



Pink Pong pedal power boosts charities

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Liz May spearheaded a 'Tour de Devon' on an iconic Chopper bicycle to boost Pink Pong's fundraising for cancer charities.

The founder member of Pink Pong tackled 127 miles over two days in the company of a group of cyclists taking part in the #PinkPongPedal.

Liz and Pink Pong Pedal co-organiser Phil Cross were joined by Jordan Bone, Michael Chapple, Jon Cheung and Robert Taylor as they set off from Ilfracombe for the challenge to ride to Plymouth via the Dartmoor Way – a total of 185 miles.

Bristol Pink Pong Pedal team Julian Elsbury and Ian Maggs, as well as Tony Williams from Evolve MTB who sponsored Liz May with the Raleigh Chopper, were also in the 'peloton', who were raising money for Clic Sargent, Cancer Research UK and St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth.

A total of 90 miles were scheduled for the first day, taking the team to Ivybridge, but gruelling headwinds in Dartmoor took their toll.

Triathlete Ken Holder joined the team for the approach to Ivybridge, where a well-earned dinner with the mayor was waiting.

The exertions meant the second day was shortened, taking the total mileage to 127.

They were joined for the day by local cyclist Martin Limburn and later by the two youngest riders Matthew Gilvear aged 10 and Joshua Barnes-Smith aged five, plus Matthew's dad David and Joshua's auntie and uncle Rachel and Jon May on the final 12-mile leg of the tour.

Liz, who has already done the Edinburgh Marathon for Pink Pong and will tackle the Plymouth Breakwater Swim in a few weeks' time, was disappointed not to complete the 185 miles, but has vowed to complete the distance at a later date.

She said: "I want to say a special thank you to the team for pulling me through and to my friends and family that always show such great support to myself and Pink Pong – what a team!"

She also gave special thanks to the support crew of Linda Smith, Laura Bone, Briony Elsbury and Tracy Dibble.

If you would like to donate to the team via Just Giving, [click here](#)

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