



## Dan's Fund For Burns 2005 Newsletter

**DAN'S FUND FOR BURNS** – Our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of operations saw a predictable slow down in fund raising. This was inevitable as the immediate horror and outrage from the Bali tragedy waned. The Trustees were delighted, however, that we were still able to exceed our conservative target and raise a total of £88,000 through fund raising in 2005. A further £12,000 was received in interest income.

**This brings our total raised at the end 05 to a massive £488,000** so thank you once again for all your support and efforts. This continued momentum has allowed us once again to help several individual Adult Burn Survivors in the UK and set in motion the appointment of the Chelsea & Westminster Clinical Burns Psychologist in London.

More support is always needed though, so if you are sitting reading this, itching to challenge yourself in some way, wanting to find more meaning to life.... Then please feel free to test your wit, courage and strength on behalf of the fund. Many of you have already done so its true, so thank you for that.

**We have set ourselves a target** of smashing the £500,000 mark by the end of March 2006 (our financial year end) and have started to put together a host of new exciting projects to raise funds for the charity. These include (some which may have already taken place by the time this is mailed out!)

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Drinks For Dan (multiple drinks parties around the world) – We hope to make this an annual event – see the website for details of the parties
- Sunningdale Ladies Golf Day – Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May
- Albury, Surrey Garden opening – Sun 18<sup>th</sup> June
- Polly Miller, Chairman & two girlfriends to enter the Timex Triathlon - Sat June 24<sup>th</sup> (after a skin graft operation in April! – brave or stupid? Not sure yet!)
- Rugby 7's tournament & Ex-Internationals XV match vs Oxbridge Legends at Cambridge Uni - Sat 9<sup>th</sup> September – see website for more details
- London Black Tie Dinner and Auction – Early Dec, compared & hosted by Rugby Commentator Legend, Ian Robertson with Amanda Redman as celebrity guest, date permitting
- The sale of a new selection of Felicity Miller's (Dan's mother) Flower cards
- The sale of Dan's Fund For Burns 2007 calendars
- The sale of Dan's Fund For Burns T-shirts

**FOR MORE DETAILS SEE - FUTURE FUNDRAISING**

### **SO, WHAT HAS DAN'S FUND FOR BURNS BEEN UP TO IN 2005 AND WHERE HAS YOUR MONEY BEEN SPENT**

It's been another busy year for the charity with a total of £24,000 paid out to worthy causes as you will see below.

The amount was kept fairly low as we were expecting at any time to have to start funding the Chelsea & Westminster Clinical Psychologist post.

It is important to the Fund to ensure that the money is spent directly helping Burn Survivors rather than being used on administration costs. As a result, I'm pleased to say that our admin costs were less than 1.6% of funds raised in 2005. Please see Administrative Developments for more details.

Below you will find a brief description of what Dan's Fund has accomplished over the last year:

#### **SUNDEEP HUNJAN**

- DFFB was delighted to help Sundeep Hunjan. She was subjected to the most horrific attack in Nairobi in Feb 2005. Just a few weeks before she was due to be married acid was thrown into her face when stopped at traffic lights. To date, they have no idea who was behind it. Sundeep was so badly injured that they did not have the technical expertise in Nairobi to help re-build her eye lids, nose and head wounds and so she was sent to the UK to stay with her uncle and family in Bristol. We were approached by the Queen Victoria hospital in East Grinstead (where I am looked after) and asked whether we could help fund an operation on her head/forehead area.



Sundeep Hunjan & Polly Miller chatting pre Scalp Operation at The Queen Victoria Hospital

It was explained to us that she needed metal scalp expanders placed in her head to slowly expand and stretch her skin to then allow the surgeons to pull her forehead forward, bringing her hairline back onto the top of her head. I met Sundeep at the Queen Vic before her operation and was amazed at her bravery and have now seen the photos of her afterwards. I'm sure you'll agree the operation has made an amazing difference to her. She is delighted and thanks everyone for their support as she tries to re-build her life.

