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YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH CASHES IN ON RIPON SPA'S CENTENARY

STAFF and swimmers at Ripon Spa Baths have long been committed to supporting worthwhile charities and they never let the opportunity pass to raise some much-needed funds. So when the Baths recently marked their centenary, they decided to use the celebrations to raise some more cash. In just one day, they collected nearly £1,000 for Yorkshire Cancer Research.

The festivities on the day included reduced entry fees, fun sessions, scuba diving and general swimming plus fund-raising cake stalls, competitions, raffles and refreshments.

Keith Quinn, Duty Officer at the Baths, made sure it was a family day to remember – he even got his mum to bake the celebration cake. He said: “This is such a worthwhile charity. Many of our swimmers have lost loved ones to this terrible disease and nearly all of us know someone who has suffered. The centenary was a great day and we're extremely proud that we raised such a significant sum. I would like to thank everyone who helped, particular colleagues Sylvia Grice, Yvette Wilkinson and Brenda Vaughan.”

“In the past five years, we have collected nearly £17,000 for Meningitis Research. We have also collected for Children in Need and the British Heart Foundation. We hope that Yorkshire Cancer Research will be able to put this money to good use in their fight to find cures for and preventions against this disease.”

Sally Crerar, Head of Fundraising for Yorkshire Cancer Research said: “We are delighted to receive this money and extremely grateful for the enormous effort put in by the Ripon Spa Baths in organising the event and of course to all the swimmers and supporters who cheered them on. We rely almost entirely on fundraising to fund the essential research being carried out by our teams of scientists and clinicians who are working tirelessly to find a cure for this devastating disease.” ENDS

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: Whilst Ripon Spa Bath's cheque might not bounce, it will certainly be rubbery! Jenny Moss from the Ripon Volunteers' Committee of Yorkshire Cancer Research will be presented with a 'rubber ring' promise of £947.22p at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 2 November 2004 at Ripon Spa Baths.

Jenny will, of course, get the real cheque after the presentation.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Keith Quinn is available at the Ripon Spa Baths on 01765 603383.