Fun and games raise over £1,000 for Cian

Cian's sister and brother Dylan and Bethany try their hand at video nine pin watched by dad Richard, left

THE incessant rain may have put an end to action on the pitches outside, but there was plenty of competition inside the Llanharan RFC clubhouse as a highly successful fund-raising fun and games evening was held in aid of Under 6 player Cian Case.

Cian, from Llanharan, has been bravely battling cancer since a tumour was discovered on his spine last month.

Following his recent operation, he is now undergoing chemotherapy and radiotherapy on his brain and spine.

On Christmas Eve, Cian and other patients at the Children's Hospital of Wales in Cardiff received a surprise visit by footballer Gareth Bale who along with his partner Emma Rhys-Jones handed out presents.

As part of a fund-raising campaign, the club's tour committee, who had already organised an event for last Saturday, decided that they would modify it to embrace the whole club and donate proceeds to support Cian and his family through this very difficult time.

It proved an extravaganza of enjoyment, the youngsters competing in games with and against their parents, players, committee and members. In a full hall, it was said to have been "a superbly successful evening brought pleasure and a sense of empathy and helping."

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A mega raffle with prizes donated by the touring party, committee and members was also held.

With a previous raffle, more than £1,000 was raised during the week.

The event climaxed with Cian's fellow team chums on the stage wishing him well and singing the club song Black and Blue is the Colour.

Many people have also donated directly to a special online fund.

Cian Case was diagnosed with cancer before Christmas

Cian's dad Richard was present with brother and sister Dylan and Bethany, with mum Lorraine keeping Cian company in hospital. Richard gave a moving update at the end, thanking Llanharan RFC, of which he is a vice president, for such a wonderful effort.

Alan Jenkins, the club's Mini/Junior officer, said: "We have shown that, as a rugby playing club, we are all together and right behind Cian."

■ **Cian's parents are writing a blog in his name to promote awareness of his condition. You can follow his story at www.ciansstory.uk**

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