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Sundeeep recovering after her Operation with her new hairline in place

### SALISBURY HOSPITAL BURNS UNIT

#### Scar Depth Reading Ultrasound Machine



- The Charity was also pleased to be able to buy a Scar Depth Reading Ultra sound machine for Salisbury Hospitals Burns Unit. The Scientific Director comments "The new ultrasound machine is an invaluable addition to the out-patient burns review clinic at Salisbury. It provides a painless and straightforward way of accurately measuring the depth of burns scars. This helps patients and clinicians to find out how well the skin is healing following the burn, how effective any current therapy is, and whether further therapy might be helpful. The system consists of a probe (right) and a processing unit (left) which are connected to a laptop computer. When the probe is held in contact with the skin it sends harmless ultrasonic waves towards the body. The way in which these waves are reflected back from structures in the skin allows the processing unit to display a picture of the skin and its underlying structure on the computer screen. The depth of the skin can then be read directly from the screen"

### USA BURNS CLUB FOR CHILDREN

- With the help of Vitol S.A. DFFB was delighted to be able to pay for Richard Hull (aged 16) & Jack Last (aged 12), both young Burn Survivors, to attend the American Mid Atlantic Summer Burns Camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia. In August, they

were accompanied by the fire fighter, Michael Orme, from the Bedfordshire and Luton firebrigade as their Counsellor. The boys had a great time canoeing, horse riding, caving, flying with tree acrobatics (zip lines), daily swimming (to soothe their itchy burned skin) and hobo camp fire meals in the evening. In America there is a high Counsellor to Burn Survivor ratio and the Camps are designed to help improve the kids' self esteem and confidence.



Jack, Richard & Michael at the Mid Atlantic Burn Camp

### NATIONAL BURNS CLUB FOR CHILDREN

- DFFB was called upon once again to sponsor a couple of places at the National Burns Camp. This year we sent two young girls from London. I visited the Camp this year and had a wonderful day with the children and volunteers. The kids were kayaking in the morning whilst the local fire brigade pumped up an enormous wet slide in the garden area. In the pouring rain the kids tirelessly chased up and down the slide, made faster by a massive jet of water sprayed from the fire engine..! Sadly my broken ankle prevented me from climbing up myself..what a shame!

### CHELSEA & WESTMINSTER SUPPORT GROUP

- We have also continued to finance and support the running of the Chelsea & Westminster Adult Support Group. The meetings, run by Greg Williams, the C&W surgeon and myself are held every 2-3 months at the hospital and are gaining in popularity. Those who attend are becoming fast friends in a relaxed atmosphere. It is very helpful for those who have been through the trauma of burns to meet others who understand what they've been through without having to try and explain. I'm pleased to report that Sue (the lady who wrote the amazing poem in the last Newsletter) has just given birth to a healthy baby boy, Jermaine. For those Burn Survivors who'd like to attend the next meeting, please contact the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital Burns Unit to find out details.

### HANNAN SHIHAB

- The Fund has continued to support Hannan Shihab now 18 years old. She was injured in the Iraq war 3 years ago. Hannan has had further surgery in 2005 at the Livingstone Hospital under her surgeon, Mr Quaba. She has made remarkable progress

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physically and has also managed to start college and has learned to drive. More importantly Hannan has been granted Asylum Status and will be able to stay in the UK. Her father is already over here with her and the rest of her family is currently making their way to Jordan to await their visa there. It has been a tough year on her own in Scotland but she is remarkably upbeat despite what she has been through. Without Dan's Fund For Burns she wouldn't have been able to survive.



Hannan & Katrina (her "Scottish Mum") at Dalhousie Castle

### AMERICAN BURNS ASSOCIATION - CHICAGO

- Dan's Fund was also approached by Greg Williams, the Consultant Burn surgeon at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, to fund his attendance at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Burns Association Meeting in Chicago in May 05. The NHS had cut back funding for such situations. He explained how vital it was not only for himself, but also for the remainder of his team, to attend and learn about the most up to date standard of care in the highly specialized field of Burn Surgery. The USA is the world leader in this area and not to attend could mean that patients in the UK might miss out on the latest improvements in Burn Care. We agreed to fund his trip.

