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# Soccer star's goal to keep hospice in the spotlight

INTERNATIONAL footballer Paul Jones and children's television presenter Jez Edwards are in training for the sixth annual Chestnut Tree House 10k run along the Littlehampton and Rustington seafront.

Paul, who played more than 300 games for Southampton and earned 50 caps for Wales, and his wife Annette have been supporting Chestnut Tree House for the past two years, so far raising more than £20,000 and boosting awareness of the children's hospice.

Now the goalkeeping coach for Wales, after a career which also included playing in the 2003 FA Cup final, Paul will enjoy some friendly rivalry with his friend Jez on the coastal run, which takes place at 9.30am on Sunday, September 13.

Jez has also agreed to open the family fun day at Chestnut Tree House on September 26, at 10am, with fellow children's television presenter Michael Abasalom. Olympic silver medallist Iwan Thomas was to have taken part in the run, too, but is now unable to make it. However, he sent a message of support, saying: "I am amazed and humbled by the fantastic care that Chestnut Tree House provides for local life-limited children and their families.

"It's a great cause and it's local, so you can see for yourself that any money you raise will go directly towards helping children and young people in your community. I wish everyone taking part the best of luck and encourage anyone who isn't yet taking part to get involved today."

Entry costs £11 per person, or £9 for affiliated running club members, either by registering online at [www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk](http://www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk) or by calling the events team on 01903 871817.

This year's run is sponsored by Thesis Asset Management.



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Paul and Annette Jones