



Dan's Fund For Burns 2004 Newsletter

DAN'S FUND FOR BURNS – 2 YEARS ON – A note from the Chairman, Polly Miller: Dan's Fund For Burns celebrated its 2nd Anniversary last month and it is amazing how fast time goes by. I would like to apologise for not having been in touch sooner but there has been a whole host of exciting developments with the fund which has kept all the Trustees extremely busy on top of their other roles. I am thrilled, however, to be able to tell you now how our small burns charity, born out of the Bali tragedy, has continued to flourish in 2004.

A massive £400,000 has been raised since the start in Feb 02 – this is an incredible amount. What never fails to astound me, though, is the continued momentum and enthusiasm for the fund which grows everyday and looks set to continue well into the future. I regularly receive or hear news of another money raising idea or project for the fund or receive donations through the post or on-line. Please do continue to conjure up new ideas.... all mad (or sane) ones welcomed (within reason please – don't want to be held responsible for any crazy antics!!)

So, as you will read in this newsletter, we've once again had a wealth of support during 2004 with many one off, monthly, corporate & trust donations and a host of fund raising events. I would like to say **A VERY BIG THANK YOU** to all of you who have continued to support our fund or to those who've donated/fund raised for us for the first time. I'd also like to take this opportunity to apologise that we have not been able to thank everyone individually but hope that this newsletter will express our gratitude sufficiently well.

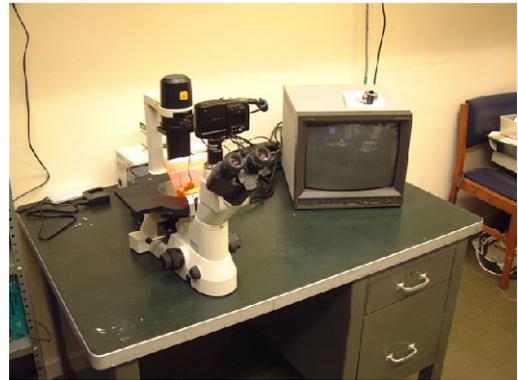
We also very much hope after reading this newsletter and hearing about the many good things we have achieved you will want to continue your support.....

“SO WHERE HAS YOUR MONEY BEING GOING?”

I hear you ask. It has been a hectic year for the fund as Dan's Fund For Burns has become an established and recognised Burns Charity in the UK. We have been involved in many projects this year;

- DFFB was pleased to donate two state of the art Computer linked Microscopes to the Blond McIndoe (a research unit based at East Grinstead's Queen Victoria Hospital). These Microscopes are currently being used in the clinical trials of spray on skin. This process consists of taking the patients own healthy skin cells, culturing them i.e. growing & splitting the cultures over and over again. These cells are then sprayed over the open wound, thus enabling the cells on the outside of the wound to knit with the new sprayed on cells,

creating a network of cells to grow across and heal the wound.



McIndoe Microscopes donated by DFFB

- We were excited to be able to finance the rather larger purchase of a Laser Doppler Scan for Salisbury Hospital Burns Unit. This Scan is used when Patients first arrive in hospital and enables the surgeons to assess the severity of the burns received to the body. This means they are able to quickly work out which areas need full skin grafts (3rd degree burns) & which can heal on their own (2nd and 1st degree). This cuts down on the amount of surgery and fresh scarring the patient will endure from donor sites (the areas where good skin is taken to cover the burns).
- The Fund financed a day trip to a Snow Dome in Castleford for a group of 25 burned children from the Manchester Burns unit. The kids had a great time, many skiing for the first time. After skiing they went for Burger King and Bowling.
- We have been supporting the set up & running of the Chelsea & Westminster Adult Support Group. The first meeting held in October 2004 was very successful and well received by those Burns Survivors who attended, including myself (the Group leader!!!).

At one of the meetings I was lucky enough to meet a remarkable lady, Sue Thomson. She was badly burnt, including her face, 11 years ago and was kind enough to share with me the most amazing poem she had written about her scarring in the earlier days... It blew me away and I wanted to share this with you all (with her blessing) so here goes... enjoy...