### CHELSEA & WESTMINSTER CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST POST

- As it turned out, it took considerably more time to work through the red tape of the NHS and Mental Health Trust than envisaged, but I'm delighted to say that Lisa Williams has started at the hospital on the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2006. She will be spending time with Burn Survivors both current and past, helping them to deal with the psychological after effects of trauma. Once she has had time to settle into her post, the Trustees will be asking her to give us an insight into her daily routine and that plus further information on her role and experiences will be added to the website. If you remember, this will take a massive £175,000 over 3 years. It is the largest project for the Fund, so we will have to work hard to raise money to stop the fund from falling in size.



Lisa Williams, C&W Clinical Psychologist

### BRITISH BURNS ASSOCIATION

- Jenny Collings, previously a physiotherapist in Burn Care, now the representative of the patients' needs for the Burn Survivors Association (BSA) on the governmental advisory committee asked DFFB to fund her attendance at the British Burn Associations meeting in April 05. The theme of the meeting was "Re-designing UK Burn Care". We agreed to fund part of her costs.

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

**FUNDRAISERS;** Once again, 2005 saw a host of fund raising activities take place: Sandra Rossato's boat race, Carl Knappett's half marathon, Emma Dank's Great North Run, St Augustines (Tonbridge School) Chapel charity, Charterhouse School Mufti Day, Kent Slimming Club, Holyte Golf Club annual charity, Flashy's luncheon, Mixed Netball Tournament, Summer Serenade concert, Matt Turners London Marathon, Surrey Bridge Drive, Sunningdale Ladies Golf day, Woking Ladies Charity Bridge Drive, Woking Ladies annual charity, Kent Book reading evening, Lingfield Notre Dame Junior Clay sales, House jewellery sale, Danceathon, The Mighty Fin Christmas Panto, Herbert Smith Quiz night (HK), Bloxham School annual charity, Felicity Miller's flower card sales and Rachel Broadbents overnight walk to name but a few.

Publicity, personal, trust and corporate donations were most generous and welcomed too.

### ***A few of the events are featured:***

**FIREPOWER DINNER – 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 05:** The first dinner to be hosted by Dan's Fund took place in the spectacular setting of the new Royal Artillery Museum in Woolwich. Friends, families, supporters & guests (3 from as far as Canada) drank, dined & danced in the Museum's huge "Firepower" hall, amidst impressive military hardware, both old and new, including tanks, guns, missiles & machinery – of the Royal Artillery. Initially DFFB had been given an optimum number of 180 guests but demand for the tickets raced past this figure & could have reached 250 before the ever helpful Museum staff called a halt at 227.

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The unusual military venue had been suggested by one of our Patrons and Guest Speaker, General Sir Alex Harley. Two of our other patrons also attended, Sir John Stanley MP and Sir Michael Davies. In a witty, interesting and informative speech, Sir Alex spoke admiringly of the achievements of DFFB in the two & a half years since the tragic event in Bali of 12th October which caused the Fund to be set up. In paying personal tribute to Dan & the devastation felt by so many at his death, Sir Alex urged all those present to continue supporting the Fund, because of the valuable contribution it was making & hoped to do in the future towards the care & treatment of burns victims – whether in hospital, home, equipment needs or the furtherance of research. The evening was a great success, raising £8,800, a large proportion of which was raised by the auction of 8 Tickets to the Emirates 7's box at Twickenham, kindly donated by an ex England player, Vic Tindall.

**RACHEL BROADBENT'S WALK:** Rachel, aged 17, the daughter of some friends of the Millers, bravely walked through the night of the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2005 to raise money for Dan's Fund. She with friends set off at 4pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> and successfully finished the 50 mile walk at 11am the following morning, raising over £1,000 in the process. Congratulations and thanks.

**SUNNINGDALE LADIES GOLF DAY 05:** Barbara Perry with the Surrey Group held a 2nd extremely successful and enjoyable Charity Golf Day at Sunningdale Ladies Golf club in May. 76 ladies from many different clubs competed in a fun Texas Scramble in teams of four. They enjoyed an excellent lunch. Linda Sechiari, Jocelyn Broughton, Ann Pitt and Sue Smith's team won by a point from Sue Rogers, Janet Riley, Eileen Russell and Freya Strong. The total sum raised was a magnificent £1220.00. Many thanks go to S.L.G.C. for their support, S R Designs for the sponsorship of the prizes, Barbara and her helpers, and to the players for their generosity.

