

**Newsletter 2012 - Our 10 Year Anniversary Issue**

**NOTE FROM POLLY**

As the 10th Anniversary of the bombing looms, I am reminded of the horrors and distress from that dreadful time. Yet at the same time I am aware of how far both the Charity and I have come over the past 10 years.

After an initial plea for help at Dan's Memorial in London, a flood of support has been given to the Charity and we have been overwhelmed with the ongoing support that we still receive to this day. Dan's Fund For Burns is proud to have been able to assist so many Burn Survivors and provide crucial support to both individuals and hospitals around Great Britain.



*Bali Memorial, London*

We have grown to be a tightly run, well respected charity within the Burns world. This could not have happened without all the generous amount of personal time given by the Trustees, Patrons, Joy Huston, Auditors, Hinga Design (website) and not least without all of the support and donations from all those who have fundraised on our behalf.

As I fly to Hong Kong for the Anniversary, whilst thinking of all those who sadly lost their lives and of those whose lives were altered forever, I shall also remember all the amazing feats that have been achieved by so many as a direct result of this tragedy. For that I thank you and salute you.

With very best wishes,

Polly



**PATRONS**

**New Patron, Sophie Thompson**

We are thrilled and excited to announce that Sophie Thompson has joined our list of Patrons. Sophie has a distinguished career in Theatre, Television, Film and Radio. She has won several awards including *Best Actress in a Musical* for "Into the Woods" at the Donmar. Sophie has recently been seen in "She Stoops to Conquer" at the National Theatre and "The Physicists" at the Donmar; her career in film includes *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, *Eat Pray Love*, *Gosford Park*, *Emma*, *Relative Values*, *Fat Slags*, *Dancing at Lughnasa*, *Persuasion*, *Morris: A Life With Bells On* and *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. TV appearances include *Loveline*, *A Harlot's Progress*, *May Contain Nuts*, *The Railway Children*, *Whistle and I'll Come to You*, *Nelson's Column*, *Big Top*, *EastEnders* (Inside Soap 'Best Bitch' Award), and Radio's *The Forsythe Saga*, *Jane Eyre*, *John Dodd gets Taken for a Ride* and *Higher*. Sophie is married and has two sons. Thank you Sophie for joining us.



**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

The higher cost of transportation, petrol, train fares, etc., has put increasing pressure on families visiting loved ones many times, who are in hospitals at a great distance from home.

Over the past ten years, DFFB has financially assisted well over 200 individual emergency cases. Access to television and telephones while in hospital comes at a high price - this is another area DFFB has been able to assist. A specially designed wheelchair was provided to one survivor, and long-term physiotherapy was arranged for another; DFFB has provided clothing, financial aid, household goods to burn survivors who have lost all in house fires; these are but just a few of the ways support has been offered to burn victims and survivors.

Other calls for help include many individuals who either have suffered themselves or on behalf of someone who has been burned in some way. These calls are often varied and complex. DFFB does not purport to be

medically qualified and we do not enter into discussions of medical treatment or preferences. However, we are often able to assist in directing individuals to where or how to receive the appropriate information or referrals within their area.



**Stuart Watson**

*Glasgow Hospital*

'Dan's Fund has helped us to provide a physiotherapy gym within the Burns Unit which has speeded patients' recoveries and helped relieve boredom for many patients. The Fund has helped us to give a variety of types of rehabilitation support for outpatients, including occupational retraining and provision of equipment. Many thanks to Dan's Fund from the staff and patients in Glasgow!'



**Alex Clarke**

*Royal Free, London*

'Dan's fund made an enormous difference to both immediate and follow-up patient care by funding a clinical psychologist to work in the burns unit at Chelsea and Westminster. In an era of funding pressures, it can be very difficult to establish a new service.

Dan's Fund provided funding for the first three years of the service, including training and supervision, which is long enough to demonstrate the benefits of a psychologist for patients and the team. Dr Lisa Williams has developed a superb service and this was recognised by Chelsea and Westminster, which have taken over the permanent funding of her post. Without Dan's Fund we would still be struggling to turn the research evidence for the benefits of psychosocial care into the reality of someone on the ground to provide it.'



**Ten Years of Dan's Fund for Burns  
Mark your Calendar – 3 May 2013**

A Reception will be held in the  
**House of Commons**  
on  
**Friday 3rd May, 2013.**

We hope you will join us  
in marking this milestone.

The event will encompass  
Tours of the House of Commons  
and a Reception to be held in the  
Members' Dining Room  
from 18.30 – 22.30

Come and meet Sophie Thompson,  
Fiona Wood, burn survivors  
and many of our supporters .....