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*"I was burnt in a fire just over three years ago,
At first it was a real struggle to face the world and have
some get up and go,
Most people that I meet are kind
They can see through the scars and find,
The same old me
Just the same as I always used to be.*

*Now and again, I would come across the odd one who
would make me cross.
Some would stop, stare, laugh and point at me
I would think, why can't they see
I am still the same old me.
Just the same as I always used to be.*

*Now I find I don't care
Let them stop, look and stare
I know that I am still me
Just the same as I used to be.*

*So when you see someone like me
Be as thoughtful as you can be
Remember to look through the scars
and see
The person beneath
After all aren't we all the same underneath?*

*The World is changing every day
Lets hope peoples attitude changes the same way
I know it won't change over night
But with your help it just might."*

- The Fund paid for a Male Burns Survivor to finish off his welding course that he had been attending prior to getting injured. Thus enabling him to get a job hopefully at the end of it.
- We funded the attendance of two children from London to attend the National Burns Camp last summer. One of our Trustees was lucky enough to attend the camp for a day and saw first hand how much the week away with other Burned Children benefits these kids.
- The Fund has purchased Physio equipment (a bi-lateral pully & massage couch) for the Jubilee Burns Ward at The Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead. This helps Burns patients to do their extremely important physio in their ward without being exposed to the risk of infection at the main gym.
- Finally, we are helping a most lively and courageous young Iraqi girl, Hannan (age 17) by

providing her with living expenses whilst she is living up in Scotland having treatment at Livingstone Hospital. She received bad burns to her face & chest during the war.



Hannan and I enjoying tea in The Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh before surgery – Oct 04



Hannan & her Scottish "Mum" Katrina after the first round of surgery in Scotland (many more to come!)

SO WHERE DID THE MONEY ALL COME FROM THEN???

FUNDRAISERS; Well its been another fabulous year with fundraising continuing in both the UK and Hong Kong; Marathon des Saibles, wine tastings, bridge drives, trekking the Great Wall of China, B'ham Uni re-union party, Champagne reception at the Royal Academy, marathons, sponsored weight loss, craft fairs, card sales, golf days (Woking & Sunningdale Ladies), triathalons, WGC Race night dinner, media work, quiz nights (Herbert Smith HK), Brecon Beacon challenge (this time 26 girls!), a sponsored "virtual" walk around Bali by Notre Dame School, Lingfield, lunches (Long lunch at the 7's in HK sponsored by CLSA, Military, Flashy & Dutch), amateur theatre productions in London, sponsorship & support from Campus Clothing Co. Ltd, Woking Golf Club Ladies Section & Bloxham School as they took on DFFB as their Charity of the year. Winkworths in Pimlico also kindly donated the selling commission on the sale of Dan's London flat to the fund.



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THE 2004 PRIZE for the largest amount raised by one individual has to go to my Father, Peter Derby.

He single handedly (well through the generosity of his sponsors!) raised over £28,000 (including gift aid) by gamely trekking along the Great Wall of China for 5 days covering 75km in total. Here's what he has to say on what was his greatest challenge...

"Polly and Dan were very keen on trekking in HK. On our first holiday together Dan had lead Polly and me, up Kota Kinabalu in NW Borneo, the highest mountain in Asia outside the Himalayas. So when I got the opportunity to join a charity trek to the Great Wall it seemed an appropriate personal memorial to my son-in-law and a way to raise money for the Fund.

The three months build up to the trip was surprisingly busy. Lots of letters and e-mails were sent out asking for sponsorship – I was required to raise £2500- and a fitness regime entered into. The party of 16 charity trekkers flew to Beijing via Istanbul courtesy of Turkish Airlines – adequate but shouldn't frighten Richard Branson.

The pattern of the trip was soon established; a night in a country inn – 3 to a room but with en suite – don't ask.