**DFFB 3rd Charity Golf Day at Sunningdale Ladies will take place on Thursday 25th May 2006.**



The 2005 Winners

**BLOXHAM SCHOOL ANNUAL CHARITY:** Bloxham School, Banbury raised an amazing £5,520 over the 2004/2005 year. Michael Moir, Head of Charitable works describes below the events that made up this total.

"Polly started our year of fundraising by coming back to her former school and speaking in Chapel extremely powerfully

and bravely about her own experiences and how we might be able to help. She also kindly supported our fête in September, which started our successful fundraising for the year. At the beginning of the summer term there was a dance open to all pupils, which was thoroughly enjoyed and helped in the fundraising. We also held a Race Day the following afternoon - a sponsored "Grand National" race over fences on space hoppers - with a great effort made in the preparations by the charity group. Each team had to complete 2¼ miles (as a relay), whilst being pelted with water bombs, custard pies and mugs of soaked confetti. It was fantastic to see pupils, teachers and parents all entering into the spirit of getting messy for a great cause."



**Bloxham School Space Hopping to raise over £5000**

**SUMMER SERENADE:** HOLY TRINITY, BRAMLEY, Friday 22nd July 2005. "Despite an appalling 4 hour jam on M25 affecting most of Surrey, International Soprano Kathryn Harries, fresh from her success in "Jenufa" at Glyndebourne, gathered other singers and musician friends together for a tremendous varied musical treat. Operatic arias were interspersed with old favourites given by Bernard Cribbins together with a virtuoso performance on her different recorders from Heather Tomala. Linda Ormiston, a Scottish National Opera stalwart, joined with Robert Poulton conspiring to bring the house down with duets such as "La Cia Darem" from Don Giovanni. Kathryn Harries had the audience melting with her wonderful renderings, especially from Gershwin. Angela Livingstone gave superb accompaniment and Jill Phillips read a moving piece "People" translated from Yevgeny Yevetschenko.

During the interval the Surrey committee had organised delicious refreshments which were enjoyed by the audience.

A packed church responded generously to a moving appeal which Polly made at the end of the concert and an amazing total of £5070 was raised." Angie Forster

**FIRST DANCE DANCEATHON & OPENING:** On September 17th 2005, First Dance Studios held a day-long danceathon to raise money for DFFB. The studio opened earlier that year, so combined an opening bash with the charity event.

At 9am, the Woking Mayor and his wife arrived to officially open the studio and to meet Polly. The dancing then began with a Stretch class, followed by Contemporary & Thai Boxing.

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All the hungry dancers then had a buffet lunch outside on the grass in the sun with a chance to have massage treatments – great for tired feet!

When the food had been downed, we started up again with a Ballet class, followed by Street Jazz, American Jazz and Tap. There was then a choice of an African or Musical Theatre class & we finished off the day with either Ballroom or Salsa. Tea and cake followed and everyone went home to put on their glad-rags to come back for the opening party. Over 100 people arrived in the evening for champagne & nibbles (and of course another dance in the studio!). This finished off a fantastic day.

40 dancers took part in the danceathon, each with their own sponsorship money. Money was also raised from the therapy treatments, the t-shirt sales & finally the collection from the opening party. All this together combined to raise a grand total of £2,436.56 Emma Harris.

### WOKING LADIES, HOLYTE GOLF CLUB,

**WORPLESDON & WEST SURREY GOLF CLUBS:** The Golfers in the south continue to be faithful supporters of Dan's Fund for Burns.

- Congratulations and thanks go to Sally Burke, the 2004-2005 Lady Captain of Woking Ladies golf club who chose DFFB as her Charity for her year. She raised a stunning total of £5,106.51 during her year as Captain.
- Congratulations and thanks also to Peter Hanson, Captain of Holyte Golf club who sent a cheque for £439.00 to DFFB.
- This year Worplesdon and West Surrey Lady Captains have chosen DFFB as their Charity for their special year. We are so fortunate to have so many friends of DFFB in the Golfing world.

