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# COAL FEET



HOTSHOT: Bruce Willis

**Bruce is a killer bee on film set**

By MIKE PARKER in L.A.

**ACTION HERO** Bruce Willis has come to the aid of a real-life damsel in distress... by shooting the wing off a bee!

The Die Hard hunk was still packing a revolver - loaded with blanks - during an off-camera moment on the set of his new film Red 2 with co-star Mary Louise Parker.

As she was trying to swat a pesky bee, Willis took aim and fired, astonishingly shooting a wing clean off the irritating insect with the gunpowder flash from one of his prop bullets.

**Stress**

The 58-year-old actor plays a crack shot retired CIA agent in the movie, which hits Irish cinemas on Friday, but he admitted: "If I'd tried to do that on purpose a million times, I doubt I'd have succeeded."

Willis added with a laugh: "I did not actually kill the bee. After it spun to the ground, it was still walking around, minus its wing. I want to stress that no bees were killed or injured in this film."

Joking aside, the father-of-four also revealed he enjoys "packing heat" off screen.

"I'm a good shot, but safety is so important to me. I worry about things like having the gun go off while it's in my pocket."

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**

Kevin Flynn intend to apply for permission for development at 4 Lr. Ormond Quay Dublin 1 (A Protected Structure) for the: Reinstatement of a 2.0m2 ramped entrance into the existing commercial premises within an internal lobby located in the centre of the existing shop window on Lr. Ormond Quay, including internal shutters and ancillary works. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of Dublin City Council during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.



EARLIES: Geraldine joins the walk on the coals



CHARITY: Leash, Tony and TJ (Gunniffham) from the Die Hard Foundation



CHILLED OUT: Geraldine cools down after thrilling walk

**Our girl is hot stuff as she ditches fears in firewalk to raise funds for brave toddler**

**THIS REALLY IS the stuff of nightmares.**

So when the boss told me to walk across hot coals, I wasn't fired up.

Still, even a scaredy-cat such as yours truly will literally walk over hot coals to help a sick child and raise funds for charity, so I bottled my fear and got ready to join 35 other daredevils.

Our terrifying task was to walk across 20 feet of wood-embers burning at 800 degrees Celsius - in our bare feet!

The red-hot stunt, which took place in Walkinstown, Dublin, was organised by John Smith of Smith's Building Supplies and his mate Derek Lynch of Dzone windows, to raise funds for The Irish Heart Foundation, Harold's Cross Hospice and a trip to Disney for little TJ



BOOST: Leash, Tony and TJ

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Cunningham, a two-year-old boy who suffers from severe epilepsy.

John Smith came up with the idea after he heard how little TJ's family had spent over €140,000 on operations for the brave tot, who has up to 100 fits a day.

"A lot of businesses in Tallaght have rallied around to

help TJ, so I thought we'd do something for him too. He's had a hard time going in and out of hospital, so what he needs now is a holiday in Disneyland, Florida," kind-hearted John said.

He roped in Derek, who has a showroom for his company at the Walkinstown store.

**Scary**

John and Derek took part themselves, along with Derek's sons Derek Junior (26) and Darragh (23) - who built up their courage by giving a Kenpo Karate demo. Other daredevils travelled from Belfast, Kerry and Donegal.

As if it wasn't scary enough, Dublin's very own vampire, Paddy Drac, turned up, along with singers Dickie Rock and Eamon Campbell of The Dubliners, Kilkenny hurlers JJ Delaney and Mark Comerford, and the youngest firewalker,

16-year-old actor Kevin Joyce, who plays Zach in Fair City.

Dickie hung on to his cool image by staying away from the fire and cheering us on instead.

Motivational guru and firewalk trainer Brian Moore, who runs 'Unlocking the Power Within - the Ultimate Firewalking Experience' has been firewalking since 2000. He gave us a pep talk before commanding us to walk across.

"We've often had people chicken out, but not when it's for charity," said Brian.

He usually runs the event as part of corporate team-building seminars and says it's normal for bosses to get cold feet as they are asked to firewalk.

Indeed, 80 of the 180 managers who recently took part in a €250,000 seminar at Druid's Glen golf resort backed out.

But the only chickens in our bunch were on the barbecue. Brian got us "in the zone" by

encouraging us to shout "Yes! Yes! Yes!" while pumping our fists in the air.

Then we performed breathing exercises and jogged on the spot. Some of the crowd broke boards with their hands, karate-style, or broke arrows across their necks to psyche themselves up.

**Trick**

The trick is to walk briskly so the heat from the embers doesn't reach the soles of your feet; the ash on top also helps to insulate the soles.

Amazingly, I felt nothing at all. In fact, the pool of water we had to step into at the end felt warmer than the embers!

"I've had people who said their feet were actually cold, as if they were walking on snow," said Brian.

After my scary experience, all I could say was: "Flaming hell!"