**Frenchay Hospital, Bristol**

Dan's Fund has provided invaluable support to the adult burns service at Frenchay Hospital for several years.

This has made a significant and extremely positive difference to the care our patients receive and, by providing financial help to patients where needed, has helped ease some of the inevitable worry and financial pressures associated with being in hospital.

Equipment purchased by the charity in the last couple of years has included:

High dependency monitoring equipment which enable our staff to better monitor patients' blood pressures and oxygen levels;

An exercise bike for our physiotherapy team, which has enabled patients to perform essential cardiovascular exercises without leaving the ward. Research has demonstrated that patients who perform cardiovascular exercise programmes as part of their rehabilitation, have better longer-term outcomes. There are also the added benefits of the release of natural endorphins, which help to lift their mood. The bike has certainly been greeted by patients with enthusiasm and a smile; and

The adult burns service at Frenchay Hospital has a particularly wide catchment area with patients being treated from across the south-west of England and sometimes even further afield. As such sometimes patients have difficulties affording travel costs to make outpatient appointments and for their families to visit them regularly whilst they are in hospital. Dan's Fund has supported a number of our patients with travel and accommodation costs, easing the worry and financial burden of attending appointments.

**Amanda Duffey**, physiotherapist on the Burns Unit, said: 'It is great to have the support of such a fantastic charity that understands the particular difficulties our patients face.'

On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank Dan's Fund for their continued assistance which has made such a positive difference to our patients.'



**Mr Mansoor Khan**

*Burns and Plastic Surgery Consultant  
Salisbury District Hospital.*

'Thanks to the donation by Dan's Fund for Burns, our laser Doppler machine has proved to be an invaluable tool in

assessing and treating the burn patients, in particular in treating young children in whom the burn can be very difficult to assess. In addition we have now started using it to assess healing in general wounds, with early results indicating that this is a new and exciting development. Having a charity like DFFB is a very valuable resource for burns units everywhere, and helps to highlight the life-changing consequences from the burn injury to a wider demographic.'



## INDIVIDUALS

A few of the comments we have had in recent months:

'Thank you Dan's Fund for Burns - you saved my life by covering my £8 transportation costs back and forth to the hospital after discharge, allowing me to continue with psychological assistance which I badly needed. Without help I could not afford the transport and without the therapy I would not be now back at work and functioning.'



### ***Burns survivor who lost all in a housefire:***

'I should like to say a very very big thank you for this kind donation. I am writing on behalf of my brother and I know he would, if he could, write to you and express his thanks as well. On behalf of all his family I am truly indebted for your kind generosity. Having to deal with the trauma of the accident itself and watch my brother go from a life-threatening situation to now, where he is walking and starting the long rehabilitation process has been very traumatic, but also knowing that he also has to face having lost everything as well is simply awful. With your kind donation I can help him to replace by purchasing basic items that he will need when he returns to his home. Thank you.'



### ***Beth Hughes and Anne Hazledine***

After receiving extensive burns and spending lengthy periods in Hospital, Beth still required far more frequent massage treatment than could be provided by the NHS. In conjunction with the Hospital, she was able to receive this treatment thanks to Dan's Fund for Burns.

#### **Beth:**

'I suffered 50-60 percent burns in a car accident in May 2010. The burns covered my face, neck, chest, arms and legs. I was in hospital for nearly 7 months in both Morriston Hospital in Swansea and later at Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead. During this time, I had intensive physiotherapy to learn how to walk again and complete other day-to-day tasks, such a feeding and washing myself.

I was discharged from hospital into a care home to continue my recovery in December 2010. Unknown to me, one of the physiotherapists from the Burns Unit had applied to Dan's Fund for Burns on my behalf for funding

to help with my continued massage therapy on leaving hospital.

The grant provided by DFFB was used to fund treatment by a visiting complementary therapist. I saw Annie twice a week to help massage my extensive scarring. I found this treatment essential, given the extent of the injuries to my hands preventing me from doing it effectively myself. The treatment also helped relax me and with Annie's encouragement, I started to do more and more tasks to aid my recovery and prepare for living independently. Without funding for this treatment, I would not have seen such a significant improvement in my scarring or potentially been in the position to move into my own home as quickly as I did given the boost it has given me in confidence.'



*Beth Hughes and Anne Hazledine*

The constant treatment was provided by **Anne Hazledine** who reports:

'Beth is now a totally different person from the one I met all those months ago. She has gained so much self confidence and ability to move that she travels on trains to London, has been to Disneyland in Paris, and enjoys cooking including making bread, which is wonderful as the more she uses her hands the more confidence she gains.

We have both benefitted from DFFB's help, for without it at that time she wouldn't have been able to afford the treatment which has truly changed how she feels and more importantly looks. The scars have improved so much.

