

# SDBTT DONNA RYAN FUND NEWSLETTER



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Happy New Year! The daffodils are out, Spring is on its way and we thought we had better let you know of all the exciting things we have planned for this year!

But firstly, we need to say some big THANK YOU's for events that took place in the second half of 2007.

In mid September 6 NTL Telewest employees set a challenge to climb the **three highest peaks** - in Scotland (Ben Nevis), England (Scafell Pike) and Wales (Snowdon) within 24 hours. They raised a staggering £1,500!!!! We would like to thank them all from the bottom of our hearts especially as they didn't even know Donna, it makes us truly humble. And a special thanks to Claire Grinham who nominated Donna's charity.

Still in September and just a week after, Dad held his **Golf day** at Farnham Golf Club, The Sands. Although there were a few raindrops that day it didn't dampen anyone's spirits! The golf was followed by a dinner and raffle which caused some hilarity when the scaffolder won two teddies! £2,300 was raised which was a marvellous achievement and reflected all the hard work everyone put in. Comments were made that this event should be an annual affair! This is obviously dependent on how many showers Dad can get for the next raffle!!

In early November '**Dozzies 70's Do**' took place. Again we were overwhelmed by the response. People came from Tring, Newbury & Wales for the night!! The music was brilliant and our loving thanks to Brian who provided the perfect 70's disco. The total raised was £1,100 and not only do we thank you for all your kind donations but the effort everyone made in dressing up and enjoying themselves, they have left us with some fun memories! Donna would have loved it! It made us realise how lucky we are to have such fun-loving friends and family.

Towards the end of November SDBTT, the parent charity held a **ball at the Dorchester** in London. Thirteen of us went, it was sensational and we felt like royalty! One of the auction prizes was a race horse and sold for £23,000!! Any money made on items we had donated to the raffle went to Donnas Fund. Linden managed to get hold of a Nokia 18ct gold plated mobile phone (with the kind agreement of his manager of course!) This was raffled and Donna's Fund received a proportion of the profits - £1,500. Alistair Stewart, who was the Master of Ceremonies, had his eye on it too for his sons' Christmas present!

The **shaky tins** are still proving very successful and they have raised almost £200 in the last six months, that's alot of pennies!! Thank you to all of you that have placed these for us.

## **2008 Events**

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2008 2.00pm 5.00pm – National Garden Scheme Open Day**

As part of the National Garden Scheme a lady in Dogsmerfield has kindly offered to give the proceeds of her garden open day to SDBTT. The refreshment tent will be organised by us and any proceeds from it will go into Donna's Fund.

All are welcome. Parking is provided. Entry is £3 and her address is The Old Thatch, Sprat Hatch Lane, Winchfield RG27 8DD.

Her garden is set in beautiful surroundings and backs onto the Basingstoke Canal. It is a wonderful place to stroll around and meet the donkeys and sheep too. Then take time to relax and have a cuppa and a piece of cake at the refreshment tent!!!!

**Any offers to bake cakes or help on the day would be appreciated.**

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2008 – Sponsored Walk**

Get fit for the summer and join us on our Sunday stroll! This event was extremely popular last year so we thought we would do it again! The venue is Virginia Waters and the route is approximately 7 miles long but remember you have bank holiday Monday to recover! Further details and sponsorship forms can be obtained from Vince & Di on 01252 540441.

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008 – Caroline's bike trek**

This is one of our big events of the year. Caroline Goward a close friend of Donnas is going to embark on the Lands End to John O'Groats cycle ride in just 7 days!!! That's 140 miles a day!! She has already had media interest and was in last month's Farnborough News!!

She has been training hard and has now nearly finalised her route. If you would like to meet and cycle with her during part of journey then please contact her on 07815121469 or email [cazzapeedylegs@yahoo.com](mailto:cazzapeedylegs@yahoo.com). Alternatively, you can make a donation via her justgiving page [www.justgiving.com/cazzagoward](http://www.justgiving.com/cazzagoward), or via sponsorship forms Cindy, Vince, Di and Mole will be holding.

Good luck Lou, remember Doz will be there all the way x

### **Saturday 26th July – Don Simone BBQ Take Two**

This was such a lovely day last year Emma and Pete have kindly agreed to hold it again this year. Everyone who knew of Donna is invited regardless of whether you know Emma or Pete!

It all kicks off at 1.00pm and goes on til late so you are more than welcome to pop in at any time. The format will be the same as last year; bbq and drinks in the garden with some fun games for the children followed by the famous auction! A taxi service by donation may also be available. This is a wonderful relaxing day and evening where everyone is very welcome, so come along!

Their address is:- 28 Fernhill Close, Hawley, Surrey GU17 9HD  
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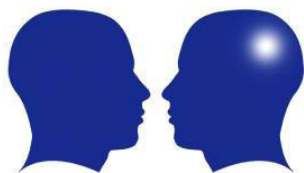
Please contact Emma or Pete if you are able to obtain anything for the auction or would like further details about the day.

### **October – Robbie Williams**

Robbie Williams is coming to perform for Donna.....will keep you posted.

If you are interested in organising your own event or need any further details about anything in the newsletter, please email me at cindy\_coleman28@hotmail.com

**We sincerely thank you for your time and your donations such valuable things in our own precious lives xxxx**



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