**SURREY BRIDGE DRIVE:** Bridge playing supporters of DFFB on Trafalgar Day made up 30 tables for the second year at Shalford Village Halls enjoying a delicious tea. Susie Brooke – Jones made a superb Christmas cake which raised £71.00 from guessing the cake's weight. Along with the raffle and donations the great sum of £1,750.05 was achieved. Huge thanks is due to a fantastic team of helpers led by Val Band and Sally Maddison, who made it all possible.

**Next Bridge Drive at Shalford Village Halls will be on FRIDAY, 20th OCTOBER 2006.**

**BLACKMOOR BOOK LAUNCHES:** At Dan's family home Blackmoor House in Kent, two separate book launching events were held to raise funds for DFFB. The first book, 'The Sea Ahead' written by Shally Hunt (a family friend) is an account of her and her husband's epic walk all the way up the centre of Britain and then down through France to Nice. Other book, the biography of 'A Good Straight Englishwoman' is the lifestory of a remarkable woman who nursed at the front line all through the 1st World War, then cared for war orphans in France before nursing soldiers in the UK during the 2nd War. This book is

written by Amanda Davies, wife of one of our patrons and is about her Great Aunt. The two events were generously supported & raised almost £2700.

**MIXED NETBALL TOURNAMENT:** "2005 was the first year that Dan's Fund for Burns got involved with the You Invent mixed netball tournament as half the proceeds went to help Polly with her amazing quest. In 2006, DFFB will be the sole charity the tournament will be supporting so I'm hoping to see a pumped up DFFB's team waiting for the off. I look forward to seeing some of you in your netball kit in the summer, May 21st to help raise even more funds." Alex Spring For details of the 2006 event please see FUTURE FUND RAISING EVENTS.

**BEAUTIFUL HAND PAINTED CARDS by Felicity Miller:** Four new designs have been added to the four original designs of the cards/notelets sold in aid of DFFB. These are now available in packs of 10 cards (2 designs per pack) for a cost of £3.50 plus postage. Please contact Felicity Miller, Blackmoor House, Four Elms, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 6PG (01732 700047) or send an email request to [fel.miller.t21@btinternet.com](mailto:fel.miller.t21@btinternet.com) if you would like a pack(s).



**THERE ARE MANY, MANY OTHER EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER 2005** but unfortunately its not possible to mention them all. However, from these samples I hope you will gain some ideas of the lengths and efforts many people have gone to, in order to raise money to improve the lives of Burns Survivors in the UK. More help is always needed. So if you would like to help us raise money then please feel free to do so.

### **OTHER BITS & PIECES:**

#### **LASER DOPPLER OFFICIAL OPENING:**

I was delighted to be invited to open officially the Laser Doppler machine that we had donated to Salisbury Hospital in 2004. This machine has been in use for sometime now and the Surgeon and team wanted to thank us personally.

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Polly Miller & Mr Eunan Tiernan, Director of Salisbury's Burn Unit

### ROYAL BRISBANE HOSPITAL VISIT:

It was also with great pleasure that I was able to drop in on my Surgeons at The Royal Brisbane Hospital early Jan (06) when I was over in Australia in the New Year. Michael Rudd & Stuart Pegg surprised me with a wonderful plaque, which will now be displayed in the Burns unit in Brisbane. It thanks Dan's Fund For Burns for their donation in 2003. After the obligatory photo shoot, they proudly showed me around the new Burns Unit that has opened since I was treated there back in 2002. They also had a good look at my scarring and whilst complimentary started discussing what they'd like to do to improve it... steady on boys!