I have learnt about scar tissue, the formation, not to be afraid of it as it is a tough tissue to work with and although I have had several years of working on scar tissue through other illnesses, Beth's treatment has of course been unique and I now feel confident to help other burn survivors with their scars.'



### ***Alexander Scott:***

'Earlier this year after receiving 26% body burns after an accident, I attended a London Burns Support Group Meeting where I met members of Dan's Fund for Burns. I was so pleased to find such a group that I was inspired to fundraise for the Charity.'

As a cyclist, I decided to participate in the Dunwich Dynamo Event:

At 7pm on Saturday 30 June, after weeks of rain, the clouds gave way to evening sun and about 1000 cyclists left London Fields and headed for the Suffolk coast. This particular ride marked the 20th 'Dunwich Dynamo' - a 125-mile ride through the night to the seaside village of Dunwich in Suffolk.

My brother and I left at 8pm and cycled solidly through the dark country roads stopping only for a flapjack and coffee at midnight (52 miles) and a sausage bap at 4am (100 miles). As the sun rose over the fields, we were given a second wind and pushed hard for the final 20 miles arriving at the coast exhausted at 6am. We collapsed on a sunny beach and slept for hours.



Alexander Scott and his brother - before & after the Dunwich Dynamo ride

Our cycle raised approximately £1,400 (and rising hopefully) for Dan's Fund for Burns. Thank you to everyone who supported us!



#### **Katie Piper** - serious burns injuries

'Dan's Fund is a fantastic charity who were really there for me and my family in our time of need. If it wasn't for their funding I would not have been able to have the specialist treatment that I required after a serious burn injury.

I was in a desperate situation, unable to work because of my mental and physical injuries and my parents' ability to work was seriously affected as they became my full-time carers. Fortunately, because of a grant given to us by Dan's Fund for Burns, I was able to stop worrying about finances and fly to France to have specialist physiotherapy in a scar management centre. This stay in the rehabilitation centre gave me my life back and the chance to get better and return to society.

Throughout my recovery Dan's Fund kept in contact with me and Joy also came to visit me in hospital in person. Knowing that somebody cared and wanted to help me meant so much.

They are a fantastic charity helping many people in need at impossible times in their life. They will always have a special place in my heart and I am so very grateful to everyone who fundraises for them, so they can continue to carry out the amazing and vital work they do.

Thank you Dan's Fund for Burns and Happy Birthday.'



#### **Sonia Tavares**

'I came into contact with Dans Fund for Burns when my sister was badly burned. We had a long way to travel, as we are geographically a long way from St Andrews Burns Unit, so all the financial support given to us at a time of emotional concern was great.

Dans Fund for Burns does extremely fantastic front line work and gives excellent support. My sister is a fantastic person; her spirit for life and fun is great and she has made a brilliant recovery.

I will continue to support the Dans Fund for Burns organisation, and sincerely hope that as the anniversary of the Bali Bombing approaches, the focus will be on the great and fantastic good news stories that have emerged out of such tragedy...Big up Dans Fund for Burns - hip hip hooray !!!!'



#### **CAMOUFLAGE MAKEUP**

##### **A major benefit for UK Burns Units**

In 2011, DFFB funded two training courses for burn care professionals (16 in all) across the UK, in order that every Burns Unit has trained personnel in this vital area of scar management. All costs including the courses, transportation and accommodation were borne by DFFB.



Camouflage course - classwork

The materials required to set-up a skin camouflage service were also provided as part of the course. The following comments reflect the outcome of this project:

#### **Janine Evans**

*Advanced Practitioner Occupational Therapist  
Welsh Centre for Burns & Plastic Surgery  
Morriston Hospital, Swansea*

'In 2010, Dan's Fund for Burns (DFFB) provided financial assistance to set up a skin camouflage service at the Welsh Centre for Burns. Following publication of a short description of this in the DFFB's Newsletter, it became apparent that access to skin camouflage services for burns patients across the country was limited, with burn care professionals having to refer to external services, often with long waiting lists and a trip to another location.

The current financial climate within the NHS means that access to the costly training required, as well as the materials necessary to deliver a skin camouflage service are extremely limited.

This service has had an extremely positive impact. Patients are able to receive an initial assessment for skin camouflage during their scar management reviews so that a colour match is achieved, and the correct application technique demonstrated. A letter detailing the products required is then provided to the patient to give to their GP, who can prescribe the products required. All our patients have access to our skin camouflage service for ongoing review to allow for seasonal skin colour changes when required.

