

# GRAND FUND RAISING AUCTION OF FANTASTIC DONATED GIFTS

Don't forget your cheque book!

This year the  
Lioness Club  
is raising money for  
Leukaemia  
Specifically to help children  
like Michael.  
Money given to the  
Leukaemia Research Fund  
is paramount in helping  
to develop new treatments.  
Hopefully this will help  
the success rate  
from 80% to 100%.  
**All Clear**

Please Give Generously  
Donations by cheque to  
Darlington Lioness Club  
Thank You  
Registered Charity No. 1080234



Special Dinner  
Guests  
Calendar Girls



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## Invitation

To  
**Fund Raising Dinner in aid of  
Leukaemia Research**  
at  
**The Orchid Restaurant  
Harrogate**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2005**  
**7.00pm for 7.30pm**  
Dress Smart Casual



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“There is nothing but poetry about the existence of childhood, real simple, soul moving poetry, the joy and laughter of poetry without its philosophy.” John Clare expressed no more than the truth in regard to many children and this was certainly the case with Michael until, at the age of seven, he was diagnosed as having leukaemia. Until then he had been an energetic sport-loving child, who actually enjoyed lessons at school. I first noticed something might be wrong during a walk we were enjoying together with his father John and brother David, on The Stang, close to Scargill. Normally Michael would have been energetically competing with his brother as to who led the way, instead he trailed so far behind his dad had almost to carry him. When he finally did arrive back he greeted his anxious Mum, Judith with the announcement “I have just walked 40 miles and I’m never going to do that again!” We had in fact, walked only 2 miles but Michael’s words were prophetic, for shortly after leukaemia was diagnosed and all his energies were concentrated on a contest far more demanding than those more fortunate will ever experience.

Now Michael is back to his normal argumentative, competitive, humorously quick-witted self and we who love him are grateful for it. I don’t mind that he, having bolted his own meal, stands at my side watching each forkful being savoured while muttering under his breath, “Come on Big Unc, Samba wants to be taken for a walk.” This ignoring the fact that Samba is sound asleep in his bed.

A miracle certainly brought about with the help of a hospital staff who added ‘loving care’ to their practical skills. Also no words of mine can describe the fortitude and sheer bravery of their patient. Only those who have undergone chemotherapy, radiotherapy and lumbar punctures know just what a painful and debilitating experience the whole process is. During all this traumatic time Michael was

cushioned by the love of a totally committed and devoted family, for John, Judith and David played an important part in the healing process, they are in every sense of the word, a family.

## The Menu



### STARTERS

- Japan      Usuyaki beef - Thinly sliced beef filled with garlic, mushrooms & mustard
- Thai      Mieng Gai – Minced chicken with Thai herbs and the betel Leaf
- Japan      Tempura Tiger Prawns served with a seaweed sauce

### MAINS

- Hong Kong      Steamed fillets of Seabass with ginger and spring onion
- Philipines      Calabasha Prawns served with a butternut cream sauce & long beans
- Hong Kong      Black pepper sizzling strips of beef
- Thai      Chicken paenang served with a richly spiced curry
- Asia V      Egg fried rice
- Thai V      Phad Thai Jay – Stir fried rice noodles with egg & beansprouts, sliced peppers & crushed peanuts

### DESSERT

- Assorted Fruit Platter with sorbet
- Freshly brewed coffee



You have donated £25 for the evening at the Orchid, which includes the fabulous set menu above. This will be donated in full to Leukaemia research via the Darlington Lioness Club.

Selected wines for the evening have been kindly donated by Playford Ros (Our local wine merchants) Should you wish to make a voluntary contribution to the Darlington Lioness Club this would be appreciated. Any other drinks or wine required will be on a cash bar basis.

If you have any special dietary requirements, we would be happy to make special arrangements for you.