Mr Michael Rudd & Mr Stuart Pegg, Royal Brisbane Hospital Consultant Burn Surgeons

### FUTURE FUND PROJECTS:

#### HAIR EXTENSIONS:

In our attempts to help a young lady, Hayley Igglesworth, who lost half her head of hair when badly burnt, we have discovered a wonderful hair dressing company in Hammersmith, Lucinda Ellery ([www.lucindaellery.com](http://www.lucindaellery.com)). This company specialises in Hair extensions for those with Alopecia, Burns and other scalp problems. They are able to glue a mesh to the head where there is no hair and take existing hair and feed it through the mesh. Hair extensions are then attached to these strands. This is an intricate process that takes time and of course a lot of money. The process also needs to be tidied up every 6-8 weeks as the hair is a constantly growing element. We have set up an initial consultation for Hayley and hope that she is able to have this treatment funded by Dan's Fund For Burns.

#### SPRAY ON SKIN:

The McIndoe Research Centre has been involved in Clinical trials of spray on skin over the past few years. In 2004 we donated two computer linked microscopes to aid their research. They are now at a stage where they are using this technology on patients and we have been asked to consider paying for patients to have their skin grown and sprayed on. This project is currently being considered by the Trustees.

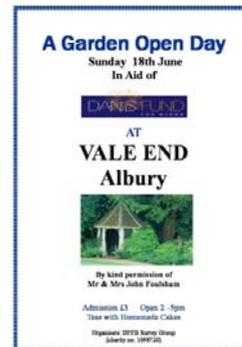
#### NOTE YOUR DIARIES: FUTURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

#### YOU INVENT MIXED NETBALL TOURNAMENT:

**MAY 21<sup>st</sup> 06:** The 'You Invent' Mixed netball tournament is now in it's 6th year. It is a chance for those of you who have played or have watched netball in the past, to get your gym kit and netball skirts (yes that does include the blokes too) and get back on to the netball court.

This tournament is a low key, enjoyable and fun tournament. Players of all levels can take part and are helped along the way to remembering the rules. There are 3 crates of beer to be won, so it's definitely not for the faint hearted!! If anyone would like to join in the fun for the 2006 tournament on May 21st then please contact alex@springcoaching.co.uk or Polly. Alex Spring.

#### GARDEN OPEN DAY – SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:



#### RUGBY 7's & 15's TOURNAMENT SAT 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2006:

For a long time I have been wanting to put together a rugby tournament in aid of DFFB in honour of all those boys and girls who died in Bali. I have finally found the strength and a good bunch of friends to help me pull this together, including Harvey Thornycroft, ex England A's & Northampton Saints.

So, on Saturday September 9th 2006, the charity will host 'Dan's Fund For Burns Day of Rugby' at Grange Road, Cambridge featuring, as the highlight, a match between an Oxbridge Legends XV and an International Legends XV. Stars such as Michael Lynagh, Kenny Logan, Nick Beal, Matt Dawson, Jon Sleightholme and Neil Back have pledged their support for what promises to be a wonderful event.

The day will also take the form of a Rugby Sevens tournament. Teams of all levels are invited to participate, and it is hoped that a number of University and College alumni sides might view this tournament as a reunion opportunity as well as teams made up of friends of those players lost in Bali.



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The day will conclude with a black tie dinner in the spectacular setting of St John's College, Cambridge for players and their partners, as well as others linked to the Charity including families of those players lost in the Bombing.

If you would like to enter a team the cost of entry will be £250 per team including ten guaranteed dinner spaces at an additional cost of £75 per head. Also if you or your company are interested in advertising/sponsorship opportunities on the day and/or are able to help in any other way, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Polly Miller on [PollyMiller@dansfundforburns.org](mailto:PollyMiller@dansfundforburns.org) for more details.

### **SURREY BRIDGE DRIVE – OCT:**

Next Bridge Drive at Shalford Village Halls will be on Friday, 20th October 2006.

**GOLF & BRIDGE FUN DAY** at Woking Golf Club on Tuesday 7th November. Application forms available at Charity Golf Day on 25th May or from Rosemary Derby (01483 898461) after 25th May.

**COUNTY CLUB DINNER – GUILDFORD, FRI 1<sup>ST</sup> DEC:** - contact Rosemary Derby on 01483 898461 if you'd be interested in taking or joining a table.