On a personal note, I went to Bali on honeymoon in August 2002 and remember the bombing being such a shock to us at the time, having so recently been to the area. I'm sure the 10 year anniversary later on this year will be a difficult time for Polly and all of Dan's family and friends, but I'm sure they'll be somewhat comforted by all the positive work that has benefitted burn survivors as a consequence, not just here at the Welsh Centre for Burns but all around the country.'



**Judith Gordon**

*Royal Victoria Hospital Belfast*

'What a fantastic opportunity you have given us. It really is a gift you have given to our patients. The training was superb and is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference to the quality of the lives our Burns Patients. Thank you for giving us another skill to add to our repertoire to help our patients on their often long rehabilitation journey.'



*Jude & Maxime, Belfast*

**Claire Porter & Michelle Jones**

*Burns Outreach Specialist Nurses  
Leicester/Nottingham*

'We are part of the Midlands Burn Care Network and have been providing Skin Camouflage for our Burns patients since we attended the course kindly funded and organised by Dan's Fund in 2011. Since then our service

has grown and we are really beginning to see the positive effects skin camouflage can have on the psychological well-being of burn survivors.

An added benefit was being able to meet other Health Professionals within the area of Burns and the fantastic Red Cross team that delivered such an excellent training package to us.'



**Cate Ellis**

*Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield*

'I would like to express my thanks and gratitude for the opportunity to attend the Manchester Cosmetic Camouflage Course in September/October 2011. The course was professionally led and well organized; we were supplied with our own set of products for our respective hospitals to use with our patients. The financial situation in most NHS Trusts finds most with financial constraints, resulting in funding for study-leave being cancelled. Without DFFB funding it would not have been possible to participate in this very valuable training and be able to provide the cosmetic camouflage service to patients with burn injuries.'



**Camouflage** – it can make a difference.

The St Andrews Burns Centre in Chelmsford were very grateful to Dan's Fund for sponsoring one of their staff to attend a Camouflage Training Programme.

**Jane Harber**

*Health Care Support Worker from the St Andrews Burns Service comments:*

'I would like to take the opportunity to thank Dan's Fund for sponsoring me to do the camouflage course in Manchester last year. I am now able to help patients in their burn recovery, being able to provide this service in the evenings and at weekends for the patients who find it difficult to attend during the week. Thank you again.'

A grateful patient from Suffolk, who recently received treatment at The St Andrews Burns Centre for a burn injury to her face and neck and then visited Jane for a camouflage session commented:

'During the visit, Jane gave me a 'lesson' in camouflage make-up. I was very apprehensive, and as the scarring is very prominent, not that hopeful of the result. I can honestly say that the whole experience was really beneficial. Jane made me feel totally relaxed and spoke with good knowledge on the subject. The results were fantastic and I could not be more pleased. I feel that another door has opened in my recovery and I am very grateful to Jane for giving me a new-found confidence.'



### Lisa Williams

It is always interesting to take a step back each year for the newsletter and reflect on the year behind and ahead of us. Quite a lot has changed in the 6 years since Dan's Fund first began supporting the psychology service at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, with 3 years of funding for my full-time post. From zero psychological provision for adults at the start of 2006 we will end 2012 as a team of four, providing a service that reaches every adult and child with a burn who spends a night as an in-patient. Our Service now includes:

#### Screening Project

For a long time research has informed us that it does not matter how a burn injury is acquired, or where it is on the body, or how large or deep it is – these are not the significant factors which affect the psychological impact of a burn.

The factors which contribute to psychological distress are more likely to relate to the individual themselves, their coping strategies, levels of social support and how they are able to make sense of their injury. Having reviewed the research and our own clinical experience, our screening tool is designed to explore key areas. From the initial findings we then decide whether to offer a further assessment and possibly an intervention or more intense follow-up and monitoring. There are separate screens for adult patients and for children (according to their age and ability) and their parents or caregivers.

Over the initial 2 years of this project we hope to conduct almost 1000 screens which should give us a lot more information about our burns survivors, which will not only contribute to knowledge about the psychological impact of burn injuries but also enable us to offer earlier support and intervention than ever before.



#### SUPPORT GROUP

The current format of quarterly meetings alternating between a social event and an invited speaker has been in place for 2 years now.

For details of the group and future events please visit <http://www.chelwest.nhs.uk/services/surgery/burns-service/burns-support-groups>.

#### SUPPORT GROUP STUDY

As is often the case with Support Groups throughout the UK, it is difficult attract and retain participation. Dan's Fund has agreed to fund a study of support groups for burns survivors. The study will make links with burns service providers throughout the UK, with international burns groups and with groups supporting people with other health conditions to explore what works, what doesn't and why.

We are hoping to produce a report which will steer us all ahead in the right direction.



