations every Tuesday morning at the Nottingham office. We also collect with a collection tin.

To us, the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance is part of our life, it gave us the time and opportunity to say goodbye to our daughter.

Jill and Don McLaren

SHAHIDA LIFTS SPIRITS WITH AIR AMBULANCE

I have long admired the work of the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance and supported it via the Charity boxes in my local shops.

I recently made the decision to become a volunteer and attended my first event at a show for farmers at the East of England Showground, helping with the coin collection. It was a very enjoyable day.

I got a lift with other volunteers and it was great to get to know them as well as having a lot of fun. Doing the bucket collection made the work of the Charity come to life for me as although I read information on the website, people who had been helped by the Ambucopter

stopped to give money, express their gratitude and share their stories. Each of them really appreciated the work the Charity does and the difference it made to their life at a very stressful time.

Meeting the very people that the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance had helped and listening to their heartfelt gratitude made the day for me.

Shahida Dar, Notts

MYTH-BUSTING!

I am not qualified...
You don't need any qualifications - all training will be given

NO OBSTACLES IN ARTHUR'S WAY!

In my early days of volunteering for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, I helped with outside events connected with farming.

When I retired in 2006 I became an 'official' volunteer, collecting donated goods for the Mansfield Woodhouse shop and delivering items for customers.

In 2010, I plucked up enough courage to offer to help with the shop's banking. However, I was terrible at maths at school. With the help of staff, I succeeded in doing it and continue to help where I can. I also transported equipment and merchandise to outside events, helping to set up and pack away.

Before long another opportunity came up, looking after collection boxes that needed emptying.

I started with 16 boxes in Southwell - I now look after 157 between the M1 corridor and the River Trent.

In September 2012, I stopped driving due to eye problems, but continued with the help of a friend who offered to drive me around. I then found out that one of my current drivers was available to help. He became a volunteer with the Charity too, so now we do a day a week together and both enjoy it very much!

Arthur Williams



FARMERS RAISE £500,000 FOR VITAL EQUIPMENT

Nearly 20 years ago a group of farmers decided they wanted to show their support to the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance and the Notts Air Ambulance Countryside Appeal (NAACA) was born.

Over the years members have helped to raise around £500,000 for the Charity, funding everything from an on-board defibrillator, training dummy and uniform for staff, volunteers and crew members, to a 4x4 Rapid Response Vehicle and equipment for the crew's new airbase at RAF Waddington.

These items have been essential to the work of the Charity. Members are now fundraising for additional medical kit for the new helicopter to ensure the crew have the most up to date kit available.

NAACA has kept to its farming roots and is now run by Chairman Geoff Bower who is a local farmer. He is supported by a committee of nine people who are all related to the farming community.



Members of the NAACA committee



FUNDRAISE FOR THE Lincs & NOTTS AIR AMBULANCE

Have you been inspired to raise money for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance? Every penny counts – whether you are holding a cake sale, quiz night or fundraising ball! Maybe you have a weird and wacky idea or a tried and tested idea, let us know.

Email fundraising@ambucopter.org.uk

We can supply our fundraisers with posters, leaflets, sponsor forms and letters of authority as well as offering guidance and support. It is only with the generous support of local people, organisations, and businesses that we can continue to provide a life-saving Helicopter Emergency Medical Service 365 days of the year in Lincs & Notts.



ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

Every year hundreds of people undertake sporting challenges in aid of the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, ranging from 5k or 10k runs and fun obstacle courses to triathlons, marathons and skydives.

Whether you are a hardened marathon runner or have never ran further than the end of your road before, there is a challenge just for you. Fun runs and obstacle races are perfect for those with no experience of running or maybe those who want to run with family or friends. For a tougher challenge that requires strict training and dedication for months before-hand, there are half marathons, marathons and triathlons across the country to take part in.

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Mark Richardson and Craig Williamson are two of the five people running the London Marathon for us this year.

