

## Christmas Crafts Conquest

NCSF held their annual Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 29th November 2014, which was the best one yet raising over £1200! The craft team had been extremely busy producing amazing items such as sock monkeys which were a huge hit selling out in less than an hour!

The wonderful crafts on sale along with yummy refreshments, bottle stall and 'Name the Giraffe' competition made the event such a success, well done to everyone involved.

The craft team are starting to prepare for our next Christmas Fayre, please come and join us on Saturday 28th November 2015 at the Bradbury Hall in Henleaze!



*Alfie running the name the Giraffe competition....*

## Burns Night Bonanza

On Saturday 24th January 2015, Claire, Scott and members of the NCSF football team organised a Burns Night at Clarence House in Portishead. Fun was had by all with Daz in charge of the Scottish themed entertainment and dancing led by Brady, Scott and Colin!

Everyone enjoyed the great food—Canapes, Haggis & Pork Rolls plus scrummy puddings followed by drams



The evening was a huge success raising £900! Thank you to everyone that helped and came along to share in the fun and laughter!

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# Fundraising so far in 2015!

Read below about some of the ways money has been raised so far this year.....

## Easter Egg Extravaganza



The Kelly girls held an Easter Egg Trail around Tortworth Lake on Easter Sunday 5th April 2015. Families flocked to the lake to take part in the competition to win a Chocolate Hamper kindly donated by Ian Joyner.

The wooden eggs scattered around the scenic walk each contained a letter to spell out an Easter related word. Fun was had by everyone who came and the lake caretakers had never seen so many cars in the car park!



Well done to the Kelly Girls for a hugely successful event which raised an amazing £1186! Thank you to Gem, Paul and Mary for their help at the extremely busy refreshment station!!

## Community contributions.....



LLOYDS BANK

The Nicola Corry Support Foundation was awarded an amazing £2000 from the 2014 Lloyds Bank Community Fund.

We also received £606 from the John Lewis Community Matters scheme in May 2015.

We could not have achieved this if it wasn't for the support of people voting for us.

Thank you to everyone who added their tokens to our pot!



John Lewis

## Still to come.....

Why not choose a challenge below to raise money for us through JustGiving, or come along to our next event, contact us at [info@ncsf.org.uk](mailto:info@ncsf.org.uk) for more info!



Bristol Half Marathon on 13th September 2015



Cheltenham Half Marathon on 27th September 2015



Bristol to Bath Marathon on 25th October 2015



Frog Racing in Kingswood W-U-E on 14th November 2015 at 8pm

# Where the money goes...

The Nicola Corry Support Foundation has very little admin costs and our wonderful team are all volunteers, which means we can give almost all of the money raised to families coping with cancer, here are some thank-yous from people we have been able to help.....

Dear Mary and the other trustees,

THANK YOU

so, so much for your kindness. We have been very touched and are extremely grateful.

With the end of 2014 (a pretty horrible year) and the start of 2015 which also seems set to be pretty hard, we have been thinking of how it has been and will be and feeling so incredibly lucky to have our young family. The daily (and hourly) ups and downs of bringing up young children is the most wonderful distraction and gives each day a momentum that we are very thankful for. One minute having a tearful moment thinking of the future and the next minute pretending to be a 'tickle robot' or diffusing a 'disaster' like having given them the wrong coloured socks!

Keeping their world safe and loving is our number one priority; thank you so much for helping us do that.



*"I just wanted to mail and say a huge thank you to yourself and everyone at the Nicola Corry Support Foundation. I was incredibly fortunate to be awarded a grant towards costs associated with staying away at Bristol for my ongoing treatment and received the grant just before Christmas. I cannot fully explain how dramatically this changed our Christmas other than to say thank you ever so much.*

*Your grant came at the end of a gruelling cycle of two lots of high dose chemotherapy followed by stem cell transplants. Due to the treatment I was placed in isolation to help avoid the chance of contracting any illness which due to my weakened immune system could have had serious implications. I spent a total of 6 weeks in isolation with visits from my wife and son when they could travel down. This placed considerable strain on us all both financially and emotionally. Thankfully I was able to leave hospital just before Christmas and whilst we knew there was nothing left in the pot so to speak I was overjoyed just to be home. Then your grant came in the post. Being able to pay off some of the costs associated with my treatment and buy a Christmas tree and some small gifts for my son transformed Christmas and help forget, albeit for a short time, the incredibly difficult year we have had as a family. I cannot thank you enough and the words do not seem to do enough justice to how you transformed our Christmas and gave us some light at the end of a dark year.*

*Rest assured your kindness and support will never be forgotten. My wife had already decided to partake in some charity events this year and we will without a doubt look to support the Nicola Corry Support Foundation. I hope to join her later this year too whatever the outcome of my impending surgery is.*

*Once again thank you and I wish you and all your team the very best for 2015".*



*Dear Mary and the Nicola Corry Support Foundation,  
Thank you all so much for helping towards the cost of my 2 year old son so that he is able to attend full time pre-school. He really loves it. I felt very sad that he had to attend full time due to my illness and treatment but he really loves it so this has taken the sadness away. My 5 year old son loves school and he is about to start seeing a play therapist weekly to help him at the difficult time. I am at present having Radiotherapy daily and waiting to see if this works. My last day for treatment is 30th Jan. Also I would like to thank you for the £200 Christmas present you gave, it was lovely. I was in Intensive care for 3 weeks in the lead up to Christmas but was finally allowed home on Christmas Eve so this Christmas was very special.*

*I do not have a prognosis as my Leukaemia is very rare and this time it is in my bones as well as blood but with the help of charities and foundations such as yourselves it makes my children's lives a little easier and a lot more positive.*

*Thank you all so much*

# Lucky Pontoon Winner!



We have reverted back to our original Pontoon game rules, where we follow the English football season, each of our players is randomly selected a team and the players' team that is the first to reach 21 goals receives a cash prize. While the footballers take a well deserved rest we have reintroduced 'Luck Numbers' The players are given a number and a draw takes place at the end of each month. Alfie Brady was our first Lucky Number winner, his number was drawn at his mum, Nicola's memorial walk in May.



## WELL DONE ALFIE!



At just £5 a month, our Pontoon is a great way to regularly donate to help families cope with cancer. And be in with a chance to win some money for yourself too!!

You can pay through our JustGiving facility, or set up a Standing Order.  
Please visit [www.ncsf.org.uk](http://www.ncsf.org.uk) for further information!

## Other ways you can help out.....

- By sharing your creative skills with us. e.g. knitting, sewing, cooking, jewellery.
- By hosting your own charity event e.g. Cream tea, swishing, gig etc.
- By joining the football pontoon. Only a fiver a month!
- Use our charity for your sporting events e.g. half marathon. 10k Runs , cycle rides etc
- Donate a raffle prize.

Or, there are many other ways in which you can help. If you would like to help, or to find out more information please complete this form and return to 3 Somerset Close, Kingswood, Wotton Under Edge, GL12 8RQ or email [info@ncsf.org.uk](mailto:info@ncsf.org.uk)

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