

HANLEY FIREFIGHTERS RUN 26 MILES

"They're just BRILL! Says Gill

By Clarion Reporting Team

The Potteries Marathon, always one of the best attended and most respected long distance events in the U.K., never fails to encourage acts of kindness and good-spirited action from us "Stokies" always ready to help others. The last event was no exception - with a team of Hanley fire fighters called into action, because Gilly Abbots from Sneyd Green really needed them, and it wasn't due to a blaze! - they completed the arduous 26 mile course in 4 hours 48 minutes pushing Gill with them in her wheelchair. The effort raised much needed ££££'s because this brave young lady, a sufferer of cerebral palsy, has for some time needed a special sized electric adjustable bed to help with her condition and make life more comfortable.

The always cheerful 28 year old had visited the showroom of Wolstanton specialist bed company Castle Comfort Centre over a year ago but due to limited funds it all had to be put on hold. However, the group, based at Hanley fire station, raised through their run *almost the full cost needed*.. so there was light on the horizon. Then apparently, someone had tipped off the staff at CCC about the cash shortfall, so the buying department of the Company informed their manufacturers of the circumstances - who in turn agreed to reduce the wholesale cost to match the amount available.



Without further ado, Gill's bed was on its way, and here she is pictured along with three of the fire-fighting team, Tory, Max and Derek to whom The Clarion sends congratulations for their remarkable achievement! Let's not forget to mention those who generously contributed through sponsorship, and special thanks go to all on the route who gave fantastic encouragement by cheering, applauding and digging deep into their pockets.

Tory, Max and Derek make an off duty call out to visit Gill

"Nice one" too to Motion Technology of Nottinghamshire, Castle Comfort Centre's bed makers, whose gesture is much appreciated, and finally the most important verdict on all this, including that on her new sleeping aid, comes from Gill herself... "JUST BRILL"!

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Terry Conroy of Stoke City and Eire fame who is also patron of the CCC Doug Brown Motor Neurone Fund will draw the winner (closing date 01.07.2004) £25 goes to the lucky and toe knowledgeable winner.

GOOD HUNTING! *The Editor*

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