

DAN'S FUND FOR BURNS

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NOTE FROM POLLY

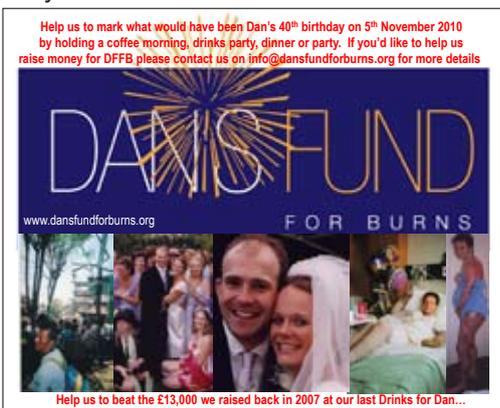
It is hard to believe that it is nearly eight years ago that the Bombers in Bali struck, changing so many people's lives forever. Dan would have been 40 this year on the 5th November. So, whilst a very sad time reflecting on the loss of such a strong, energetic and charismatic man, we thought we'd also like to mark his 40th Birthday in some way.

Some of you may remember the "Drinks for Dan" event we held a few years back, with parties held all over the world including Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Scotland and England. We were amazed by its success with over £13,000 raised.

We would very much like to do a bigger version of this for Dan's 40th. For those of you new to the idea, the plan goes as follows: a party giver hosts a party, be it a coffee morning, drinks party, dinner or any other get together. The party giver's donation is the form of drinks, nibbles or whatever they wish, and the guests attending donate whatever they like to Dan's Fund for Burns.

Now, the 5th of November is a popular bonfire night and it may not be possible to do all the parties on that exact date, so somewhere around that time is fine.

If you would like to be a party giver, then please feel free to use the invitation below or email us at info@dansfundforburns.org for an email version which you could also print if you wish and also to ask how people may donate.



We hope you will be able to join us in celebrating Dan's life and his legacy.

With thanks as ever for all your support and the very best wishes for Christmas and 2011.

Polly Brooks

Donations can be sent in various forms; for details of the where and/or how to, go to the *How can we help you?* or *Making donations* pages of the website.

NEW PATRONS AND TRUSTEES

Patron - We are very proud to announce that Professor Fiona Wood has joined our list of distinguished Patrons. This appointment is particularly relevant to us because of the connection with the Bali Bombings in 2002, when Fiona and her team's tireless work on burns victims of the Bali bombings brought recognition for her revolutionary spray-on skin technique which was used successfully, along with holistic multidisciplinary burn care. We are honoured that she has agreed to join us.

Professor Fiona Wood currently holds the positions of Director of the West Australian Burns Service, Consultant Plastic Surgeon of Royal Perth Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospitals and Winthrop Professor in the school of surgery at the University of Western Australia. She is Director and co-founder of Clinical Cell Culture, now known as Avita Medical, a Member and Past President of the Australia New Zealand Burn Association and chair of the ISBI disaster committee. Fiona is also the Chair of the National working party for Burn Standards of Care and the Western Australian representative on the National Steering Committee for Burn Disaster.



Fiona Wood

Fiona adds: ***"I am delighted to become a Patron of Dan's Fund for Burns, as I am inspired by many who have survived burn injury to do so and then help others navigate their journey through such trauma is humbling. As a burns surgeon I see lives changed in an instant and I am driven to use my education training and experience to direct research with the goal of reducing the suffering. To ensure the quality of the outcome is worth the pain of survival is a challenge I face daily. Working together with so many dedicated people is the daily motivation"***.

New Trustee - Ms. Emma Danks has been a great supporter of Dan's Fund for Burns since its creation. We are thrilled that Emma has agreed to serve as a Trustee for the Charity.

Emma is a London-based corporate lawyer, who became friends with Dan in 2000 whilst working in Hong Kong. She has been involved in Dan's Fund since it was established, initially through her support for various fund-raising events, including running the London Marathon in aid of the Fund and joined the Board of Trustees in 2009.



