

## Newsletter 2015

### WHAT IS DAN'S FUND for BURNS?

**Dan's Fund for Burns (DFFB) was established to give assistance and support to adult Burn Survivors within the United Kingdom. Many survivors experience not only the excruciating pain of the aftermath of burns, often requiring surgery and treatment for the remainder of their life, but also the emotional distress of coping with a changed body, isolation and rebuilding a life. DFFB hopes to help alleviate some of this distress by various means, some of which can be seen in this Newsletter.**

### NOTE FROM POLLY

As I sit and reflect on the past 12 months, I am reminded of how many projects Dan's Fund for Burns (DFFB) has had the pleasure of being involved with. It has funded the Northern Burn Care Network design and building of a new website aimed at helping young Burn Survivors' transition from childhood to adulthood. It has financed the Young Adults Burns Camps; paid for medical tattooing; instigated research into how best to help Burn Survivors through support groups and befriending schemes. It has also organised and funded a skin camouflage refresher course and camouflage training for new Burns Services staff. You can read more about these and other activities in this Newsletter.

Our team works hard not only to generate funds with the help of all our wonderful supporters but then also strives to spend and implement these funds as cleverly as possible to gain maximum impact in the improvement of Burn Survivors' lives....

Speaking of fundraising, I was delighted with 8 others to raise over £10,000 at the Royal Parks Half Marathon. My time was unimpressive and despite my daughter telling



me she loved me even though I didn't win the race, I was pretty pleased to complete the course without incurring any long term injury!! Thank you to all those who donated to our runners. Thanks also go to all those who have supported our Golf Days and Bridge/Golf days around Surrey particularly, including the biennial Woking Golf Day which took place in July with over 22 teams competing.

On this note, all the hard work has, during the past year, allowed DFFB to donate in the vicinity of £80,000 towards assisting individual Burn Survivors, equipment for Burns Services, camouflage training and other areas, to help those affected by burns.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Emirates Airline/dnata for their ongoing support of DFFB through The Emirates Airline Rugby Long Lunch in November and the Emirates Airline Dubai Rugby Sevens sponsorship

of the Bali Legends, at the Emirates Airline Dubai Rugby Sevens in December. I am delighted to be able to go this year to help raise the profile of the fund within the world of Rugby.

We are delighted that more and more of those Burn Survivors whom we have helped are now in a position to want to help the Fund. They, themselves, have found DFFB so valuable to them in their time of crisis. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have fundraised for DFFB over the past year - it is really so appreciated.

We are also thrilled to announce that we have been chosen by Councillor Mike Band, the Mayor of Waverley Borough Council, along with The Surrey Hills Trust Fund, to be one of his two charities for the year May 2015/16. As part of this initiative we are planning a Christmas Ball in the Charterhouse Hall at Charterhouse School (thanks go to our sponsors so far, Eurosurgeal Ltd, Winkworths, Quilter Cheviot and The Soho Furrier), a concert (Sat March 19th) and a champagne brunch and movie in the early part of 2016. We are still looking for a Title Sponsor for the Ball so please get in touch if you are interested in helping and please watch our website for more information on all these events. We hope you can join us and have some fun!



Before I leave you I want to share one last exciting project. We are currently in talks with the NHS Trusts in the South East Burns Network to try and establish a position for a Burn Support Network Co-ordinator role who will be backed by DFFB and will be responsible for driving forward the Support Group/Befriending initiative around the South East. This is something we are passionate about and hope to implement in due course.

None of this could be done without the amazing support from our Trustees, Joy Huston and our many Helpers and Supporters. Thank you for all your hard work. I truly believe we are making a difference.

With very best wishes and thanks,

*Polly Brooks*

## WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED DURING THE PAST YEAR?

### SUPPORT AND BEFRIENDING PROJECT

As you are aware, providing support to Burn Survivors is one of our primary aims. Following a study (see link on [www.dansfundforburns.org](http://www.dansfundforburns.org)) on the viability and interest in Support Groups and Befriending projects, we have spent considerable time investigating how to best serve survivors and their diverse needs, as well as geographic areas. We are very excited to announce that in the very near future, Dan's Fund for Burns will fund a new position to specifically move forward with this and create a peer support network. Over the next two years the task of the new post-holder will be to create, utilize and combine tools and resources, including those from existing initiatives such as St Andrew's Befriending Project, in order to provide a whole menu of options for Burns Survivors to choose to receive from or to offer to other survivors. This is an exciting position and we hope to begin recruitment very soon.

In addition there is a PhD student about to begin a three year study of peer support in burns. They will be based within the prestigious Centre for Appearance Research at the University of the West of England in Bristol. Dr Lisa Williams will be a clinical supervisor and will be hoping to make strong links between the two efforts.

