

Lying charity cheat jailed

CHARITY cheat Katie Baldwin swindled hundreds of householders out of thousands by

pretending to do a sponsored run. Baldwin told people she was raising funds for a children's cancer

unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital but no such unit exists. Baldwin, 25, of Kells Lane, Gateshead, who

received £2,000, has been jailed for six months after she admitted fraud at Newcastle Crown Court.

A big day for

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■ TV presenter Ben Shephard, left, with Nadine, Ivan and Seb at the end of a previous charity run in aid of the Seb4CHUF C2C Challenge in 2011



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AS tens of thousands of runners put the finishing touches to their Great North Run training, one dad is looking forward to the weekend more than most.

For when Seb Hollingsworth crosses the line in the mini run this Saturday, it'll be the latest chapter in a remarkable story for the family.

Dad Ivan will join his

lad, four-and-a-half, at the mini run, a few short years after he was diagnosed with the heart condition tetralogy of fallot hours after being born.

Seb underwent open heart surgery at the children's heart unit at Newcastle's Freeman Hospital when he was just 16 weeks old.

Ivan, of Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, North Tyneside, said: "I am hugely proud of Seb as he just gets on with

things. He is a very active little boy and does not let anything hold him back. I am looking forward to doing the run with him."

Ivan and his wife Nadine will also be taking part in this year's main Great North Run, next Sunday, in fancy dress.

The family are running for the fund they set up, Seb4Chuf.

The 33rd Great North Run, stretching from Newcastle to South

Shields, will this year feature 56,000 participants from Olympic medal-winning athletes to families of fundraisers.

Meningitis survivor Ava Bainbridge will also run in the mini-event. Ava, from Rowlands Gill in Gateshead, spent 10 days on a ventilator as a baby.

Also running are eight soldiers from Catterick Garrison in North Yorkshire, to raise cash on behalf of five-year old

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mini runner Seb



■ Top, Ava Bainbridge will do the mini run. Centre, Haile Gebrselassie and bottom, Mo Farah, will run the main race

Fraja Simpson, of Leeming, North Yorkshire, who is suffering from aggressive childhood cancer.

Amanda Harrison, Ray Dunne, Mick Letson, Jamie Williams, Michael Donnell, Andrew Haines, Keith Yeadon, Craig Woodhead and Solomon Qaranivalu are hoping to raise over £2,500 for children's cancer charity KidsCan.

Celebrity runners this year include singer Joe

McElderry (below left), newsreader Sophie Raworth (below right), TV presenter Jenni Falconer (far right) and Sian Williams and former athlete Iwan Thomas.

The elite field will feature the likes of Great Brit Mo Farah as well as legendary Ethiopian

Halle Gebrselassie. Double Olympic champ Mo will also start the Great North 5k run on Saturday.



All you need to know about GNR

WHEN DOES IT ALL KICK OFF?

The weekend starts on Saturday with the Great North 5k, which gets underway at 9.10am on Newcastle and Gateshead's quaysides.

Alongside that will be the Great North Citygames, bringing top-level street athletics to the banks of the Tyne free of charge. Just turn up to see some of the biggest names in sport doing their thing. For children, there is the 4km Junior run, for nine to 16-year-olds, and the 1.5km Mini run, for three to eight-year-olds, so they can claim their medals too.

AND WHAT ABOUT SUNDAY?

The Great North Run is the big event, of course. The elite athletes start off first, with the majority of runners setting off at 10am from Clarendon Road in Newcastle City Centre.

It can take a while to get started as there are thousands to get over the line!

WHAT'S AT THE FINISH?

As well as the welcome sight of the finish line, the end of the Great North Run features a host of tents to help runners find their loved ones, recover and refresh. Many charities provide massages and snacks for tired competitors. There's also a spectacular display by the Red Arrows too.

IS THERE ANYTHING TO HELP ME PREPARE?

On Saturday you can get yourself down to Newcastle Quayside for the pasta party which serves up 18,000 bowls of the carb-high dinner to get you ready for your run!

CAN I JUST GO AND WATCH?

Spectators traditionally line the route. Special travel passes are available for supporters.

● Go to www.greatrun.org for more info.



Three deny impersonating murder victim

THREE women have pleaded not guilty to impersonating murdered County Durham oil executive Carole Waugh to go on a shopping spree for designer handbags and perfume.

Elaine Perkins, 51, Deborah Burke, 49, and Susan O'Shea, 61, all deny committing fraud by pretending to be Miss Waugh.

She was reported missing from her home in Marylebone, central London, on May 7 and had not been seen since mid-April.

Her body was found stabbed inside a car in a lock-up garage in Lime Court, New Malden, on August 2. She lived in London, but was originally

from Haswell, a few miles outside Durham.

Three women pleaded not guilty to fraud charges at the Old Bailey on Friday. O'Shea denied using a credit card in Miss Waugh's name to buy Chanel and Mulberry bags at Selfridges, and at the Chanel store in Old Bond Street.

Burke is accused of using a different credit card under the victim's name at the Apple store and a perfume shop at Westfield Stratford City in east London.

Perkins, who is alleged to have aided and abetted Burke, is also accused of claiming to be Miss Waugh during a bid to sell the woman's British Aerospace shares and take out loans.

Rakesh Bhayani, 41, and

Nicholas Kutner, 48, who also appeared at the Old Bailey denied murdering Miss Waugh at an earlier hearing.

Bhayani has pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice by concealing the death of Miss Waugh, attempting to dispose of her body and removing potential evidence related to her death.

He and Kutner also admitted conspiring to defraud Miss Waugh after withdrawing cash from her bank accounts and taking out loans and using credit cards in her name. Kutner, who denies perverting the course of justice, admitted a three charges of fraud after pretending to be Miss Waugh's brother to charge rent for her flat.



■ Carole Waugh



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