Emma Danks

LONDON SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Future Meetings

Thursday 23rd September 2010

Wednesday 15th December 2010

For those burns survivors who would like to attend the next meeting, please call Chelsea & Westminster Hospital Burns Unit on **020 3315 2504** or email **lmwilliams@nhs.net** to confirm.

If you would like more information or have any questions, check **www.dansfundforburns.org** for more details or **JUST COME!**

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US!

NATIONAL BURNS CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Dan's Fund for Burns (DFFB) continues to sponsor two or more children to attend the National Burns Camp. DFFB feels that supporting such activities serves as a great beginning for young burn survivors and, as you can read below, these events are now being extended to young adults who, up until now, once aged 18 were not eligible.

Burns Club Weekend Away for Young Adults

As reported in our last Newsletter, DFFB was happy to fund this worthwhile weekend organised by the Frenchay After Burns Club (Bristol) and the Welsh Dragons Burns Club (Swansea) and Burns Unit Group Support B.U.G.S. (Salisbury). The Clubs have reported back to DFFB:

"The 18 to 25 year old camp was a new venture for the Welsh Dragons Burns Club, Frenchay After Burns Children's Club and B.U.G.S. These 3 Burns Clubs have provided support for burn survivors up to the age of 18 for many years, but what happens once the young burn survivors reach 18?"

"With the very generous support of Dan's Fund for Burns, the Camp was held in December 2009 for 18 to 25 year olds. A country house was booked near Stratford-on-Avon and we all turned up on the Friday evening. The house proved to be a great venue, accommodating all sorts of activities. The Hot Tub proved to be very popular with the young people who spent a great deal of time in it, sharing experiences and support for each other. The snooker table came a close second and we were able to get them out of bed to enjoy a game of bowling and testing skills at ice skating.

"Being December, Saturday night was "Christmas". We all enjoyed a feast of turkey and all the trimmings.



Frenchay/Salisbury/Swansea - Young Adults Weekend away

"The young people all enjoyed the weekend, especially the free time where they could relax together and 'chill'. It was very different to the children's camps they had previously attended. **There was unanimous agreement that the experience of being with others they hadn't met before, realizing that they are not alone, and that their feelings about their burns do change with age, was all extremely valuable.** Most importantly, these young adults realised it was okay to not be shy or embarrassed about having scars and knowing that there are other people in the world the same as them. They agreed that the experience helped to build confidence, and they would recommend the camp to anyone.

"The overwhelming consensus was that the camp was a major success and they would all love to come again.

They enjoyed meeting other survivors from other groups, and felt it would be great if more units were to come.

“It was a great and new experience.”

“The volunteers and staff all felt the Camp was a positive experience and enjoyed spending time with the young adults in a relaxed environment. It was a worthwhile opportunity to share experiences and give peer as well as professional support. This proved to be a time for friendships between young adults and volunteers, rather than the leadership role taken at traditional burn camps. The overwhelming feeling was ‘can’t wait for next year’.”

“Many grateful thanks from the young adult survivors and volunteers to Dan’s Fund for their generosity, enabling the weekend to take place.”

YOUNG LEADER TRAINING PROGRAMME (Manchester)

All the young people involved in the Young Leader Training Programme (YLTP) have attended the Children’s Burn Camps. The three young people who completed all their first year work have received a certificate and will be offered the opportunity to continue the young leader programme towards the end of their involvement with the young adult camp.

The aims of the YLTP are:

- To provide young leaders with an opportunity to reflect on their own experiences of burn injury and how this may be of benefit to other children.
- To train young leaders in teamwork and leadership skills that will equip them for leadership roles at future Burns Camps. Skills to include: problem-solving, negotiation and resolving conflict, teamwork, organisation, balancing taking initiative with appropriate help-seeking, managing children’s behaviour, listening skills.
- To provide young leaders with opportunities to practise their skills with groups of children attending the main Camp, with the support and supervision of experienced Camp Leaders.