**!!! WARNING !!!**

**PETROL BITES BACK  
NEVER use it on  
barbecues, bonfires or fireworks!!!**

### LONDON AND SOUTHEAST SUPPORT GROUP

Once again we would like to thank Dr Lisa Williams of the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital Burns Unit for her devoted and energetic efforts to organise the three-monthly Support Group Meetings. Lisa facilitates these meetings in many ways, such as promoting the group to new Burns Survivors, organising the events, including the annual summer outing together with the Children's and Families Group, finding speakers to address the Group and much else.

This year's summer event was a boat cruise from Richmond to Kingston, a picnic and games in nearby Canbury Gardens and a cruise back to Richmond on a glorious Saturday. 18 people came in total from as far afield as Kent, Hampshire and Cambridgeshire as well as all parts of London. A lovely time was had by all.

We are also grateful that Lisa will spearhead and supervise the new peer support project lead. We would like to acknowledge Changing Faces who have provided, at a very low cost, a venue for these Meetings.

We are always open to your thoughts on these issues.

### London and South East Support Group Meetings

The group continues to meet 4 times a year in the middle of September, December, March and then late June or early July.

For exact dates and details or to join the mailing list, contact Lisa Williams on 020 3315 2504 or by email [lmwilliams@nhs.net](mailto:lmwilliams@nhs.net) or visit the website [www.chelwest.nhs.uk/services/surgery/burns-service/burns-support-groups](http://www.chelwest.nhs.uk/services/surgery/burns-service/burns-support-groups)

## HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE

### YOUNG ADULTS

*Exciting new website soon to be launched for Young Adults : 'HELLO AGAIN'*

'Hello Again' is a website designed for young adults with burn injuries making the transition to an adult burn care team.

The Northern Burn Care Network, Clinical Psychologist Service Development Group (CPSDG), are a group of psychologists who work together to improve the quality of care in Burns Services in the North of England. They identified that there was a lack of information available to support young people making the transition from children's burn care into adult services. After successfully applying for funding from Dan's Fund for Burns (DFFB), they started a project to address this lack and this has resulted in the development of a dedicated website, to be known as 'Hello Again', with an accompanying leaflet.

The CPSDG recognised that many young people who have had a burn injury as a child build up strong and supportive relationships with the burns team at their children's hospital, summer camps, and other activities designed to help children. Moving on to the Adult Burns Services can be a daunting, and sometimes a frightening prospect; the website 'Hello Again' has been designed with this in mind and sets out to offer a friendly and informative welcome into adult burn care services.

The website helps young people prepare for their first appointment in the adult care services, which includes an interactive patient journey which explains what the differences are between adult and child services. There is practical information such as "how to get to your local adult burns services"; alongside pages dedicated to the Adult Burn Care Teams, which introduce the individual to the key professionals within each service and find out a bit about what they do. This is accompanied by inspirational stories from young people about their personal experiences of living with a burn and what it was like for them making the transition to Adult Care.

The website's 'local services' information contains details about the Burn Care Services across the Northern Burn Care Network. In the future, however, it is envisaged that other Burn Care Services may add information about their Service to the Website, so that 'Hello Again' can act as a National resource.

The accompanying leaflet will be offered to all young people who are leaving Children's Burns Services regardless of whether or not they are moving onto Adult Care; it explains what transition is, at what age this usually happens, and what to do if they are discharged from Services but they need help, as an adult, for burn-related problems in the future.

**Hello Again** will be launching around September 2016. If you would like to find out more about the project or share your own transition story please contact Julie Wisely at [julie.wisely@mhsc.nhs.uk](mailto:julie.wisely@mhsc.nhs.uk) or Sarah Gaskell at [sarah.gaskell@cmft.nhs.uk](mailto:sarah.gaskell@cmft.nhs.uk), or watch the Dan's Fund for Burns website for updated information.

### YOUNG ADULTS CAMP: 2015

Once again we are delighted to encourage young adults in their transition into the wider world of adulthood. Another wonderful weekend away was organised by Martin Palmer of the Children's Burn Club, Broomfield. 22 young adults attended from across Scotland, Bristol, Salisbury, Wales, Sheffield, Oxford, London and the South East; supported by eight volunteers. All the volunteers must be thanked as without such willing, enthusiastic input by many, such activities could not continue.

#### Report:

In March 2015, 22 young adults from across Wales, England and Scotland came together for a weekend of fun, activity and mutual support at the Bewl Water Centre near Tunbridge Wells in Kent.

For some of the young people attending it was their first time at any residential break with other Burns Survivors, others their first time away with an adult group and for others they had been to various trips and residential stays in the past.