Lisa Williams also would like to mention an excellent pioneering service being developed by our colleagues in Chelmsford. The St Andrew's Burns Service is running a pilot 'befriending project'. The aim is to carefully select and train volunteer burns survivors and then link them with newly burn-injured patients and their families, in order to offer them support from someone who has been through this experience.

**For more information** please contact the project coordinator, Cyryna Barritt via email at [cyryna.barritt@meht.nhs.uk](mailto:cyryna.barritt@meht.nhs.uk)



#### ANNUAL TRAVEL AWARD

Up to £1,000 to cover transportation costs for the purpose of attending Burns-related Conferences, or presenting a paper to international and national meetings. For further information please contact DFFB:

[info@dansfundforburns.org](mailto:info@dansfundforburns.org) or 020 7262 4039

#### The first beneficiary of our Travel Award was Sam Coulson, who writes:

'During my undergraduate training, while attached to the Regional Burns Centre at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield, I undertook a project to look at the knowledge and understanding of first aid care for burn-related injuries among University students. The project aimed to compare such knowledge in both medical and non-medical students, looking at the impact of first aid course attendance and the content of these courses.



*Dr Sam Coulson*

The results found 1) a poor overall knowledge of first aid in burn-related injuries, 2) that not all first aid courses covered burn-related injuries and that 3) not all medical students had even completed a first aid course.

#### The Report recommended that:

All first aid courses should cover burn-related injuries; all medical students should complete a first aid course; and first aid courses should be more widely available to the general public.

The Project was subsequently accepted for international presentation at the European Burns Association (EBA) congress 2012. However, as a medical student, sources of funding to attend proved very limited; also there is no formal study leave allowance.

When I contacted Dan's Fund for Burns (DFFB) I found an omnipresent source of support. This great Charity continued to support me through personal difficulties,

including a period where it appeared unlikely I would be able to attend the conference. Without this continual support I would not have been able to present at the 2012 EBA Congress.

Subsequently the Project was presented to the British Burns Association meeting 2012, with the Abstract being published in the British Journal of Surgery and Burns. I am continuing to work towards publication of the full article, hopefully in a medical education or student-focused journal.

I would like to thank all of the staff and Trustees at DFFB for setting up this great initiative and allowing me to undertake this amazing opportunity.'



### BBA - EBMS COURSES

Dan's Fund for Burns is offering to cover the costs of five individuals attending these courses per annum on a first-come, first-served basis - restricted to those who cannot obtain funding from their respective NHS Trusts.

**For more information:** [info@dansfundforburns.org](mailto:info@dansfundforburns.org)



**Belfast Royal Hospital** has for some time been in urgent need of considerable equipment. Dan's Fund for Burns is delighted to be able to grant £25,000 towards these costs. Much of this funding was, in fact, raised by the organisers of a "Snowball" organised last December in Belfast. The results of this amazing event are a tribute to the intensive efforts by their organising Committee who worked for over a year. The evening was a great success as well as most enjoyable for all those participating.



### FUNDRAISING

The Trustees are continually amazed at the generosity and efforts by so many to fundraise on behalf of Charity. It is impossible to name everyone, but please be assured that every penny is appreciated. We continue to maintain very low overhead and administration costs, allowing the highest percentage of our funds to be used effectively. We are proud that much of our funding goes towards Burn Survivors and families when most needed, covering emergency funding such as transportation costs to and from hospital; we try to channel these funds quickly in order to alleviate the often stress-related financial worries when people really need help. Some of the major events this year are highlighted below, but once again our most sincere thanks to each and everyone who has fundraised for Dan's Fund for Burns.

#### When the Saints go cycling

##### **Mark Crawford**

A team of seven cyclists from River Church in St Neots cycled 305 miles from the village of St Neot in Cornwall to St Neots in Cambridgeshire.

With over nearly 10,000ft of vertical climbs (and 10,150ft of descent) and cycling in the wettest week in June for

over 100 years this was a great challenge, completed over four days - cycling an average of 75 miles per day with one day of 92 miles!

The ride was inspired by the pastor Rob MacFarlane, who is currently recovering from Bowel Cancer and rode in aid of Beating Bowel Cancer.



Mark Crawford - a long time friend of Polly - organised the ride and rode in memory of those killed in Bali ten years ago.

In total the team raised over £2,000 for the two charities, with £600 raised for Dans Fund for Burns.



#### **Paul Holmes**

Ten years on from the Bali bombings, the Lodge of St. John in Bedwardine, in the Masonic Province of Worcestershire, was pleased to support Dan's Fund for Burns whilst Paul, brother of Tom Holmes who died alongside Dan, was privileged to be Master of the Lodge.

