

CYCLE CHALLENGE WINE EVENING @ SPEAKSEASY, EPPING, MAY 2009

Penny Lancaster Stewart and Rod Stewart took time out of their busy diary to attend a very small charity event at the SpeakEasy Bar in Epping near the couple's home. The evening was to raise funds for vital medical research into Lowe Syndrome, an incurable children's disease. Penny has been a Patron of the charity for the past five years helping raise the profile of the charity, awareness of the disease and funding to support research.

Penny commented "Each year I do my bit but that's just the tip of the iceberg – the charity needs to treble its funds to enable a cure to be found. The Trust is organising a 10th year anniversary ball next year and so any companies out there wishing to sponsor the evening should get in touch with Lorraine Thomas, founder of the charity (details below).

The evening was a great success with entertainment by Martin Bellamy whom is best known as one half of the duo Bell and Spurling who had two top 10 hits with their famously self penned songs "Sven sven Sven" and "Goldenballs" selling over 300,000 singles and appearing on numerous albums selling all over Europe. Martin has appeared on virtually every major TV entertainment show including two live appearances on Top of the Pops.

An auction included items such as VIP tickets for both the Michael Jackson and Spandau Ballet concerts to be held later this year, a pair of shoes signed and donated by Dame Shirley Bassey and an Arsenal Football shirt signed by the team. Owner of the Speakeasy Bar, Martin Bell, said he was delighted to support such a worthy cause.