Like any trip away, getting there was half the fun on various planes trains and automobiles - four plus hours for the guys travelling from Bristol and Wales, various pick-ups with those coming from Oxford, Bedfordshire, Essex and London, whilst others travelled in relative comfort by train or plane from Northern England and Scotland!



The weekend started with fun and laughter, some silly icebreaker games and a quiz involving a dance off which soon had new and old friends just relaxing.

The young adults were then asked for their feedback and input on a transitions website to help Burns Survivors transitioning from child to adult services. There were some very valid points and discussion which will help shape the site to be really beneficial.

Saturday involved some great team challenges and more getting to know each other, passing people through giant 'spiders webs', walking on beams and climbing walls, before heading into London for the rest of the day!



There was a drop-off point, pick-up point and list of some of the top attractions!



Although some people ventured into the museums, London Eye, and Tower Bridge, other highlights were street performers, M&M's World, the new Primark, Six Nations Rugby and Chinatown!

On Sunday we finished up with the choice of a bike ride or canoeing on the reservoir before all heading off shattered for the various journeys home.

#### **Some of the comments about the weekend from the young adults:**

*'The weekend was emotionally and socially very helpful for me.'*

*'It has helped build my self-confidence.'*

*'I found out about peoples' different experiences with their scars.'*

*'I found friendship.'*

*'It's inspiring and good to know support is out there and being developed with the website.'*

Overall, it was a great weekend for which we would like to thank Dan's Fund for Burns for their support. Hopefully we can do it all again next year!

### EDUCATIONAL BURSARY for Burns Staff

Dan's Fund for Burns receives requests from time to time from Burns Staff who wish to enhance their knowledge and thereby assist Burn Survivors. These requests are often diverse and so the Trustees make decisions on a case-by-case basis, dependent on the merits of the application. At this time, the Trustees have decided to offer assistance to a maximum of two staff members from

different UK NHS Trust Burns Units per academic year. Each application will be considered by the Trustees. For anyone interested, please send specifics of the course, length of service in present position, to [joyhuston@dansfundforburns.org](mailto:joyhuston@dansfundforburns.org)

### BRITISH BURN ASSOCIATION (BBA) MEETINGS

DFFB was again represented at this year's British Burn Association Annual Meeting in Birmingham in April. This is a great opportunity for the Charity to meet many staff members from Burns Services throughout the United Kingdom. It also gives an opportunity for us to know what is happening in the Burns Services and discuss some of the issues arising in the improvement of care throughout the United Kingdom. There are various "Special Interest Groups" who meet also during the Annual Conference to which DFFB is able to participate.

### Psychotherapy Special Interest Group

At this meeting it was apparent that DFFB is well recognized and appreciation was expressed towards the work we do and the financial contributions we give towards emergency assistance, equipment for Burns Service Units, and in the ongoing search for effective support such as Support Groups and Befriending.

### CHELSEA & WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL Handover of Equipment

A delightful Reception was organised at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital's new Adult Burn Unit. Trustees of Dan's Fund for Burns were invited to celebrate the new Burns Unit around which they given a wonderful tour, as well as being thanked very warmly by staff for the huge contributions donated by the Trust. This included a Laser Doppler machine, which costs in the vicinity of £50,000. The machine assesses the blood flow in a burn injury using a laser beam; a picture is produced with different colours which helps guide the surgeon on whether or not surgery is required. Pink and red areas



Chelsea & Westminster Handover from DFFB

should heal within 2 weeks and leave no scars, yellow and green areas should heal within 3 weeks and although they might leave scars are often left to heal on their own, whereas blue areas require surgery. Using a combination

of clinical examination and experience with this machine, the accuracy of judging the need, or not, for surgery is increased from about 60% to over 90%.

The Trustees were also thanked for the donation of a Meek Mesher, which is now installed. This is a piece of equipment which cuts pieces of skin into small squares and then separates the pieces of skin on a gauze swab so they can be easily applied to a burn wound and cover a much larger area (6 – 12 times) than would have been possible with the original piece of skin. Using this technology, large total body surface area burns can be healed where there is very limited donor skin available and can mean the difference between the patient surviving or succumbing to infection and multi-organ failure.

### BROOMFIELD HOSPITAL CHELMSFORD

On 12th April, Felicity Miller and Joy Huston visited Broomfield Hospital Burns Unit in Chelmsford. DFFB had recently donated a Meek Mesher (a £10,000 piece of equipment, similar to that given to Chelsea & Westminster earlier). We were warmly received at Broomfield with many staff gathering to meet us and discuss their work and the usefulness of the Meek Mesher. We were also thanked for the continued assistance given to the Burn Survivors by way of transportation funds for those unable to afford to visit families, or in some cases come to the hospital for outpatient care after being released from hospital.