Day 1 was on the Great Wall at Mutianyu, a reconstructed touristy part but very steep in places. Day 2 was rather different; a walk up a rain soaked valley then down the Black Dragon Paw Park river valley with fantastic rock formations. In the afternoon we struggled up a steep scrubby hill to a single tower and were rewarded with stunning clear sunny views of the Wall stretching over mountain ranges.

Days 3, 4 & 5 covered portions of the Great Wall at Jinshaling which was un-constructed, much rougher and no less steep. A death slide over the reservoir and a race up the steepest part at Simatai were the highlights. It was a tremendous adventure and for an old fellow with arthritic knees quite a challenge. I hope Dan would have been proud of me."



Peter Derby on the Great Wall of China!

A FABULOUS WINE TASTING EVENING was held at the Vintners Hall and organised by Dan's good friend Annie Marsh. It was a fabulous venue and I certainly enjoyed tasting all the different wines from what I remembered – new world vs old.... But I'll let her tell you more about it....

"In February 2004 we held a charity wine tasting at the Vintners Hall. The evening commenced with a champagne reception contributed by Veuve Cliquot and was followed by a wine tasting run by John Avery, the current Master of the Vintners. Wines were donated by Averys and Penfolds amongst others, cheese by Neals Yard Dairy and auction prizes by Dr Dan Reinstein, Riedel, the ECB and the Vintners. Polly's speech and the quantity of wine made for a very good evening, raising nearly £20,000.

ROYAL ACADEMY LONDON PRINT FAIR CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION FUNDRAISER in late April was another superb event with over 750 'thirty something's' attending the London Print fair evening. They kindly invited Dan's Fund For Burns & The Charles Waller Memorial Trust to take part and benefit from a charity function at their show. A top prize of a diamond necklace had everyone rushing to buy their raffle tickets and a fabulous evening was had with just over £9,000 raised for the fund. Thanks go to the London Print Fair and their PR company, Cawdell Douglas for all their hard work to make the evening such a success.

THE GIRLS VS THE BOYS BRECON BEACON OPERATION RALEIGH CHALLENGE was laid down by the boys in 2003 and was taken up by 26 young ladies in 2004. It was prudently decided though that rather than attempting the 26 mile run like the boys in 2003 we would rather more sensibly attempt the 26 mile *walk* across the Brecons.



The Bleary eyed start



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Just as well to be fair as it took us in 4 teams between 12-13 hours each to complete the trek with quite a few raw blisters on the feet, dodgy knees and some pouring rain at the finish....but we all made it in the end which as far as we were all concerned made us better than the boys....thanks to all the girls that took part, you know who you are – just look for those with black or no toe nails!!!!!!

SO COME ON....WHO'S DOING IT THIS YEAR?

LADY GOLFER's have been strong supporters again in 2004 with Woking Golf Club taking the charity on as their yearly charity and hosting several Golf days. Sunningdale Ladies were also kind enough to hold a day for Dan's Fund For Burns in late May which I was lucky enough to attend. Barbara Perry, a Sunningdale Ladies member & Surrey group member, comments on the day...

"Seventy six ladies from different clubs played. The format was a Texas Scramble in teams of four. This was followed by an excellent lunch and prize giving. The day was extremely successful and surpassed all expectations. S.L.G.C. invited D.F.F.B. to organise another day in 2005. The team winners were Pat Bond, Janet Gill, Judy Ost and Barbara Cameron all from Worplesdon Golf Club. They just pipped Hilary Pearce, Alison Mair, Joyce Binks and Jilly Black all members of S.L.G.C. The total sum raised was £1065.00. Many thanks to Sunningdale Ladies' Golf Club for their support and generosity.

The next date has been arranged for Thursday, 26th May at S.L.G.C. which is already oversubscribed."



The winning Team

BEAUTIFUL HAND PAINTED CARDS by Felicity Miller, sold out quickly but with the additions of new designs will be reprinted and on sale again later this year.