The Training Programme includes challenging physical activities that aim to build up both teamwork and leadership skills. This involved a 60 mile canoe trip along the Caledonian Canal which required the young people (and staff) to manoeuvre two-man Canadian canoes containing all the clothes, equipment and food for the trip. Camping and cooking in beautiful scenery at the loch-side each evening, the young leaders were required to help select camping sites, erect their own tents and contribute towards cooking for the group.



Young Leaders Canoe Trip

Battling through the worst weather the Scottish summer has to offer (6 days of rain!), the group were pushed to the limits, both physically and mentally. Completing the trip was a huge accomplishment for all those involved. The young people experienced both the challenges and rewards of being a leader and took a step closer to being able to use their own experiences of burn injury to help future burn injured children.

INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE FOR CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM BURNS

Previously held overseas, this year’s Jamboree is being hosted by the UK. The organisers are volunteers from Fire Brigades and Burns Unit staff already involved in their own children’s burn camps. There will be approximately 15 young adults, 18 to 25 years old, attending the Jamboree, 6 of whom will be sponsored by DFFB. More news next time.

WHY DFFB SUPPORTS THESE YOUNG PROGRAMMES

Such programmes as these, we feel, are very important in building confidence and self esteem for young people who have suffered the traumas of burns in their youth. Many adults who are now coming to us for assistance were burned at a very young age and are still suffering from the long term traumas. Sadly most of these adults have suffered for years without the benefit of such support. Therefore, we at Dan’s Fund feel it is important to offer support and assistance to programmes which help young survivors gain self respect and confidence as they build their futures. It should also be noted that programmes such as the Burns Camps, and the Young Adult Programmes, Jamborees etc., are all primarily manned voluntarily and organised by burn unit staff in hospitals. Well done and congratulations to all those who are so dedicated and give so much of their time!

SKIN CAMOUFLAGE CLINIC

From the Welsh Centre for Burns, Swansea:

“Despite the treatments available to help control and minimise the extent of scarring that develops following a burn injury, there are no techniques currently available that can prevent or remove burn scars. Learning to live with permanent scarring is one of the biggest challenges for burn survivors. As therapists we endeavour to teach people coping mechanisms that enable them to accept their scarring and many people go on to live happy and fulfilling lives, but for some the altered body image can be devastating. The application of specialist skin camouflage can help to disguise the scarring, and for many people this enables them to cope and gives them the confidence to face the world.

“In order to provide such treatment here we decided to establish a Skin Camouflage Clinic in our own Burns Centre. To facilitate this, one of our Occupational Therapy Technicians funded herself to attend the British Association of Skin Camouflage training.



Skin Camouflage Clinic: box areas show before & after treatment

“Unfortunately there were no monies available to set this up and to utilise her newly acquired skills here with patients currently undergoing active scar management regimes. We contacted Dan’s Fund for Burns, whose Trustees very kindly agreed to provide the financing required for the initial set-up costs of the equipment and materials required.

“To date over 40 of our patients have been able to receive a skin camouflage consultation during their scar management reviews with us. All of the feedback from patients, some of whom had previously used the other services available, has been extremely positive, and we look forward to being able to provide skin camouflage as a longer-term option for enabling our patients to live with their burn scars.

“Thank you Dan’s Fund for Burns, for providing us with this opportunity.”

OTHER NEWS

BURNS UNITS

Over time, our relations with Burns Units around the country has expanded as they begin to understand the work of Dan’s Fund for Burns. Building up these relationships is important for staff on the Burns Units realise we are there to help both their units as well as individuals and families.