### **BLACK TIE DINNER – LONDON EARLY DECEMBER**

We are delighted to announce that Mr Ian Robertson, the renowned Scottish BBC Rugby Commentator & respected after dinner speaker has agreed to help the fund put on a Black Tie Dinner for Dan's Fund and put together an auction packed full of great items to bid for. If you would like to get a table together for the event which is sure to be a success and or are able to help donate items for the auction, then please contact [PollyMiller@dansfundforburns.org](mailto:PollyMiller@dansfundforburns.org) or call her on 0207 381 0159. We will be in touch with more information as and when we can.

### **2007 DFFB BOTANICAL CALENDAR:**

A class of students of botanical art studying under the tutelage of Elizabeth Smail, a member of the Society of Botanical Artists and a well known artist/illustrator, generously volunteered to support DFFB by each donating a picture towards the production of a Calendar for 2007. This calendar will be ready for sale by the end of August 2006 – it promises to be both beautiful and useful – an ideal Christmas present! We have asked for the pictures to be vibrant, cheerful and optimistic – reflecting the spirit of Dan. Please let us know if you would like more information or would care to place a reserve order. We anticipate the cost will be between £5.00 and £7.50 per copy. Please contact Felicity Miller on [fel.miller.t21@btinternet.com](mailto:fel.miller.t21@btinternet.com).

### **DFFB T-SHIRTS FOR SALE:**

We have had printed Adult and Childrens T-shirts for people to buy for their events or as presents for friends. The cost for Adult T-shirts (size Lg) is £10.00 and for Childrens £8.00 (size 7-8 and size 11-13) + postage. If you'd like one or more, please send an email to [PollyMiller@dansfundforburns.org](mailto:PollyMiller@dansfundforburns.org)

### **DAN'S FUND ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENTS:**

A prime aim of Dan's Fund has been to ensure that our fundraising goes directly to help Burns Survivors rather than being spent on administration costs.

However, keeping these administrative costs so low has only been accomplished, by the generosity of the Trustees who have largely donated their time and funds as well as my own time. As a result the costs of running Dan's Fund have been kept to the very minimum.

As Dan's Fund grows in size and momentum, unfortunately so does the administration that goes with it. If we are to keep going we must face the reality of having to pay for some assistance. The Trustees, therefore, will be considering various courses of action to address this. In the short term the Trustees decided to recruit some additional help. Rachel Gerber has kindly taken on the position of Administrative assistant for Dan's Fund.

Be assured though that we will do all in our power to continue to keep running costs to a minimum so your donations will still primarily go to helping those who need our help!

**WEBSITE UPDATE – HINGA DESIGN;** The website has now been updated and I hope you'll agree that it is looking much more professional these days. A **BIG THANK YOU** goes to Lynn Coles who saw the article about the fund in the Readers Digest and offered to help us re-design the website and maintain it for free. He runs himself a company called Hinga Design ([www.hinga.biz](http://www.hinga.biz)) which is a professional website design company for small companies and charities. Please feel free to ask him for a quote should your company need any help with their website.

**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 in 2003. We had a splendid response with the 100+ Club raising £ 2006.50 for the Fund in 2005. Congratulations to the winners who came from all over the country.

There are now enough members for 3 monthly prizes. The cost of each share is £12 annually, payable by Bankers Standing Order mandate. The monthly draw winners are listed on the web site.

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](http://www.justgiving.com/dansfund) and follow the online instructions.



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**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](http://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 £ 9,320.88 from the Government for the tax year 2004/5. Gift Aid is a fabulous scheme which enables charities like ourselves 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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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 :-

Rosemary Derby , Haldish Farm, Green Lane, Shamley Green, Surrey. GU5 ORD

### DFFB 100+ CLUB Standing Order Mandate

To the Manager: .....Bank plc  
Address of your  
Bank.....  
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Please pay to Barclays Bank plc Guildford West Surrey Group of Branches , P.O.Box 317, Woking, Surrey GU21 1WT.

Account Name: Dan's Fund For Burns No.2 Account  
Sort code: 20-35-35      Account number: 00362735

The sum of ..... amount in  
words    £.....amount in figures

Starting on.....day of.....20..... and annually on  
1st January thereafter until further notice.

Account Name: .....

Sort Code: .....

Account Number: .....

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Date: .....

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