Boosted by regular raffles, the Lodge's fundraising activities included 'a Culinary Cruise Around The Mediterranean' at Fusion Brasserie, Nr. Worcester, where Masons and guests enjoyed a summer's evening of fabulous food, 'live cooking' and a pasta-making



*'Culinary Cruise around the Mediterranean' at Fusion Brasserie*

competition led by Italian celebrity Chef Felice Tochinni and a very successful Christmas Carols Dinner at the Masonic Hall in Worcester which was open to ladies & guests.

The traditional highlight of the year was the Lodge's Ladies Night, on this occasion overlooking the lakes of the Cotswold Water Park, where Polly addressed the Ladies, Brethren and guests and presented the star raffle prize donated by Chic Collection Travel.



### ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL BELFAST AND THE SNOW BALL

'I remember just after the birth of my first son hearing that my cousin had been involved in the Bali Bombing. I felt numb. Here I was with all I had ever dreamed of, a home, husband and baby, whilst Polly had lost her new husband, her friends, her hopes and dreams.

Shortly after I heard Polly had set up Dan's Fund for Burns, I resolved that we, as her remaining Irish Connection, should and would do something to help. However, I had my hands full having babies and juggling a career. Eight years later with my youngest child at school and being a full time mum I decided the time was right to put plans in action. I made contact with Polly and explained that I hoped to hold a Ball for 500 people the following December in order to raise funds for Dan's Fund. I don't know if she believed me or not!

I had some experience of Event Management and by the next day had the Hotel and Entertainment booked; NOW all that was needed was to sell the 500 seats and gain the ballot and auction prizes.

With the luxury of eighteen months to prepare, I set about putting the word out to 'save the date' and lo and behold, the ballot and auction offerings came flying in. The generosity of the Irish public astounds me to this day! With 12 months to go I realised the point had come where a committee was required and I asked 5 of my nearest and dearest friends to help me. Claire Corry, Elizabeth Ann Rennicks, Sophie Semple, Victoria Milhench and Catherine Fetherston are quite simply the BEST!



Snow Ball, December 2011

I was delighted when my request for sponsorship was accepted by Suresh Tharma of Kingsbridge Private Hospital as this meant we could pull out all the stops and make it 'The Ball of the Year to be at!' *THE SNOW BALL!*

We did our best to keep costs down and pulled in as many favours as we could. Before long the 3rd of December was upon us and a long busy day was spent decorating the hotel. It became a magical snow scene and we were still having requests from a waiting list for tickets!!!

Guests were met by a Snow Queen and milled around the frosted Christmas trees with champagne and live entertainment from Fiddler Adam. After a sumptuous meal we held the Auction which made double our estimate as did the ballot! With the hard work over, we danced and danced from the moment the band struck up and I am told many stayed till the wee hours!!!

I am still to this day being congratulated on a superb night .... However this is down to one fact..... everyone truly felt for Polly and her experience and the fact that she, Peter, Rosemary and Andy were there on the night simply made it.



Ciara Ralston  
addresses the Ball

Just last week the Burns Unit in the RVH Belfast took receipt of a state-of-the-art Meek Mesher, purchased with funds raised by the Snow Ball.

This costly piece of equipment will transform the lives of Burns Victims in that it multiplies the skin tenfold and there is no longer a requirement to use pig skin. The joy of this for young people is that the skin being their own will continue to grow with them and lessen the need for further procedures in later life. The Medical and Nursing Staff including Mr Khalid Khan, Sister Teeney and Brenda Trainor are delighted!



### SURREY REPORT

In order to raise funds so that DFFB can continue to support burns survivors, the Surrey Group have had fun along with many supporters from the south east enjoying golf days at Chobham, Sunningdale Ladies' and Worplesdon Golf Clubs. One very regular and keen supporter even got dripping wet, looking too enthusiastically for her ball in the pond at Chobham!



Getting a dunking for charity  
at Chobham!

There will be two much smaller Texas Scramble Days in 2013 at Sunningdale Ladies' GC.

Andrew Robson, international bridge player and bridge correspondent for *The Times* gave a splendid teaching day for Dan's Fund at Normandy Village Hall, with an excellent lunch by *Sue Brennan Catering*.



Rosemary Derby with the winning Texas Scramble team, at S.L.G.C  
L to R: Jane Adamson, Yvonne Pini, Pat Gibson and Mina Russell.

The last event will be an organ concert at Bramley by the very exciting virtuoso Daniel Moulton, to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Bali bombings, in memory of those lost and injured. Do come and hear this wonderful young organist. I have tickets - details are in the panel on the next page.

