



The Bubble

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The NCSF Newsletter

Diary Dates

Sat 2 February
NCSF Annual Ball & Dinner
Holiday Inn, Filton, Bristol,
7pm

Sat 16 February
Valentines Dance & Auction
Little Stoke Social Club,
7.30pm

Saturday 14 June
Family Fun Time
Brook Way Activity Centre,
Bradley Stoke, 4-7pm

Sun 29 June
London to Paris Cycle Ride
NCSF Team cycling

Sat 23 August
Craft Fair, Manor Farm
Caravan Park, Seaton

Fri 19th September
Rock 'n' Raise
Bristol Colston Hall
7.30pm

Sat 24 January 2009
Burns Night,
Venue to be confirmed

Colston Hall Success - We 'Rocked and Raised'



The one & only Daz

'Rock n Raise' held at the Bristol Colston Hall on November 1st was an overwhelming success raising over £8,000 for the charity. One thousand people came to watch solo artist 'Daz' and a host of local bands perform. Daz led the night playing popular numbers in between the other bands to give an evening of seamless entertainment.



Locomotion



Fab208

Claire Corry, main organiser of the event said "It was a fantastic night! There was a great atmosphere. So many people and such a range of ages all having a good time. Everyone was up dancing and with the music, there was something for everyone." Cover bands Capone, Fab208, Journey up the Wood and Locomotion played a variety of music from the 60's up to the present day. Beyond Control, four of Daz's students aged between 10 & 14 did him proud, bravely playing a couple of tracks before the interval.



Capone



Journey up the Wood



Grand Finale

The Rock n Raise CD and DVDs are available to buy. On the CD are two songs that Daz has composed using two of Nicola's own poems as lyrics. CDs are now £5 and DVDs of the night now £15. Please email info@ncsf.org.uk to purchase a copy.



Such a success was the night that we already have the next event planned. **Friday 19th September at the Bristol Colston Hall for Rock n Raise 2008!**

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*'At the Finish Line'
Julie, Sally & Dave*

Running & Raising

Well done to our NCSF team who pounded the streets of Bristol on Sunday 9 September running the Half Marathon. Thanks to Sally Gillard, Dave Burridge, Stacey Mead, Gail Banfield, Laura Parker, Laura Styles and Julie Haydon who together raised around £2,000 for NCSF. "What an achievement!" said Julie, "It's something I've wanted to do for years and so I'm really pleased that I got through the finish line, whilst doing it for such a worthwhile cause. When it became a struggle to keep going I just kept thinking of Nicola and what she had to go through when she was ill - that really helped me persevere to the end!"

Ward 61 Update

Plans are progressing well for the improvements to the facilities in Ward 61 of the Bristol Oncology Centre. All 14 fridges are now installed and detailed plans have been compiled for the changes to the day room on the ward.

"We really want to make it more of an inviting and homely place to be with better equipment for families with children" says John Corry, Trustee. Often patients have to spend weeks at a time in such a ward so home comforts where possible are important. And for those patients with babies and young children it can bring extra difficulties. John says "When Nicola first had treatment when Alfie was just a few weeks old, the nurses kindly rallied around and brought her in things like a travel cot and bottle warmer from home. We want such basic facilities to be readily available if they are needed."

Football Fundraiser

NCSF runs a football pontoon for eight months of year from September to April. So far we have 54 members each of whom is allocated by a football team from the top teams. It costs £5 per month or £40 for the season and the first team to get to 11 goals within 5 weeks is the winner. First prize winners can win up to £125 and up to £25 can be won for the lowest score. Ken Humphries is the brains behind this money spinner and organises the team draws each month as well as the payments to winners and losers. Ken says, "It seems to be a success! Since 2006 we have raised around £1800. It's great because for 8 months of the year we have on-going income. It also means that I keep well up on the weekly football scores!"



Ken & Margaret Venn, the first pontoon winner of 07/08 season

NCSF helped us see Santa!



Happy times in Lapland!

We were delighted to be able to fulfil every child's dream and help a young family get to Lapland before Christmas. The Percy family of four where the mother has cancer needed a convalescent break together, as well as some fun quality time before embarking on her treatment this year. Mum said, "We had a wonderful time in Lapland and it has left us with special memories. We thank you with all our hearts".