CHELSEA & WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL, LONDON

We continue to maintain a close relationship with the Burns Unit and in particular, Dr. Lisa Williams, Clinical Psychologist and Mr. Greg Williams FRCS FRCS(Plast), Burns Service Lead. DFFB has assisted many individuals with funding in particular transportation costs to and from the Hospital. Funding was also provided for Greg Williams to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Burns Association which is important in keeping abreast of international gold standards of burn care and cutting edge technologies and techniques. Lisa also organises the London Area Adult Support Group and encourages all Burn Survivors to attend these meetings. (See *Support Group Meetings*)

We have been gratified by the appreciation shown for our work.

Among these, ***Nancy Cohn:***

Consultant Psychotherapist

Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trust, including St Andrews Centre for Plastic Surgery and Burns

“It seems that one of the main problems in the early stages of a burns injury, is the real difficulty for family members in managing the immense financial burden put on them, at the same time that they are trying to cope psychologically with such a major difficult event in their lives. Being able to receive some financial assistance at this time relieves one of the pressures that they feel and clearly makes such a difference. We all know how expensive travel is these days, and for families of our patients, the travel costs can be so high that visits (which are essential for the patient) have to be curtailed. Assisting family members in being able to visit or stay in accommodation nearby does immeasurable good for the patients’ emotional well-being, and also undoubtedly aids their physical recovery.

“Further down the line, there are all sorts of expenses that a burns patient has to manage, usually in much reduced circumstances with work often not an option, at least initially. Recently you helped a patient with moving expenses. It was essential for the continuing social and psychological rehabilitation of that patient that they

move to a new home. Worries about how to manage all the costs associated with this was causing further distress and anxiety. The assistance of Dan's Fund in contributing towards the cost of moving was such a help.

"On behalf of my colleagues here at the burns unit at St Andrews, I want to thank you so much for being there for our patients. It makes such a big difference to be able to offer some practical and much needed help, alongside the psychological support that we provide to patients and their families.

Kind regards,
Nancy"

SHEFFIELD NORTHERN GENERAL HOSPITAL Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

As reported in our last Newsletter, DFFB contributed towards the purchase of a new *Primus RS Therapeutic Machine* for the new Outpatient Clinic, which has now been installed.

This is in addition to Physiotherapy Equipment purchased earlier.

Such a state of the art machine allows for complex as well as simple tasks to be performed by the patient.



The new Primus RS at Sheffield

VISITS TO BURNS UNITS

Our new Trustee Emma, together with Joy, visited the Burns Unit at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital and the Burns Unit at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, to witness for ourselves the valuable work in these vital Units. These visits are also important as both hospitals have sent many individuals to Dan's Fund for Burns for assistance. Such visits allow us to inspect the Burns Units and see the work they do first hand as well as let the Burns Unit Staff know more personally who we are. Most Burns Units staff also participate in running Children's Summer Camps and give a great deal of their own voluntary time and energies to assist those who have suffered the trauma of burns. We appreciate the time given to show us around and explain the work involved.

SO WHERE DID THE MONEY ALL COME FROM?

We have received many wonderful letters and offers of support from so many diverse and unexpected individuals that we felt it worth quoting just a few. Our fundraising has been amazing and the Trustees are forever touched and humbled with the interest shown by so many of you. Although we cannot name you all individually, we'd like to say a massive thank you to you all for your support.

FUNDRAISERS:

Over the past twelve months a combined sum amounting to over £21,450 has been raised by individuals who have fundraised on our behalf - we are so very grateful to everyone who has either contributed or made such generous efforts for the Charity.

Although we cannot name everyone, in particular:

Marathon Runners:

We are much obliged to Paul Piper, Emma Danks, Vicky Harris & Matt Turner, who all took up the challenge of the London Marathon and raised over £11,500, and to Katherine Jones who once again braved the Brighton Marathon on our behalf, even though she is still recovering from burns surgery herself and continues to wear pressure garments. Katherine also gave an interview to Real People in June this year.

Others fundraisers include:

Our grateful thanks go to the Piper Family. Many of you may have seen the *Cutting Edge* TV programme last year, telling the story of Katie Piper's trauma - we described much of her story in the last Newsletter under the name "Julie" as at that time Katie was maintaining her confidentiality. The family having benefited from DFFB help have in turn generously fundraised on our behalf. We now wish Katie luck in her own venture.

