

Actor joins walk fundraiser

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Ian Reddington.

ACTOR Ian Reddington will be swapping the cobbles of Coronation Street for the footpaths and byways of the West Wight when he takes part in a sponsored walk this weekend.

Ian, his wife and three children will join other Brainstrust and Brain Tumour Research charity members and supporters for the Big Wight Matter, taking place at Brighstone Holiday Centre tomorrow (Saturday) and Sunday.

Known to millions of TV viewers, Ian is the only actor to create major roles in the UK's two most popular soaps — Tricky Dicky, Albert Square's lothario market manager in *Eastenders* and Vernon, the hapless drummer

in *Corrie*.

Brainstrust is a brain cancer charity based in Cowes and dedicated to improving clinical care for brain tumour sufferers throughout the UK and providing co-ordinated support in their search for treatment.

Ian said: "Until getting involved as patron of Brian Tumour Research, I hadn't known anyone who had been touched by a brain tumour.

"I have now had the honour of meeting some very brave families and can't believe that in this day and age there should be a cancer for which so little is known because compared to other cancers there has been very little research, due to a lack of funding."

The Big Wight Matter includes a 15-mile and a six-mile walk on Saturday and a six-mile walk on Sunday, with all three starting at 10am from the centre.

• For more information visit <http://bigwightmatter.brainstrust.org.uk/> or call 01983 292405.

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