◀ 'In recent weeks, both organisations have been encouraged by the interest shown by members. It is clear the dental profession value the unique role the Fund plays, and all want to ensure it continues to help all dentists, dental students and their families in need.

'In that spirit, we have pledged to work closely to ensure practical proposals can instead be put forward at the Fund's AGM in 2019.

'We recognise this profession is under pressure as never before

and the BDA Benevolent Fund are continuing in their commitment to ensure one off or ongoing financial assistance is given to those when they face hardship.'

The next BDA Benevolent Fund AGM meeting takes place at 3.30 pm on 18 September 2018 in London.

Details of the AGM are available at: <https://www.bdabenevolent-fund.org.uk/about-us/agm/> (accessed on 6 September 2018).

DENTISTS ON FILM

Pearl Harbor

H. S. Brand of the Academic Centre for Dentistry Amsterdam, and movie buff, continues his new series of columns on films featuring dentists with *Pearl Harbor* (2001), directed by Michael Bay.

An ethnic Japanese dentist is working in his office near Pearl Harbor. While he is inspecting the oral cavity of a patient, his assistant tells him: 'There's a call from Tokyo. They say they don't know you.' His telephone line is being tapped by US intelligence,

and a translator follows the conversation: 'It's a local dentist. He can see Pearl Harbor from his office.'

The caller from Tokyo wants to know whether there are there many sailors around. The dentist looks outside and, referring to aircraft carriers, he tells that the flat ships are not in port.

Next, they talk about the weather and then the caller ends the conversation abruptly. The dentist is puzzled and tells his assistant: 'That was a strange call.' The translator who followed the conversation also concludes: 'He doesn't seem to know who he's talking to.' When informed about this telephone call, Admiral Kimmel orders to get the FBI on it. Next Sunday morning, Japanese airplanes attack Pearl Harbor.