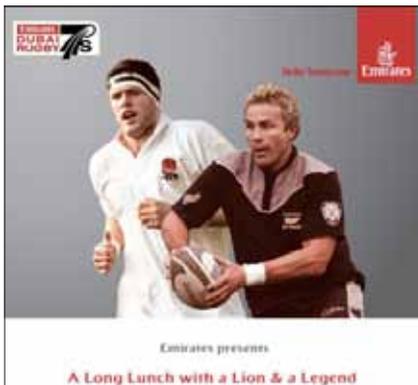
None of these events could take place without our special helpers and huge thanks to Valerie and Mike Band, Hilary Leigh, Sally Maddison, Barbara Perry and others.



### EMIRATES AIRLINE RUGBY LONG LUNCH 2011

We are extremely grateful and very touched by the continued support of the Emirates Airline by way of their annual Rugby Long Lunch. Ten years on, the tribute to Dan and other fellow rugby players who lost their lives in Bali enhances the ability of Dan's Fund for Burns to aid and support other burns survivors. THANK YOU so much for this valued support!.

Australian fly half Matt Giteau and Welsh number eight Scott Quinnell jetted into the UAE for the Emirates Airline Rugby Long Lunch last November. The annual event, which gathers together over 750 enthusiasts for an



afternoon of outstanding entertainment, saw the two rugby internationals take to the stage at the Crowne Plaza, Dubai Festival City, sharing their insights and anecdotes on the game. Funds for 3 charities including Dan's Fund For Burns were once again raised, thanks to the generosity of those who attended.

This year (20th September, 2012) the Long Lunch will once again raise funds for three charities including Dan's Fund for Burns. The speakers will be Martin Bayfield and Justin Marshall. It is already sold out!!!



### BUCKS RUGBY CLUB DINNER

We are continually amazed with the support that is given to us by our friends far and wide. This time to the Bucks RFC in Singapore...  
THANK YOU SO MUCH each and all!!!

**From Toby Fenn:**

In April this year Bucks RFC hosted its annual black tie dinner. This year was marked with a record attendance alongside the 10th anniversary of Dan's Fund for Burns. It seemed fitting that the proceeds were raised in support of this great cause.



Bucks RFC and Dan's Fund for Burns have always had close ties, driven through the close-knit rugby community in South East Asia and the founding events of the charity.



Having dealt with Polly and her team, we can truly say that it's a fantastic charity with great energy, ambition and drive. A big thanks to everyone who helped out at the ball and to those who came along and supported. Bucks will continue to support Dan's Fund for Burns and wishes it all the best for the future.

Very best, *Bucks RFC*

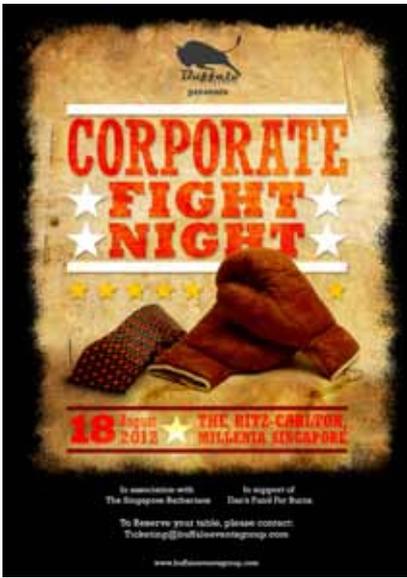


### SINGAPORE FIGHT NIGHT

On 18th August at the Ritz Carlton in Singapore, the Buffalo and The Singapore Barbarians held another Corporate Fight Night in aid of Dan's Fund for Burns.

24 boxers in total, all city white collar workers with no boxing experience, took part. The evening proved to be a very exciting event.





In addition to the continued support of Justin Barratt and Buffalo Events at the Corporate Fight Night, we were also supported by the BUCKS RFC.

We are very touched by the continued efforts made by all involved to support the work of Dan's Fund for Burns and particularly in this tenth anniversary year we especially remember all those

who were lost. Your generosity helps us to continue the vital work with so many burn survivors. THANK YOU ALL!