Handover of Meek Mesher to the Broomfield Burns Unit, March 2nd 2015 - Felicity Miller and Joy Huston with staff.



Laser Doppler



Meek Mesher

The Broomfield Hospital has a large and wonderful burns unit as well as an exciting rehabilitation programme. Again, lunch was provided and we enjoyed meeting so many of the staff who popped in during their busy day. It was also rewarding to note that the camouflage service was being used and appreciated by all who had benefited from learning how to cover their scars.

### **THE WELSH CENTRE FOR BURNS REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT OF THE BURN INJURED PATIENT STUDY DAYS**

The Welsh Centre for Burns is a regional service treating patients with burn injuries from all over South and Mid Wales, as well as adults with major complex burns from the South West of England. This is a huge geographical area, so bringing patients back to the Centre for regular dressing changes and rehabilitation as out-patients is not practical. The long journey times would be potentially uncomfortable and cause huge fatigue for the patients, as well as the obvious travel costs, family members needing to take lots of time off work, etc.

We therefore refer patients to their local district and practice nurses for dressing changes, and their local out-patient therapy departments and community rehabilitation teams for regular on-going rehabilitation nearer to home. They continue to be reviewed by our Burns Outreach Service for specialist input, but on a far less frequent basis.

We are aware, however, that the professionals we are referring to have little or no burns knowledge. Surveys we have conducted have indicated that these professionals would value some formal education from us at the Burns Centre, to gain knowledge and skills in this specialist field and establish links with the Burns Centre Team. This led to us organising study days, the first of which was held here at the Welsh Centre for Burns on 25th September 2012. Topics covered include:

- Burn assessment and surgical management
- Wound management and dressings
- The importance of nutrition
- Rehabilitation
- Scar management
- Psychological implications

In the current climate within the NHS there is very little, and in lots of cases no funding for nurses and therapists to attend formal training. We therefore decided to run the study days at no cost to the candidates. We are extremely grateful that Dan's Fund for Burns has been able to support this by providing funding for lunch and refreshments, as well as travel and accommodation expenses for those travelling larger distances and not able to obtain funding from their own Organisation.

Feedback of the days held so far has been very positive:

*"Very useful, positive study day, thought provoking, not*

*only treating the burns initially, but all the other services needed for such a long period of time"*

*"Brilliant day! Very informative, very interesting. Inspirational speakers. Workshops educational and informative. Case studies educational, inspiring. The whole day was brilliant "*

*"An excellent unit to work in, with employers dedicated and passionate in their role"*

*"Thank you for an excellent day that was interactive, useful and stimulating."*

*"Very informative and enjoyable day. Staff very friendly and approachable. Good use of MDT to teach. Learnt a lot."*

*"Very stimulating. Detailed but not over my head. Very practical too – I feel confident for future referrals. Case studies were a great way at bringing it together. A wonderful team!"*

We plan to continue to run the study day twice yearly, with the next sessions planned for October 2015 and early 2016, and are extremely grateful for the continued support of Dan's Fund for Burns.

*Janine Evans*

*Advanced Practitioner Occupational Therapist*

### **SURVIVORS' STORIES**

#### ***Caroline and the iPad***

We are happy to report that Caroline's story continues and over the past several months she has benefited from continued Physiotherapy and most exciting, new eyebrows!!



*Before and after....*

Caroline reports that "The results are absolutely amazing! I now have beautiful eyebrows that look so real! I have received so many compliments and comments from people. Many have thought they are my own until I tell them and let them take a real close look! I have also had the procedure done on my scalp where I had loss of hair. It has really helped me to regain more confidence in myself. I feel "feminine" again. Before the procedure, I found it very difficult to look in the mirror, where now I enjoy putting my makeup on and styling my hair as the results look so much better now.

My confidence has improved so much that I am now involved with local disability services in the area and have delivered a few motivational speeches. I am about to go on a course to train to be a facilitator for a Recovery College IMROC.

Life is great at the moment, I really enjoy my family life and am glad to be involved with helping people with disabilities, spreading a little positivity to others.

Thank you so much for all your devotion and kindness, you have helped me so much during my recovery."

*Caroline*

## DAN'S FUND FOR BURNS AMBASSADORS

We are so pleased to announce the appointment of **Robert Small** (Gaz), joining us as an Ambassador, who as many of you may have read, is attempting the Fire to Ice Challenge to the South Pole, in order to complete the unfinished voyage of Ernest Shackleton.



## THE PERSONAL CHALLENGES OF OUR FUNDRAISERS

Truly thrilling are the stories of those survivors who are now busy doing the most amazing feats in order to fundraise for Dan's Fund for Burns.