The duo, who previously did not know each other, have built up a great friendship after meeting for the first time at an Ambucopter event after registering to run the marathon for us. The duo remain in

regular contact and share training tips. Long-term runner Craig has also given cricketer Mark advice on trainers and running clothing. The pair plan to meet up in London before the Marathon to prepare for the challenge ahead.

Show your support by making a donation at ambucopter.org.uk/donate



Craig Williamson dressed as our Ambucopter to complete the Gainsborough & Morton 10k in preparation for the London Marathon – he even got a shout out from BBC Radio 2 presenter Sara Cox!



SATURDAY, 28 MAY NOTTINGHAM 10K

If you fancy taking part in this year's Notts 10k, register through us and there is no registration fee, we just ask that you pledge to raise at least £50 in sponsorship to support the Charity. To register email k.carter@ambucopter.org.uk

Top tips for success at a sporting event

- Let us know that you will be undertaking a challenge for us – we can send you a Charity vest or t-shirt, posters and sponsor forms
- Create a Just Giving page so that people can sponsor you online
- Make sure you have a well-fitting, comfy pair of trainers
- Create a training plan that fits into your lifestyle - you don't need to join a gym, you can train anywhere!
- Build up the pace and distance each week – but make sure you warm up and down before and after each training session
- Take a bottle of water with you when you train to keep you hydrated
- And most importantly – **enjoy yourself and have fun!**

The common factor in all of these challenges is that all money raised for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance helps to save lives across Lincs & Notts 365 days of the year!

Why not make 2017 the year you take on a challenge in aid of the Ambucopter?

SOME OF OUR FABU LOUS FUNDRAISERS



Neil Atkin and friends raised **£1,400** taking part in a Mansfield to Skegness bike ride

Pensions Administration raised **£671.50** by holding a Charity Golf Day



Tunny's Tavern at Taggs Caravan Park raised **£3,500**



Air Traffic Control at RAF Cranwell raised **£209** from a beard shave



Lincoln Fat Face raised **£548.17** during a week of activities



Bryan Murfin, Will Thompson and Chris Chadbourne raised **£1,479** taking part in the Monte Carlo or Bust rally



A Christmas Concert at RAF Cranwell raised **£515.33**



Dale Fordham raised **£8,415.66** at an Ultimate Bikers Charity fundraising event/bike night at the White Heather



The Lincoln Construction & Property Awards collected over **£3,000** at their first Awards Event



Norwood Golf Club raised **£4,325.87**



Hutchinson Engineering Services raised **£8,000** during a year of fundraising events



10-year-old Sophie Willcock raised **£100** by taking part in a 32km ride on her pony, Cole



The Notts & Borders Jaguar Enthusiasts Club raised **£1,500** from events including BBQs and days out



Ros Bell raised **£575** by asking for donations rather than presents for her 80th birthday



Bakkavor raised **£15,000** at their Party in the Park event last year and are again supporting us this year

SHOUT ABOUT IT!
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“WITHOUT THE LINGS & NOTTS AIR AMBULANCE MY SON WOULD NOT HAVE HIS DADDY.”

July 29, 2016, was a day like any other for Michael Govier. It was 4.30pm and he had just finished work as a water sports instructor and was about to cycle home to Bracebridge, Lincoln, where his partner Melissa Hearn and their 13-month old son Evelyn were waiting for him.

It was a short journey that he had made many times before. Although it was a summer's day, the weather had taken a turn for the worse and during the short ride home it had started to rain heavily.

Michael explains: “I thought about stopping and putting my waterproof trousers on, but I glanced at my watch and was making good time. I was going to be home soon so I decided that rather than spend time stopping and putting on my waterproof trousers I would just carry on.”

That was the last thing he remembered before waking up two days later in Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham. Unknown to Michael he had been hit by a car. His head had taken the force of the impact when he collided with the car's windshield before ricocheting off.

The Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance crew were dispatched. As the incident was not far from our airbase, Paramedic Roger Linnell and Dr Simon Topham jumped into the team's Rapid Response Vehicle and went on ahead while Pilot Paul Smith and Paramedic Jane Pattison followed in the helicopter.

It was obvious Michael had a serious head injury so Dr Topham put Michael into a medically

induced coma which allowed the crew to administer drugs to stop the swelling on his brain, take over his breathing and administer pain relief.

Due to the severity of Michael's injuries he needed to be taken to Queen's Medical Centre urgently where a full medical team would be waiting. The weather meant that the helicopter could not make the journey so Paramedic Roger Linnell and Dr Topham travelled with Michael in the land ambulance.

Miraculously, Michael was in the Intensive Care Unit for just two days followed by 5 days on a specialist trauma and neurology ward. He was able to leave hospital less than a week after the collision.

“Without the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance I really believe I would not be here now to see my son grow up.”

Michael Govier

Dr Simon Topham recalls:

“The conditions were atrocious on that day. We moved Michael onto a nearby driveway to treat his injuries as members of the public and police officers held tarpaulins over our heads to try and keep us, and Michael, dry.

It was obvious Michael had a serious head injury, we could see the swelling getting worse every second. Due to his injuries he was trying to fight us off, making it extremely difficult to treat him.

I made the call to put him into a medically induced coma by administering drugs which allowed us to prevent further swelling on his brain, take over his breathing and administer pain relief. We were then able to keep him stable and get him to hospital. This, in part, helped to save Michael's life.

The day that he walked up to me and shook my hand was amazing, I never thought that he would have survived his injuries. He is a remarkable young man.”



Michael Govier and son, Evelyn with Dr Simon Topham

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Dave Gibbon

TIME WITH CHARITY: 5 Years
POSITION: Collection Box Co-ordinator



Dave Gibbon in front of Chatsworth House and estate, the home of Lady Georgiana Spencer

When asked what they know about the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, most people talk about the distinctive yellow helicopter and the fantastic work of the pilots, paramedics and doctors, but what do you know about the people behind the scenes? The Charity has 29 members of staff who make sure the Charity goes from strength to strength, working in

various roles including management, administration, volunteer co-ordinators, fundraisers, media and retail across Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. Each edition we will get to know some of these people a little better. This edition we speak to Nottinghamshire Collection Box Co-ordinator, Dave Gibbon.

Q. What does your role entail?

A. Working with a great team of volunteers to position and harvest collection boxes in Nottinghamshire. I also try to give support to my colleagues in order to help maintain a solid team spirit.

Q. What is the best thing about being part of the Charity?

A. Feeling the emotions shown by my team of volunteers and others who have personal experience of our Ambucopter.

Q. If you could do any job for the day, what would it be?

A. Whisky Taster. I would drink to that!

Q. What do you enjoy doing when not at work?

A. Dry weather gardening, playing the guitar and ukulele. I also delve into the world of

song writing when inspiration beckons – songs which go from funny to emotional.

Q. What is the most recent book you have read?

A. Religion Explained in an Hour, by local writer Glen Francis Hill.

Q. What one item could you not live without?

A. Not an item as such, but I couldn't live without my unusual, weird sense of humour.

Q. What three words would sum you up?

A. Survivor, bravado, Geordie.

Q. Who inspires you most?

A. As a former Boy Scout, Rover Scout, Rover Mate and Scout Master, I would have to say Lord Robert Baden Powell, founder of the Scouting Movement.

Q. Which actor would you choose to play you in a movie of your life?

A. Michael Caine, but not a lot of people know that.

Q. Tell us something about yourself that might surprise us?

A. Due to modesty being one of my many qualities, I rarely mention it, but, I'm a direct descendant of Lady Georgiana Spencer, the 5th Duchess of Devonshire. Her grace, known to her friends as 'G', lived at Chatsworth House but was born at Althorp, the family seat of the Spencer family.



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