A BRIDGE DRIVE was held at Shalford in October and was run by the Surrey Fund Raising team (Val Band, Sue Adams, Rosemary Derby, Hilary Leigh & Barbara Perry)

"The October Bridge Tea was so successful that it attracted 30 tables. This was more than the Shalford Village Hall could accommodate so an "overflow" was held at Carol Leighton's house. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and by popular demand another Bridge Tea is already planned for 21st October 2005. This year we made a profit of £1420."



Shalford Bridge Drive – Oct 04

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY ALUMNA OF THE YEAR AWARD; Rather embarrassingly one of my friends from B'ham University unbeknownst to me put me forward as a candidate for Alumna of the Year Award! The first I heard of it came when he phoned me out of the blue to see whether I would be happy to accept the award. Little did I know what accepting the award would entail.... Giving a speech to over 800 students and parents in a gown and mortar – gosh it brought back a lot of memories. Seriously though, Rupert was not only kind enough to put me forward for the award but had also dreamed up a money raising idea through his company Campus Clothing Co. Ltd - donating 10p to the fund for every graduation T-shirt he sold during the season. A total of £5,000 was raised.



Rupert Forsythe (Campus Clothing) & Polly Miller at B'ham Alumna of the Year Award – Aug 04



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ABINGDON marathon was run in October 2004 by one of the parents of a pupil at Bloxham School (my Sixth form school). Paul Chapman ran hard and well to complete the 26 miles in under 4 hours 27 mins. Many Congratulations Paul.



Paul Chapman finishing his 26 miles for DFFB!

THERE ARE MANY, MANY OTHER EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER 2004 and unfortunately its not possible to mention them all but I hope these excerpts give you some idea of the lengths and efforts many people have gone to, to raise money to help improve the lives of Burns Survivors in the UK. More help is always needed though so if you would like to help us raise money then please feel free to do so.

FUTURE FUND PROJECTS:

CHELSEA & WESTMINSTER CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST: In Feb 05 Dan's Fund For Burns, after much deliberation, has agreed to our largest project to date – we have offered to spend a massive £175,000 (over 3 years) to finance the recruitment and subsequent salary of a Clinical Psychologist for the Chelsea & Westminster hospital, the only hospital in London with a burns ward for a period of up to three years. The Hospital are currently recruiting for this position.

THIS WILL TAKE UP A SIZEABLE PART OF THE MONEY WE HAVE RAISED ALREADY AND GIVES BOTH US AND HOPEFULLY YOU TOO THE INCENTIVE TO CONTINUE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SUCH A WORTHY CAUSE.....

FUTURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

- **FirePower Museum Dan's Fund For Burns Dinner - Friday April 22nd 05**
- **The London Marathon**
- **Sunningdale Ladies Golf Day - Thursday 26th May 05**
- **Kathryn Harries in "Summer Serenade" Concert in Surrey – Friday 22nd July (ticket application form at end of newsletter)**
- **Woking Open Golf Competition – Friday 19th August**
- **Bridge Drive – Surrey – Friday 21st October**

FUND DEVELOPMENTS; There have been a few developments with the Fund over the past year; the joining of the British Burns Association, the appointment of a new Trustee, Mr Roger Masefield (long time friend of Dan); receiving the generous offer by David Healey to be our Auditor (he very kindly helped us through the quagmire of our first set of accounts!!) and finally my decision to take a year off from my full time job in Banking to devote more time to the charity going forward.

WEBSITE UPDATE; Our next task after this 2004 newsletter is to tackle our website! We will be looking to give it a whole new make over - more professional and useful for end users. We will be adding a new area of interest: Burns Stories. Since Bali, I've been fortunate enough to meet some wonderful Burn Survivors and other people connected to the "World of Burns". Many of these people have stories to tell which are too long to put in this letter. So, watch out for this new page which will have a fascinating insight into one Burn Survivor's vivid morphine dreams, it will also tell first hand Michael Harding's recollection of Alfred Wragg & the **GUINEA PIG CLUB** during the 2nd World war.