### *The 'From Fire to Ice - Shackleton's Unfinished Journey' to the South Pole*

[Fromfiretoice.org](http://Fromfiretoice.org) continues to gather momentum ahead of a planned departure in 2016.

New Earth Films has started filming the documentary and a trailer for the expedition can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfx3WndLmEQ&feature=youtu.be&a>



It has been a busy year for the Team who have given talks at schools, hospitals and outdoor adventure events in Norway, Plymouth and London, not to mention several interviews in the UK and USA.

Meetings have been held with numerous sponsors, resulting in sponsorship agreements with RAB, Snow & Rock, Suunto, Terra Nova, Extremities, Anytime Fitness, Finse 1222, The Shackleton Company, ISEH, The James Caird Society and Smith & Nephew.

A number of events have been attended with these sponsors at locations such as the Royal Geographic Society, The Overseas League and Pride of Britain.

Successful training trips have been held in Norway & South Devon.

The Team was invited to meet with HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco who is passionately interested in Ernest Shackleton's achievements. Monaco's Ambassador to the United Kingdom is now working with the Team to help promote this major challenge. There is also a song being worked on for the expedition by the Foo Fighters' producer that will be released in due course.



*Rob and Seb with Prince Albert II of Monaco in Monte Carlo*

With all this exciting activity, the expedition still lacks a major financial sponsor. We invite anybody who is able to assist with sponsorship funding to contact Rob Small at [info@fromfiretoice.org](mailto:info@fromfiretoice.org) or call 020 8892 5945.

Contact can also be made via social media on [Twitter.com/fromfiretoice](https://twitter.com/fromfiretoice) and [Facebook.com/fromfiretoice](https://facebook.com/fromfiretoice).

Donations can be submitted via <https://www.justgiving.com/fromfiretoice/> and all proceeds from the expedition will be donated to Dan's Fund for Burns. Thank you for your support!!

### *Lisa and Steve Mitchell*

A family supported by Dan's Fund for Burns are working hard to raise funds to give something back to the charity.

Steve Michell, whose wife Lisa suffered serious burns in 2013, is taking part in the Banger Rally Challenge. Steve and three friends have formed a team and will be joining 150 other cars in an odyssey that will see them travel from Cornwall to Salo, Lake Garda in Italy (and back again), via seven countries.

The team have purchased a well used Fiat Cinquecento for £250 through eBay and are looking forward to participating in the numerous challenges and tasks that the event will involve. The route is kept secret by the organisers but a stop-off at the Eiffel Tower and trip around the famous Nürburgring race track in Germany are likely to feature.



Funds raised will go towards funding a motorised hoist, emergency funding for families in need, and other equipment for the Burns Unit at the Welsh Centre.

Sponsors can pick a song for the four to listen to during their travels if they donate £10 or more. If you would like to support Steve's efforts, please donate via <https://www.justgiving.com/TeamOutsiders>

### Jack Goswell

Jack, our Ambassador in Devon, and a Burns Survivor himself, completed the challenge of climbing the three highest peaks in England, Wales and Scotland all within 24 hours, starting with the march up and down Ben Nevis, then a drive to Scafell Pike to again march up and down, with a final drive to Snowdon.

He reported: "What an experience - we finished in 22 hours, 13 minutes; could have been better but sadly, the weather was awful so when we got to Scafell Pike we ended up walking the wrong way, so we had to walk an extra 20 miles around the mountain to get back to the car. It was, however, an amazing experience and hopefully we will have raised a good sum for Dan's Fund for Burns!"  
I'm still collecting sponsorship - see: [www.jackgoswell@justgiving.com](http://www.jackgoswell@justgiving.com) "

### London Royal Parks Half Marathon, October 12, 2014

The Half Marathon on October 12 was particularly poignant as it was the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bali Bombings. In Polly's words: After torrential rain all week we woke on Sunday to a hazy sunny but slightly chilly morning (someone was looking down kindly on us) and made our way to the start of the Royal Parks Half Marathon.

I was unsure when I entered how fit/able I would be to run the course so had put down a slow time and so was right at the back with my running partner and the other 7 runners for DFFB were ahead. So by the time we passed the start line it was 9.35 and it was glorious as we started to run out of Hyde Park into Pall Mall and up past Buckingham Palace. We passed by the Memorial at about 2 miles in and I was able to see it and blow kisses towards it and Peter, Annika's dad was there cheering us on as we went. We had amazing support around the rest of the magnificent course and there were Dan's Fund flags flying every couple of miles or so.



Surprisingly the first 11 miles were very enjoyable but then I hit THE WALL and the last 2 were hideous - my right hip and knee felt like they were on fire (compensating I think for the injuries in my left) but knowing what Dan would have said, knowing how much money was riding on this and seeing Andy, Mum and Dad and

the kids with 800m to go gave me the drive to get to the finish line...

