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Christopher runs his own race to raise funds for little James

A PETERSFIELD runner who missed the Great South Run because of swine flu has refused to let that put him off finishing the race.

Christopher Jones (34), of Rival Moor Road, was due to run the 10-mile event in October on behalf of three-year-old James Restall from Denmead, who has acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.

However, the day before the

run Christopher was bed-bound with flu.

He said: "Unfortunately, the day before I got swine flu and could not move, let alone run a 10-mile race. I had done about 250 miles of training for the race throughout the year, so to get struck down the day before was gutting."

Christopher resolved to run the race anyway and persuaded friends Jenna Fuller,

of Waterlooville, and Donna Stagg, of Hilsea, to run 10 miles around Portsmouth on Saturday, along with James's mum Imogen.

They ran for Children with Leukaemia, for whom Christopher has raised £700 in sponsorship pledges from family, friends and work colleagues.

To sponsor Christopher visit www.bmy-charity.com/runforjames



Jenna Fuller, Imogen Restall, Chris Jones and Donna Stagg run their own 10-mile race.