

Summer 2007

Welsh Dragon Burns Club



Our Friends

Clubs first visit to the Scarlets



Spring Ball at the Towers Hotel



March saw us traveling to the home of the Llanelli Scarlets to watch them play the Dragons in a hard fought game which saw the Scarlets win. Nearly 100 adults and children traveled to Stradey Park to watch the game. Half time saw the club being

This year we held our Spring Ball at the Towers Hotel in Jersey Marine, Swansea. The event was a huge success (well done Janine and everyone who helped on the day). We raised nearly £6000 for the club funds through auctions and sealed donations. Everyone looked very smart in ball gowns and tuxedos. As well as the disco we were entertained by ladies from the Habibi Dancers who performed belly dancing for us to enjoy. Many thanks to everyone who donated items for the auction and to those who had successful bids and to Nick our auctioneer. Louise gave a very moving talk about the burns club and there were not many dry eyes listening to the children telling us about their experiences.



shown to the center of the pitch as guest of honors. Many of the club members had their faces painted in Scarlets colors and some even in the osprey emblem. Newsletter editor and massive Osprey fan even wore a Scarlets shirt and packed down with some squad members.



New Honorary Patron for our Club



Mr. W A Dickson Director of the Welsh Center for Burns and Plastic Surgery has agreed to become the honorary patron of the Welsh Dragon Burns Club. Everyone who knows Mr. Dickson can tell you about

his dedication to the recovery of burn survivors.

Mr. Dickson originates from Edinburgh he graduated from med school in 1974. He has worked with some of the most famous burn surgeons and has

been involved in major burn incidents notably the Piper Alpha explosion and the Bradford City F.C fire.

He was appointment consultant at the unit in Chepstow in 1990.

Mr Dickson's outside interests are sailing, walking and he is also a keen motorcyclist.

Summer camp at Morfa Bay

This years camp was a memorable occasion with over 45 children attending a 4 day event. The camp was split into 2 groups with the younger children enjoying activities such as water activities climbing walls and archery. With the evening entertainment focused on DVDS and yummy chocolate fountains. They also had great fun doing their fab scrap books.

The older children undertook new activities such as coastering and gorge walking showing determination and a lot of bravery to achieve these activities.

Once again the lads from the Llanelli Scarlets attend our camp and great fun was had by all even rev Nigel tried his hand at a line out



Evenings were spent out walking or in Tenby.

The camp was ended in style with a fab camp concert and on the Monday the Wish tree which is still planted at Morfa bay.

Day out fishing at Duffryn Springs

On Saturday March 10th the burns club visited Duffryn Springs lakes in the Vale of Glamorgan for a fishing day. The day was organized and hosted by the Environmental Agency and supported by a number of volunteers from various angling clubs throughout South Wales. Tackle and bait was supplied by the EA with the angling clubs providing the relevant coaching skills. Twenty children attended the event and thankfully the rain held off for the fishing.

Before being let loose and dipping a line the children were given a safety talk on the dangers of water and the equipment being used, especially hooks. It was now over to the fishing at the Wallace lake. The lake is well stocked with various species of fish including carp, bream, ide, roach, gudgeon and perch; all of which were caught on the day.

All of the children caught fish, some catching in excess of 30. Sian was top of the pops with 36 fish; she would

have caught more but she had to wait for the coaches to bait her hook as she wouldn't handle the maggots. Fear of handling maggots was not just confined to the girls, just ask Brandon.

Greater numbers of fish were caught on the west bank but the bigger fish were all caught on the east bank topped by the 2 lb+ common carp caught by James

The fishing wasn't just for the youngsters as Louise was also spotted fishing but wouldn't touch the fish and Terry had to call on the services of Brandon to help him land this



monster of the deep (it must be his lucky hat).

Also at the lake that day were a HTV news and camera crew, who were there to film the event. During filming they also interviewed a number of the children; the report went out that evenings' HTV news.

Finally after emptying the lake of fish everyone returned to the fishing lodge for lunch and a well earned cup of hot tea before presenting Scott with his birthday cake.

Forthcoming events

Habibi Dancers are performing at the Grand Theatre Swansea on

Sunday the 21st October all proceeds are going to our club.

Tickets now on sale from the Grand Theatre Swansea.