

# Pledge-a-dread

*Sponsored Head Shaving Extravaganza.*



## Who?

For 5 years **Rhian Salmon** has laboured hard to grow the perfect dreadlocks. Now she vows to have it all shaved off !!!

## Why?

All aboard the RRS Shackleton are raising money for a worthwhile cause and request your generous sponsorship.  
The money raised will be donated directly to the urgent building of an Intensive Care ward in Blantyre, Malawi, Central Africa.

## When?

The head shaving will be performed at the equator crossing ceremony provided everyone makes a donation, however small.  
Ben has offered to match the sum that the ship raises.

**Please Pledge Generously**

## **The Philippa Clarke Hospital Wing.**

Malawi is the sixth poorest nation on Earth. Medical facilities are extremely limited and rely upon funding from international aid and charitable donations. The QECH hospital in Blantyre is one of the country's biggest hospitals and is alarmingly under-funded. To make matters worse, funding has been increasingly diverted away from primary care and towards disease research facilities. Alongside ongoing poverty, the result has been crippling under-funding of the hospital.

The demand for medical treatment is enormous with patients often walking or being carried for days to receive basic medication. One of the major problems is a lack of space to accommodate these patients. The children's ward is the worst effected with up to **100** patients occupying each room of **20** beds. This basic problem seriously limits the ability to provide treatment and often the patient's chance of survival.

Ben the Dentist's mum (Prof. Molyneux) has been working in this children's ward on and off for the past 25 years and desperately needs more beds. The charity was set up to provide funding for the building and furnishing of a new wing, "The Philippa Clarke Wing", to provide space to treat the desperately ill in a separate intensive care ward. She is on site and at hand to deliver all donations directly into the project.

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