So the job in hand was done in 2hrs and 22 mins and the other runners from DFFB smashed it too. We headed to The Met Bar on Park Lane for a post-run celebratory party and we were all tired but exhilarated. It was lovely that so many supporters from HK days and other walks of life were able to make it.

Runners for the half marathon were Katherine Jones, Nikki Moulton, Shona Alexander, James Gover, Julian Herbert, David Jones and Louise Paxford.

Thanks to all your support we will have raised between 8 of us well over £10,000 and we couldn't have done it without your support.

As mentioned, the day was capped off by gathering afterwards at the Metropolitan by COMO, London, run by COMO Hotels and Resorts. We would like to thank Andrew Thompson, Manager and Antoinette Lettieri and all the staff for their generosity in organizing our special space as it was truly wonderful to have such a close venue to come together with our runners, supporters, and families.



Jim Rowlands of Skynasoars, who has generously provided Dan's Fund for Burns with the magnificent blue flags, and his wife made a huge effort to come up from Devon to join the run - donating a further 6 flags - we had a wonderful group of supporters who fanned out across the Parks and these fabulous flags were easily spotted by our runners. THANK YOU Jim!!!



### 2015 ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON Come and join the fun and support our runners on October 11<sup>th</sup>

Contact Joy Huston for further information  
[joyhuston@dansfundforburns.org](mailto:joyhuston@dansfundforburns.org) 020 7262 4039  
We have 15 runners this year which is fantastic, so we hope you will support them all and make this another memorial day!!

### 2016 London Royal Parks Half Marathon

Anyone interested in joining our Team for 2016, please email [joyhuston@dansfundforburns.org](mailto:joyhuston@dansfundforburns.org). We do ask that runners be prepared to raise a minimum of £500, as we need to cover the Charity costs of registration etc., before funds go towards the Charity.

## SURREY EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

The Surrey Supporters are always active and busy at various events.

The excitement at Chobham Golf/Bridge day in November 2014 was at the 2nd hole when Trudy Johnson from Tyrrells Wood GC made her first ever HOLE IN ONE. She very generously celebrated by treating everyone to enjoy a glass of wine with her at lunch. A very happy day in spite of some rain.



*Trudy in the pink!*

Two Texas Scramble Days were held again at Sunningdale Ladies GC in May 2015 raising yet more for Dan's Fund and giving 92 supporters a fun day out.

A very successful biennial day at the Woking Golf Club was organised by Peter Derby for 22 teams of four, with an excellent lunch and auction run by David Willis, which raised a huge sum for DFFB.

David Nias had an incredible par at the 18th hole, after driving over the 14th green on to the Club House terrace, putting off it, then on to the back of the 18th tee and finally sinking a long putt for a par!!



*Terrace Golf at Woking Golf Day July 2015.*



*London Hibs Supporters*

Winners of the day were the team *London Hibs Supporters* led by Stuart Donald, with a massive 98 points.

My sincere thanks to all supporters and especially to Val Band, Hilary Leigh, Sally

Maddison, Barbara Perry and other helpers at our Events, who make it all happen.

*Rosemary Derby*

### **Surrey Future Events:**

9 October 2015 Bridge afternoon  
26 October 2015 Golf/Bridge day, Chobham GC  
26 & 27 May 2016 Golf/Bridge day, Sunningdale GC

Apply to [rosemary\\_derby@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rosemary_derby@yahoo.co.uk)

## SAVE THE DATE

We are working on a musical CONCERT at St Catherine's School, Bramley, who have a magnificent new hall with excellent acoustics and facilities

**on SATURDAY 19th MARCH 2016**

Details from  
Rosemary Derby  
[Rosemary\\_derby@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Rosemary_derby@yahoo.co.uk)  
01483 506818

## OUR MANY SUPPORTERS

It is always difficult to thank everyone individually. However, we are always touched with the enthusiasm with which many of those we have helped, or their families and friends help, by fundraising in many different ways. We are grateful to William Parsonage, Darren Green, Susan Leary and Owain Williams, all of whom have contributed by completing various challenges. And we thank everyone who has helped us this year to make it possible for us to continue our work in aiding those who have suffered from burns in any way.

## 100+ CLUB

Many thanks and appreciation to Val Band and Hilary Leigh who continue to run the 100+ Club draws every month, raising £4,131 for 2014-2015.

We welcome new members at any time, so please tell your friends about the Club and encourage them to join!

The form to join is on the back of the Newsletter. It is possible to have 1 Share @£12 per annum (or as many as you would like!). There are 4 monthly prizes. If you would like to join in the fun of the 100+ Club, see page 12 to apply.

