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Dated this 9th day of September 2025.

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Why Relay for Life is such a special event

A personal reflection on the fight against cancer

JIM GRAY

The embryonic Presidential Election might seem like a strange place to start, but hear me out. In a recent edition of *The Irish Times*, in an illuminating piece on prospective Fianna Fáil candidate, Jim Gavin, the always-informative sports-writer, Malachy Clerkin, recalled the only time he had ever heard the famously erudite Gavin use a curse word.

In a casual conversation, the writer had told the former Dublin GAA manager how his dad had died from cancer a few weeks earlier. The expected words of condolence were followed by a wholly unanticipated forcefully expressed: "F**king cancer." It was, Clerkin noted, like hearing the Pope curse. In most cases, many of us would find such profanity at least somewhat offensive, but the expletive is not in the least incongruous when teamed with the word cancer.

Absurdly, there is almost a decency to it, as if it is the first



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word we find when we reach to express the awfulness of a cancer diagnosis or death.

I'm pondering all of this ahead of my participation in next week-end's Relay for Life, the unique fundraiser for the Irish Cancer Society, where hundreds of people will come together for a 24-hour marathon event at ATU Sligo not only to collect vital cash but to honour the memory of those who have died from cancer, to celebrate the lives lived by those of us blessed to have survived, and to acknowledge the often unheralded work of medical, support networks, family and friends who help people negotiate the often frightening reality of the insidious disease in their lives.

Cancer, unfortunately, is never far away. In the past few years alone, I've lost dear family members and wonderful friends. There is scarcely a family anywhere which has not encountered its perilous tentacles.

When I was growing up, even the word itself was deemed an unnerving unmentionable. The Big C was the dreaded pronouncement. It is some measure of progress, I guess, that we now give the disease its name and face its menacing reality head on.

The advent of Hospice Care and Family Support Centres has fundamentally bolstered the fight against cancer and how people deal with it. Like those organisations, the Irish Cancer Society goes about its work quietly, unobtrusively sharing and lightening the burden of those caught in a cancer whirlwind.

I'm no expert, of course, but I have been there. No cancer is the same, nor are there any identical reactions to it. But my passion for, and sensitivity towards, any effort to combat it is propelled by my own experience of having survived two separate cancers.

I was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2012 when a routine blood test revealed an abnormally high PSA reading. The well-trodden path of biopsies, tense waiting times, courteous but dread-filled meetings in posh

consultancy rooms eventually produced a treatment plan.

But before we even got started, another ominous invader raised its unwelcome head. A scan revealed the unusual certainty that a second cancer was at work in the system, a rare type of Hodgkins Lymphoma. It was time to tidy the weeds.

Six months of chemotherapy in Galway, punctuated by two separate week-long hospital stays in Sligo, finally managed to fight off the rogue cells. Needless to say, it was a tough journey, and it would take an epistle to detail it sufficiently.

But I leaned on courage I didn't know I had, on the love that I always knew was there, on the kindness of friends and the goodwill of strangers, and the utter professionalism of the medical and caring profession. My illness mobilised an army of unbeatable resistance.

By the time it was decided to tackle the prostate problem nearly two years later, I was in 'hold my coat' mode. More than seven weeks of daily radiotherapy trips to Galway breezed by. Again, the troops were rallied and readily responded.

It's only when you're in that strange bubble that you can fully comprehend the extent and importance of human goodness.

There's so much chronically

wrong with our troubled world that you despair if it can ever be fixed. Yet, when it comes down to the personal, individual struggle and strife, there is always a spare pair of hands, a stranger's smile, a family's embrace.

Those are the tools that got me through. Others, sadly, have not been so fortunate, but I have no doubt the same rallying forces of solid support and communal compassion are selflessly deployed whenever it comes to sharing a family's grief.

That's one of the reasons I'm captivated by Relay for Life - it's a community's way of saying to cancer what Jim Gavin said, but in a more practical way. It's a way of weaponising an army which fights the disease on an hourly, daily basis, right across the country and in our own county.

In all, up to 60 teams will be participating, from all backgrounds and all age groups, starting at 3p.m. on Saturday, when I'll hopefully line up alongside a battalion of survivors to kick start the 24-hour relay.

Anyone who would like to participate as a survivor or a general entrant, but has not yet enlisted in a team, is welcome to turn up on the day where they will be assigned a team.

And even if you're not taking part directly, a visit to ATU at any time over the weekend is high-

ly recommended, as there will be a guaranteed fun-filled day, including food stalls, wellness sessions and round-the-clock music from some of Sligo's top entertainers.

Apart from the huge numbers of participants who've been engaged in their own fundraising efforts in recent weeks, another novel fundraiser is the Candle of Hope bag sales. The bags, costing a mere fiver, will be personalised and will be displayed at dusk on Saturday, September 13, creating a very poignant tribute to the memories of those we've lost to cancer.

The first ever Relay for Life in Sligo has already raised a whopping €200,000 - that figure will undoubtedly be surpassed before the weekend is out. The Irish Cancer Society will put every single cent to excellent use.

Those who participate in and support in any way this noble event will be demonstrating in a powerful way that while cancer unfortunately wins some of the battles, it will never win the war.

And as we tot up the laps and thank our sponsors, we can luxuriate in the memories of our own loved ones, recall personal battles, and remember those who were not as fortunate, comforted in it all by the knowledge that all around us there are good people still fighting the good fight.



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