NCSF are also currently supporting a number of families where the mother or father has cancer. This includes help towards childminding costs, school holiday play-schemes and grants towards family treats and counselling. We were pleased to be able to give a one off donation to each of the families that we support as a Christmas gift.



Alana Percy, aged 6

Become a Chef for NCSF!

Another fundraising idea that we are keen to get off the ground is the concept of holding dinner parties in your own home and charging friends to attend, with the money going to NCSF. The idea can then be 'cascaded' - say you invite 6 friends and charge £10 per head, that starts at £60 - but then if they each go off and hold a dinner party that makes a total of £420. And in theory it could keep cascading!! A nice idea for these winter months too! Please do let us know if you hold such an event—we'd love to hear about it and if the idea takes off!

Thank Yous

This is an opportunity to thank **everyone** that supports the charity in any capacity at all — either as a sponsor, volunteer, fundraiser or by making donations and supporting events. Unfortunately it is impossible to mention everyone that contributes but please be assured that your support is hugely appreciated.



Thank you to the Gunter and the Cox families who have organised and hosted a number of events for 4 charities one of which is NCSF. Events have included a wine tasting evening; a beer festival and a family bike ride.

Thank you to all those individuals and companies who sponsored the 'Rock n Raise' event. Some very kind donations were made which meant that the cost of holding the event was covered by sponsorship. Thanks also to all the acts that very kindly performed at no cost.

Thank you to Tim and Mandy at Manor Farm Caravan Park in Seaton who kindly made a donation instead of sending Christmas cards this year. Elsie, their daughter proudly presented the cheque to Nicola's son Alfie!



Thanks to Margo Brady and Christine Cowen both who made and sold their own Christmas cards last year and in return raised money for NCSF.

Thank you to Bradley Stoke Town Council who are continuing to raise funds for NCSF. A very successful community firework event was held raising a huge amount for the charity together with the national charity they support.



Thanks to Sheila Alexander, Christianne Corr, Percy & Audrey Smith, Pam Martin, Henleaze Keep Fit Group, British Aerospace, Airbus and Colston's Girls School - all of whom have kindly donated to the charity. We have raised £1500 alone in one off donations. Thank you to anybody that we may have omitted to mention!



Thank you to Jean and Graham Strong from Stover Caravan Park. They held a raffle and have been selling NCSF homemade preserves to their customers throughout the season raising £208.

Thanks to Lindsay, Shona and Kath Kelly who organised a rock night in Kingswood, Wotton under Edge on Saturday 29th December. This was in memory of their friends Kaz, Gav and Phil, and all profits made from the bar were donated to NCSF.

Thanks to Jenny Tennant for approaching her employer to make a donation. Tcgroup made a generous contribution of £250.



Thank you to all those that have hosted or supported our craft events since the summer. We have had a busy time with Christmas parties, Christmas craft fairs and coffee mornings



Tea, cake & crafts!

Raising over £2,600 during 2007 on crafts, our craft events are an on-going success. We have held coffee mornings, Christmas parties, stalls at craft fairs and school fairs selling handmade jewellery, cards, scarves, preserves and cakes. Mary Pearce our crafts team leader says, "Our children's designed angel Christmas cards were a hit this year with the craft sales. The craft parties in people's homes were really successful—this is an area we'd like to develop in the future."

Mary—our crafts Team leader!



Seaton Craft Fair

Volunteers Needed!!

We are constantly needing to replenish our craft stocks and therefore are always looking for willing volunteers that may be able to help us with such skills! Currently many committee members busy themselves with the craft activities and we also thank Anne Gates, Beth Carpenter, Trish Kabala and Angela & Colin Curry who have helped out making various things to sell! Please do complete the form below if you are able to help in any way. Thank you!

How Can I Help?

There are many ways in which you can help. If you would like to help, or to find out more information please complete the form below and return to 42 Two Mile Hill Road, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 1BP or email lindsay@ncsf.org.uk

Make a Donation
(Cheques payable to NCSF)

Set Up Standing Order

Become a Volunteer

Organise an Event

Become a Friend
(you may apply online)

Hold a NCSF Craft Party

Leave a Legacy

Find out Further Information

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