Thank you 100+ Club Members

## YOUNG FUND-RAISER

Our thanks go to Lauren Taylor, 12 years old, who baked cakes and biscuits and sold them at our local, The Queen Victoria's annual rounders and BBQ end of summer do.

Sadly the rain hampered play but the party went on with the cakes all sold out whilst everyone enjoyed the band. Thank you Lauren for fundraising at such an early age!





## FUNDRAISING - HOW TO DONATE

It is exciting to know that to date we have raised over £207,637 via "Just Giving".

As well as the various ways of donating listed on our website, we have donation pages on

**Dan's Fund for Burns@JustGiving.com**

**www.virginmoneygiving.com - Dan's Fund for Burns**

**www.mydonate.bt.com - Dan's Fund for Burns**

## EMIRATES AIRLINE RUGBY LONG LUNCH

We are so very grateful for the continued support of Emirates Airline. Our sincere thanks go to everyone involved in organising this wonderful occasion! The Emirates Airline Rugby Long Lunch 2014, which is used to launch the Emirates Airline Dubai Rugby Sevens, was once again held at The Intercontinental in Festival City. On Thursday afternoon of October 9th 2014, a sell-out crowd of 800 rugby enthusiasts were entertained by ex England and Lions international, Matt Dawson and long standing NZ rugby commentator Keith Quinn.



By every measure it was another rip-roaring success but, most importantly, those attending raised a record sum exceeding Dhs300,000 for the four charities that the event supports: Dan's Fund for Burns, Joining Jack, Senses and New Zealand Rugby Foundation. Dan's Fund for Burns are extremely grateful for the support and money they received from the event.

The 2015 Emirates Airline Long Lunch will be held in early November; that is later than normal due to the Rugby World Cup. Dan's Fund for Burns will again be one of the charities supported.

Grateful thanks to Matt and Keith and all those involved in making it happen.

## BALI LEGENDS RUGBY TEAM

The Bali Legends rugby team was initially put together for a one-off game against the Australian Barbarians in November 2003 to commemorate those lost in the 2002

Bali bombings. Involved in the game were two Middle East based ex-pats, Brian Jenkins and Trefor Elliott, who were also near the Sari club at the time of the bombings and assisted many of the survivors at the time.



*Bali Legends and Polly*

To keep the memory of all those affected by the blasts alive, they decided to enter a team into the International Veterans section of the 2007 Dubai 7s, the 5th anniversary of the bombings.

Initially made up of a couple of ex-international players with some decent club players, the team has gone from strength to strength both in their results (Plate winners in 2008 and finalists in 2014) as well as earning the respect of the 7s organisers and many of the opposition teams.

The Bali Legends have never been a massively funded team with all their players contributing towards each trip, so have only ever been able to promote the work of Dan's Fund for Burns but not actively contribute! This changed early this year when we were able to present the charity with £1500 from money raised from the 2014 Dubai 7s. The team are already signed up for the 2015 7s with sponsorship help so far from dnata, the Warwick Hotel Dubai and Cofely Besix, with a hope to both competing against the more highly funded teams but mainly to raise even more money for the charity.

For any further information on the Bali Legends please go to:

- [www.balilegends.com](http://www.balilegends.com)
- @BaliLegends on Twitter
- [www.facebook.com/BaliLegends](https://www.facebook.com/BaliLegends) on Facebook

## THE QUEEN VIC PIE OFF

Polly and Andy's local pub, The Queen Victoria in Shalford, were kind enough to donate the proceedings from their annual "Pie Off" to Dan's Fund for Burns for the second year in a row. On a wonderful crisp Sunday in November, bakers around the village beavered away (including Andy - making his first pie ever) and brought their steaming dishes to the Vic for sampling by the judges. Andy sadly didn't place, but enjoyed making his chicken



and chorizo pie... and the eventual winner was Michael Clayton, otherwise known as Mike the Mechanic, with his chicken and ham hock pie.

A fabulous £232.02 was raised on the night as the pub enjoyed tasting all the pies after the judging. Thanks go to Lee and the rest of the crew at the Queen Victoria and to Roger for having his hair shaved off to raise extra money for DFFB on the night.

### SPONSORED WALK ALONG THE GREENSAND WAY

On a crisp autumnal morning, on Sunday 13th September, a group of walkers and friends of Surrey Hills gathered at the Haslemere Town hall for breakfast before heading off on a 13 mile walk along the Greensands Way. The event was organised by the Surrey Hills Trust and was supported by the Mayor of Waverley, Mike Band and his wife, Val. Walkers were invited to raise money for either Dan's Fund For Burns or the Surrey Hills Trust, the Mayor's two chosen charities for his year in office.