Peter Webb finished his marathon "Gimme 5 Challenge" raising over £1,500.

Ben Howard raised over £1,600 for his amazing canoeing efforts, and two wonderfully generous-hearted friends kindly asked for donations rather than Wedding Gifts.

SURREY REPORT

DFFB sporting supporters and helpers in Surrey have been busy raising money despite the "Crunch", while enjoying golf and bridge at Pyrford, Chobham and Shalford. Dan's Fund is very fortunate to be the chosen charity of Lady Captain, Clare Tilbury of North Hants Golf Club. They have already raised over £2,000 so far.

100+ Club

Are you a member of the 100+ Club? If not, why not join and have a chance to win a prize from the Monthly Draw?

- 1st Prize - £50
- 2nd Prize - £30
- 3rd Prize - £20
- 4th Prize - £15

Information and form are at the end of the Newsletter. JOIN NOW!!!

Christmas Cards, Notelets, Postcards & Bookmarks

A new range of notelet cards, bookmarks, postcards, and Christmas cards has just been printed.

The notelet cards sell for £4.00 per pack of ten (2 designs per pack). Postcards are available in bundles of five costing £2.50, and bookmarks are 50p each.

Please add a donation towards postage and packing for the Christmas cards, notelets and postcards.

All the cards can be viewed on the website, and ordered from **fel.miller.t21@btinternet.com** or Medway House, Cowden, Kent, TN8 7JQ



EVENTS FOR 2010

September

Bridge Challenge - Kent Group

Thursday September 30th

Rugby 7s & International 15s in Dubai

Gary Chapman, who Polly met through the DFFB Rugby Tournament, has kindly nominated DFFB to be one of the Charities at the Emirates Rugby 7's famous Long Lunch to be held this year in September. This luncheon usually raises large sums for various Charities, so we are very grateful to Gary for this opportunity.

Friday October 15th

Bridge Tea at Shalford Village Hall

Monday November 1st

Golf and Bridge Day at Chobham Golf Club

Friday November 5th

Drinks for Dan

See Front Page for Invitation or

www.dansfundforburns.org

EVENTS FOR 2011

Thursday 26th May

Texas Scramble at Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club

Tuesday 26th July

Gentleman's Golf day at Woking Golf Club.

Saturday December 3rd

Snow Ball, Ireland

Caira, Polly's 2nd Cousin and Northern Irish contingent of the family has very kindly taken on a huge project, that is, to organise a 'Snow Ball' for December 2011 in Belfast. The venue is booked and it is hoped to see more than 500 attending. If anyone is able to help with prizes for the raffles/auction then we would love to hear from you.

NEW WEBSITE UPDATE - HINGA DESIGN

DFFB receives help in many different ways and we must pay particular appreciation and thanks to Lynn Coles...

If you have looked at the website recently you will find that we have a new look! If you haven't looked then please do so! Our most sincere thanks to Lynn Coles who has updated the entire website for us - a great deal of work has gone into it and we are so very appreciative for his efforts on our behalf. Lynn also updates information regularly and all this with no charge to the Charity. This is indeed a magnificent gift to us. If you are thinking of designing a Website or updating an old Website do contact Lynn!!!!



THANK YOU LYNN. Lynn's company, Hinga Design (**www.hinga.biz**), is a professional website

design company for small companies and charities. Please email **enquiries@hinga.biz** for a quote, should your company need any help with their website.

VIDEO ABOUT DAN'S FUND FOR BURNS

THANK YOU so much to Anthony Banks of Dynamic Range who has generously given considerable time and energy to produce an updated video about DFFB. Our sincere thanks to Anthony for his invaluable help and patience! This new version will be very helpful for fund-raising events. Do contact Anthony to plan, install and operate professional presentation equipment for live events and conferences.