**12 OCTOBER 2012  
MARKS 10 YEARS SINCE THE BALI BOMBING**

**DAN'S FUND FOR BURNS**

A magnificent Memorial Concert will be given on  
**Saturday 6th October 2012**  
at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley  
in memory of those lost and injured  
in the Bali Bombings 2002

**DANIEL MOULT**

*A brilliant and electrifying young organist*



Tickets : £20.00  
with Interval Refreshments

Details and tickets available from  
Rosemary Derby  
Telephone 01483 898461 or  
rosemary\_derby@yahoo.co.uk

**INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE**

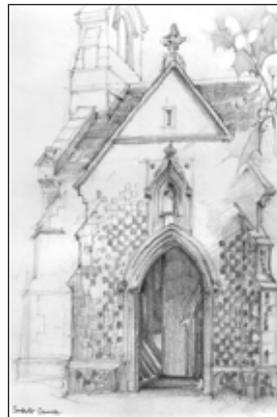
Lisa Williams was invited to speak at a Burns Conference this summer in Taipei, Taiwan and present a paper titled *Recent developments in psychosocial assessment and treatment of burns patients in the UK*, which will highlight her and her colleagues' work on the screening project and also the psychosocial teaching pack, which is being rolled out across the London and South East Burns Network.

At the same time, she will provide a full-day workshop for their psychosocial rehabilitation staff, which will include a review of English language research on the psychological aspects of burns, case studies, goal-setting and how to measure therapeutic change. She believes that this reflects the high regard now being given to the psychosocial aspect of burns injuries.



**DFFB CHRISTMAS CARDS 2012**

A new range of Christmas cards is available this year. The cards sell for £5.00 per pack of ten. *Please add a donation towards postage and packing for the Christmas cards.* All the cards can be viewed on the website and ordered from **fel.miller.t21@btinternet.com** or Medway House, High Street, Cowden, Kent, TN8 7JQ



▲ Christmas Roses

◀ Southolt Church



▲ Winter Woodland

Holly and Ivy ▶



**Christmas card designs for 2012**



**100+ CLUB**

My thanks go to all our members for their continual support of the 100+ CLUB, which started in 2004 with the first draw taking place in April with 2 prizes. The

number of members has grown and there are now 4 prizes each month. In order to mark the 100th Draw in July the prize money was doubled for that month!

Why not become a member too? New members are always needed and very welcome. The regular income to the Fund is much appreciated.

The Trustees would like to thank very much Val Band and Hilary Leigh for running the Club.

Rosemary Derby



### THANK YOU

Our continuing appreciation and thanks to Lynn Coles who continues to update the Website. Lynn has continued to maintain the website, updating the 100+ winnings and many other changes.



Thank you Lynn.

Lynn's company, Hinga Design ([www.hinga.biz](http://www.hinga.biz)), is a professional website design company for small companies and charities. Please email [enquiries@hinga.biz](mailto:enquiries@hinga.biz) for a quote, should your company need any help with their website.



Many thanks to Anthony Banks for his time and energies and ideas in filming and putting together a wonderful DVD for Dan's Fund for Burns – this is a powerful tool in showing people what we do.



Do contact Anthony if you need Conference assistance – he travels everywhere!



The printing of this Newsletter would be impossible without the personal assistance of Phil Lotter and his team, who give us the most amazing attention to detail and assist with layout and all of the many changes.



If you need a printer – call Newgraphic!! Thank you Phil and your team.



## LONDON ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON 7th October 2012

### Our first enrolment in this exciting event!

2012 marks the first year we have entered this wonderful Event. We had reserved two places (Charities have to pay for these placements) as we had two volunteers.

COME AND JOIN US on 7th October and encourage our two runners!

The day can be a great family outing and we would love to encourage all those interested to join with us: For further information please call 020 7262 4039 or [joyhuston@dansfundforburns.org](mailto:joyhuston@dansfundforburns.org)

We were overwhelmed with the interest shown by so many to enter this event.

If you would like to participate and reserve a place next year please contact [info@dansfundforburns](mailto:info@dansfundforburns) or 020 7262 4039 or Dan's Fund for Burns PO Box 54394 London, W2 7HJ

### EASY FUNDRAISING

A wonderfully easy way of raising funds when you order on line: just visit [www.easypundraising.org.uk/causes/dansfund](http://www.easypundraising.org.uk/causes/dansfund) to register and shop with over 2000 well-known retailers like Amazon, Argos, M&S, eBay and many more.

Whenever you buy something, the retailer makes a donation to Dans Fund For Burns. They've helped other causes raise over £2,000,000, so it really does work.

It won't cost you a penny extra to shop through *easyfundraising* and you can even save money with special offers and voucher codes. Once registered it is easy to place on your home page to remind you to enter via Easy Fundraising.

### DFFB DATABASE

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

### 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](http://www.dansfundforburns.org)  
by email: [info@dansfundforburns.org](mailto: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:

Dan's Fund For Burns

PO Box 54394, London, W2 7HJ

**Tel:** 020 7262 4039

**Email:** [info@dansfundforburns.org](mailto:info@dansfundforburns.org)

Registered Charity No. 1098720

Registered Address: Haldish Farm, Green Lane,  
Shamley Green, Surrey, GU5 0RD

## 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.

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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.