Polly and her mum, Rosemary, walked the morning session to Thursley village Hall - a distance of 7.5 miles through the Devil's Punchbowl and up and down some glorious countryside. Thank you to all those who supported them in their fundraising and to the Surrey Hills Trust Fund for organising the event.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/michaelband1>

### TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS and DONORS

It is extremely difficult to thank each individual here, but so many of you have helped us during the year by holding fundraising events, personal challenges, donations large and small - to each and all please accept our most sincere thanks and gratitude, not only from the Trustees of Dan's Fund for Burns, but from the many Burn Survivors who we have been able to help through your assistance.

**Thank you!**

### GRAND UNION CHALLENGE

Annie Rainsford and Clare Barnett undertook the Grand Union Challenge with a 50-kilometre walk from London to Watford in May - a long 8hrs 22 mins. "It was really fun" said Annie.

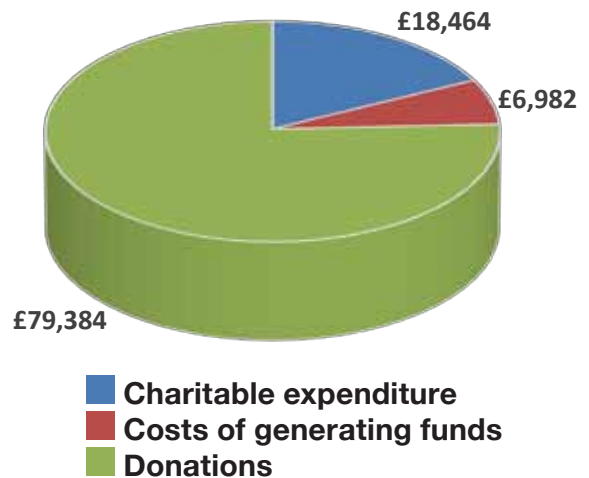


*Grand Union Challenge  
Annie Rainsford, Clare Barnett and friends*

Thanks to both for their sterling efforts on behalf of Dan's Fund for Burns.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2014-2015

These figures are not audited and are therefore **not** final figures.



'Donations' are the donations we make to individuals, groups and institutions.

'Charitable expenditure' is the administration cost of running the charity.

'Costs of generating funds' are the costs of specific fund raising activities.

### SOPHIE'S LATEST

Congratulations to busy Sophie Thompson, Patron of Dan's Fund for Burns who, after winning last year's Celebrity Chef, has recently published her cook book "My Family Kitchen", published by Faber and Faber.

Sophie also has a Children's book "Zoo Boy" to be published next year – keep your eyes peeled!

We also look forward to her magnificent performance in Guys and Dolls, now scheduled for the London West End early in 2016 – keep posted on [www.dansfundforburns.org](http://www.dansfundforburns.org) for updated information.

### DFFB CHRISTMAS CARDS AND NOTELETS

DFFB Christmas cards and notelet cards are available again this year from Felicity Miller.

Margaret Maw and Karina Hicks have also kindly donated their work to Dan's Fund for Burns.

Look at the designs available and put your order in early so as not to be disappointed!

**Please see the enclosed order form for full details.**

#### Christmas cards:

The cards are square (135mm x 135mm), with envelopes, and sell for £7 per pack of ten.

Christmas  
Rose



Winter  
Hedgerow



Winter  
Woodland



Christmas  
Leaves



#### Notelet cards:

There are two notelet card designs and a 'Thank you' card - these sell for £4 per pack of five.



Violets



Garden Posy



Mixed Herbs

All the cards can be viewed on the website and ordered from [fel.miller@me.com](mailto:fel.miller@me.com)

or by post from

**DFFB, Medway House, High Street, Cowden, Kent, TN8 7JQ** using the enclosed order form.

### EASY FUNDRAISING

How many of you order items online?

A wonderfully easy way of raising funds when you order online:

**REGISTER TOAY** – just sign in to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dansfund](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dansfund) 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 Dan's 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.

We have raised around £280 to date through this scheme but we could raise much more - you can flag Easy Fundraising on your browsers and remember to click into that before going directly to a vendor!

Try it!

### 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

### DFFB DATABASE

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



*All at*  
**Dan's Fund for Burns**  
*wish you the very best for the*  
**Christmas Season**  
*and a happy and fulfilled 2016*



## 100 + CLUB FORM

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

Rosemary Derby, Red Tiles, 4 Dagden Road, Shalford, Guildford, Surrey, GU4 8DD

### 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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**Tel:** 020 7262 4039

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

Registered Charity No. 1098720  
Registered Address:  
Willow House, 9 Orchard Road,  
Shalford, Guildford, GU4 8ER

## 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.