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NEWSLETTER PRINTING AND DESIGN

Our very grateful thanks also to Phil Lotter of Newgraphic. Newgraphic not only print and post the newsletter for the lowest price possible, but provide the unenviable but vital assistance in formatting and designing our Newsletter. Newgraphic also print the beautiful cards and notelets for DFFB. If you are looking for excellence in printing please contact



JUSTGIVING - DONATING ONLINE

We have an account with **justgiving.com**. This allows you to donate online via their secure credit card banking form. Visit www.justgiving.com/dansfund and follow the instructions to donate online.

GIFT AID

We would like to emphasise the importance of Gift Aid. In 2009-2010 the Charity directly claimed £2,999.77, which does not include Gift Aid collected through JUST GIVING donations. Do please complete the Gift Aid portion when donating if you are UK Tax Payer. Thank you!

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 our 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.

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 postal address so that we can add you to our mailing list.

Send your details to: info@dansfundforburns.org or Dan's Fund For Burns, PO Box 54394, London W2 7HJ.

THANKS GO TO:

DFFB Auditor: David Healey,
Trustees: Alistair Strong, Roger Masefield, Felicity Miller, Rosemary Derby, Emma Danks and The Surrey & Kent Committees for all their hard work, BUT more importantly thanks go again to all our supporters, fund-raisers and donors.

We are most grateful to the Charity Trusts, Corporate Companies, and many Individual Donors who most generously support Dan's Fund.

Polly Brooks, Chairman

LEGACIES

Think about your will - a lasting legacy would help guarantee the long-term work of Dan's Fund For Burns. If you are considering leaving a legacy to Dan's Fund For Burns in your will, we would be very grateful.

Either contact your solicitor or call 020 7262 4039.

DFFB DATABASE

Please let us know if you have changed address so we may update our Database Many thanks.

DAN'S FUND FOR BURNS 100+ CLUB

The monthly prize draw has grown, giving participants a bit of fun at the same time as donating to the Charity. Our thanks to those who have participated, and those in particular who have organised the draws.

The club raises around £3000 annually

Congratulations to the winners who come from all over the country.

To join the 100+ Club, you may purchase one or more shares at £12 per share.

Each share goes into the monthly draw - prizes are at the moment £55, £30, £25, £15.

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, Haldish Farm, Green Lane,
Shamley Green, Surrey, GU5 0RD



FINALLY, FOR BURNS SURVIVORS

IF YOU ARE, or KNOW SOMEONE and need some help, advice, or just a friendly ear - then please get in touch with us. We are willing to consider all requests for help and even if you are just looking for someone to talk to PLEASE contact us

through our website:

www.dansfundforburns.org

by email: info@dansfundforburns.org

or telephone 020 7262 4039



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 0RD

DFFB 100+ CLUB Standing Order Mandate

To the Manager: _____ Bank plc

Address of your Bank: _____

Please pay to:
Barclays Bank plc
Guildford West Surrey Group of Branches,
PO 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: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

DFFB CONTACT DETAILS:

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DONATIONS

If you would like to donate to Dan's Fund For Burns, please complete the form below and send to:

Dan's Fund For Burns, PO Box 54394, London W2 7HJ

If you are a UK Taxpayer, please complete the Gift Aid Form which grants the charity a further 28p on every £1 you donate. THANK YOU.

To: Dan's Fund For Burns
PO Box 54394
London W2 7HJ
Tel: 020 7262 4039

I enclose a donation in the amount of £ _____
(please make cheques payable to **Dan's Fund For Burns**)

Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

GIFT AID FORM

I am a UK Taxpayer.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

You must pay an amount of UK income tax or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount we claim from the Inland Revenue.

Cheques from a joint account must be signed by the taxpayer.

You may cancel this Declaration at any time.

If you cease to be a UK taxpayer, please notify **DFFB**. Please also notify **DFFB** if you change your name or address.