



the Charlotte Jones Memorial Tsunami Fund

Char's Fund is a memorial tribute to 23 year old Charlotte Jones, beloved daughter of Alan and Liz Jones and sister to Vicki who so tragically succumbed to the Asian Tsunami on December 26th 2004. A memorial statue stands at the headland of Siam Bay beach on the island of Ko Racha Yai, Thailand and there is a memorial tree and garden in the grounds of the Cittaviveka Buddhist Monastery in West Sussex. We will never forget her.

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Welcome to *Char's Fund's* latest quarterly newsletter. The Charity supports 15 students, aged 7-19, with long-term educational bursaries at Muang Phuket School, Phuket College, and Phuket Rajabhat University, Thailand. They each receive a monthly allowance of 2,000 baht (= @£40) to spend on school fees, books, travel, uniforms, etc. University tuition fees are also paid annually. So far the students have received a total of some £25,900. £160,185 has now been raised in total to date (gross); £126,585 (net). We will have more on the students in the next newsletter issue. And Char's Fund celebrated its fourth anniversary in September this year.

Latest on the UK Tsunami Memorial

As the 6th 'anniversary' of the Indian Ocean Tsunami nears, it is pleasing to note that funding from Government is now finally secure for a memorial to all those 151 UK citizens who lost their lives on that terrible day. A design team has been busy and the memorial design has now been revealed. The Memorial will consist of a single granite monolith and it will be sited in the Darwin Centre garden at the Natural History Museum thanks to a £550,000 grant from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). A planning application will be submitted shortly and it is expected to be completed by next spring. The Chairman of the Memorial Project Board said: "*The 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami was one of the worst natural disasters in living memory, hundreds of thousands of people lost their lives and the impact of the devastation was felt across the world. The design of the memorial reflects the views and feelings of UK survivors and bereaved families and is the product of months of dialogue between them and our wonderful design team. The huge, single geological fragment will create a powerful reminder for generations to come of this momentous event within the Earth's natural history. We are immensely grateful to the DCMS for funding the memorial and to the Natural History Museum for making space available in its grounds – we can think of no better place to remember the lives of the 151 UK citizens who perished in the tsunami*". The Design Team said: "*It has been a huge privilege to work with the survivors and bereaved families to design a permanent memorial in such a beautiful space. Our intention was to make a fitting, engaging and unique memorial - a place for contemplation and remembering for generations to come.*" The Director of the Natural History Museum said: "*Making sense of the natural world is an important part of the Natural History Museum's mission and I hope this memorial will not only bring comfort to those who lost loved ones in the tsunami but also be a reminder to us all of the sometimes destructive force nature can be.*" For further information about the memorial please contact Tanya Joseph (tanyajsph@googlemail.com). Thanks are also due to members of Tsunami Support UK (TSUK) for working so hard on this project. TSUK was born out of the Tsunami Support Network co-ordinated by the British Red Cross in the immediate aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami and provides a point of contact in the UK to offer support and information to people affected by the tsunami. We will keep folk updated as the project nears completion and let them know of any likely 'official opening' date.

In memory of Charlotte

As we approach Boxing Day 2010, the following poem by W. B. Yeates (1914) would seem to be a fitting tribute to a very special and unique young lady - especially as the very last pictures we have of her are ones of dancing 'upon the shore'. As Char danced and in a way became that dance, she would indeed have had no reason to care for 'wind or waters roar' or had any inkling of what was on its way.

TO A CHILD DANCING IN THE WIND

Dance there upon the shore;
What need have you to care
For wind or waters roar
And tumble out your hair;
Being young you have not known

The fools triumph, or yet
Love lost as soon as won,
Nor the best labourer dead
And all the sheaves to bind.
What need have you to dread the monstrous crying of wind?

We are making a real difference to young lives in Thailand. Do please continue to support us. Thank you.

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