DAN'S FUND FOR BURNS 100+ CLUB: To raise regular income and give participants a bit of fun we started up a monthly prize draw last year. We had a splendid response with the 100+ Club raising £1537.00 for the Fund in 2004. Congratulations to the winners who came from all over the country.

There are 2 monthly prizes but only a few new members are needed for the start of a 3rd prize. The cost of each share is £12 annually, payable by Bankers Standing Order mandate. The monthly draw winners are listed on the web site.



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If you would like to join the 100+ club, please fill out the form at the end of the Newsletter and send it to Rosemary Derby at Haldish Farm, Green Lane, Shamley Green, Surrey, GU5 ORD.

JUST GIVING - DONATING ON LINE: We have an account with Just Giving. This allows you to donate on line via their secure credit card banking forum. To donate on line just go to www.justgiving.com/dansfund and follow the online instructions.

ANNUAL DONATION: If you would like to donate a certain amount once a month or once a year to the fund, then you will find a Bankers Standing Order mandate on the website www.dansfundforburns.org (Donations & Gift Aid). Please fill it out and send to your bank. Please also let us know if you have done so, so that we can keep our financial records up to date. If you could also add your name as a reference to the payment as that will make the accounting much easier. Thank you.

GIFT AID: Another important administration point – we are now set up to handle Gift Aid and I'm pleased to say we were able to claim an additional £8,500 from the Government for the tax year 2003/4. Gift Aid is a fabulous scheme which enables charities like our selves to claim back tax on donations given, provided that the donor has paid the equivalent amount or more in tax that year. This means for every £1.00 raised, we can claim back an extra 28p from the government. We do however miss out on a lot of money that we could claim back as people are not aware of this service – so for this, however, we need your help – please fill out the Gift Aid form, which you will also find on our website www.dansfundforburns.org, and send it to Rosemary Derby at the address on the form. This can be sent retrospectively if you have not done so to date.

FRIENDS OF DAN: Would you like to be a Friend of Dan and receive ongoing information on Dan's Fund For Burns? If so, please send us your email address and or address so that we can add you to our mailing list. You can send your details to either PollyMiller@dansfundforburns.org or by post to Dan's Fund For Burns, PO Box 44154, London, SW6 6WX.

FINALLY, IF YOU ARE A BURNS SURVIVOR and need some help, advice or just a friendly ear – then please get in contact with us. We are willing to consider all requests for help and even if you are just looking for someone to talk to who knows what it is like to be burnt then PLEASE contact me through our website. I look forward to hearing from you.

THANKS GO TO: DFFB Auditor: David Healey, Trustees; Alistair Strong, Roger Masefield, Felicity Miller, Rosemary Derby and The Surrey & Kent Committees for all their hard work BUT more importantly thanks go again to all our Supporters, Fund Raisers and Donors.

SUMMER SERENADE TICKETS – 22nd July 2005:



SUMMER SERENADE

An Evening Concert
In aid of
DANS' FUND FOR BURNS
On
Friday 22nd July, 2005
at
Holy Trinity Church
High Street, Bramley, Surrey

With International Soprano, KATHRYN HARRIES and Friends

FOR TICKETS – Please Apply below

TO: Mrs Rosemary Derby, Haldish Farm, Shamley Green, Surrey, GU5 ORD

Please send me..... tickets @£15 each (including wine and refreshments)

Total:

Cheques made payable to Dan's Fund For Burns

Please enclose a S.A.E.

NAME :

ADDRESS :

Contact Tel. .No.....

I regret I am unable to attend but enclose my donation for £.....

(I do / do not require a receipt)



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100 + CLUB FORM

If you would like to join the 100+ Club please fill in the form below and send it to :-

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DFFB 100+ CLUB Standing Order Mandate

To the Manager:Bank plc
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Account Name: Dan's Fund For Burns No.2 Account
Sort code: 20-35-35 Account number: 00362735

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