



The Bubble

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The NCSF Newsletter



Before



AT WARD 61



During

We are delighted to report that the first phase of 'Project Refurb' is now complete. Committed NCSF members spent a weekend in early April armed with paint brushes, renovating the day room on Ward 61 of the Bristol Oncology Unit. Working closely with University Hospitals Bristol the day room has now not only had a lick of paint but also a new ceiling, lighting, laminate flooring and a kitchen unit with fridge, microwave and sink.

Phase two will introduce furniture, soft furnishings and baby facilities to put the finishing touches in improving the facilities in the ward. Computer? Television?

These improvements are something that NCSF has been working towards for a long time. Nicola Corry spent a lot of time herself in Ward 61 with her baby son Alfie, highlighting the vast lack of facilities for people in her situation.

Thank You..Thank You..Thank You..

As always it is impossible to mention everyone who supports NCSF as there are so many of you! There are a few special thank-you's to make but do not be offended if you have not been mentioned! Please be assured that ALL support is greatly appreciated.

- * A massive well done to Alison Taylor who completed the Paris Marathon in 4 hours and 16 minutes, raising £355 for NCSF.
- * Thanks to Tim Salter and Mandy Carpenter for raising £XXX running the Grisley in East Devon!
- * Thanks to Gordano School???
- * Thanks to Wendy's friend???



Alison Taylor—
after 26 miles in
Paris!

Future Diary Dates

Thursday 23 July
Afternoon Cream Tea
Henleaze

Saturday 29 August
Family Fun Day
Manor Farm Campsite,
Seaton, Devon
10am onwards

Saturday 5 September
Classic Car Show
Kingswood, Wotton under
Edge

Sunday 6 September
Bristol Half Marathon
NCSF places available

Saturday 19 September
Pamper Night
Kingswood, Bristol

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Salsa Night

Friday 23 October
Rock n Raise
Colston Hall, Bristol
7.30pm

BurnsNight

'Helping Parents with Children Cope with Cancer'

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Your Money Is Helping

Apart from the great work that is happening with the Oncology Day Room in Bristol, the money you raise for NCSF is also going a long way to supporting families that are living with cancer. Last year xx was given directly to families and during the first half of 2009, £xxxx has been donated to families.



Describe photos



Planet Hollywood Story

We have received some encouraging feedback from families which we'd like to share to show how your money really does make a difference.....

"Thank you for your kind donation towards childcare for my daughter. It has meant I can take time out for appointments and rest without worrying how I can meet the cost."

"Thank you as this money will be such a great help to us all - we can go ahead and book a break away."

"Thank you so much for the money. It has been such a help to decorate our bedroom. It is hard spending a lot of time in bed but being in a nice room makes a lot of difference...it's nice to know that you understand how difficult life can be not only physically but also financially."

Pontoon Pays Off



The football pontoon now with 49 loyal members has just ended its second season, raking up a massive profit of almost £2,500.

HUGE thanks to all the members but also to Ken Humphries who not only dreamed up this clever fundraiser, but also manages the game keeping up to date with the football scores each week. Not content with taking a rest through the summer, he has now adapted the game linking it to National Lottery Bonus Ball each month—just until football kicks off again!



Festive Fundraisers

Before Christmas we held a number of Christmas parties in member's homes selling handmade jewellery, scarves, preserves, cards and other Christmas merchandise. All goods were under £10, making particularly attractive Christmas gifts during the credit crunch. Approximately £2,000 was raised for NCSF— thanks to all those who have used their creative talents as well as those who supported the events.

We will be building on this success as we approach the festive period this year and therefore are busy building up the stocks. As always we welcome more willing volunteers to make handmade jewellery and cards, knit scarves and make preserves.

£2k from Wotton Ladies



Wotton Ladies Circle has had a fantastic year of fundraising for NCSF raising a grand total of £2,000. Events included a fashion show with Nicola Brown of Wotton, a showing of Dirty Dancing at Wotton Electric Picture House, and an evening of jewellery making.

Jane Howell, Chair of the Ladies Circle 08/09 says, "After recently losing a good friend to cancer and with NCSF being such a local charity, I decided to choose NCSF as our charity of the year. We are a friendly and fun group of ladies always willing to welcome new local members. We have a go at all sorts— from pamper evenings to abseiling, and pub walks to raft racing!"

Many thanks to Jane and all her ladies for their hard work and support this year!

Dancing Delights

Salsa Success

A chilly November night was warmed up the Latin way with a Salsa Night held in the Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke, Bristol. Organised by Sally and Wendy Gillard, Cresida Childs did an excellent job of teaching a group of novices how to salsa! Along with a group of experienced dancers the whole group managed to perform a variety of Salsa routines throughout the night.



£505 was raised from the night which included a Spanish buffet and raffle. A great night was had by all—although many felt the ache of muscles that they did not they had the next day!! Another night is due to be held later this year so get those dancing shoes on!!

Burns Bash

Oh what a night!! Held at the Rose Green Centre in Whitehall, Bristol a great night of fine food, entertainment and dancing was had by all. Thanks to Mary Pearce, Wendy Gillard and Carole Hunter for organising the lovely food - haggis, tatties and neeps like you've never tasted before; huge thanks too to Heather and Andy xxx and Isobel Kelly for their professional native input!



With a ceilidigh band and whiskey flowing everyone was swinging their kilts by the end of the night!! Thanks to all who supported us—Xxx was raised and we look forward to seeing you— and your friends—next year!

BIG Hits of 2008



ROCK 'n' RAISE 2008 was held at Bristol Colston Hall on 19 September raising a huge £5,000. The second Rock n Raise to be held, again a fantastic night with a brilliant line up of bands, hosted by the infamous Daz. Many thanks to Daz, and to Helen Walwin for her hard work and devotion in the organisation. Thanks too to all the bands involved and all those who supported the event.

Rock 'n' Raise 2009 is going to be held on Friday 23 October— tickets available NOW!

A PROMISE AUCTION was held in Kingwood, Wotton under Edge on 10 October raising £2,700. Thanks to Lindsay, Shona and Kathryn Kelly for organising this success, and thanks to all those making donations and bidding!



Introducing Claire Bullock, Trustee



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

Buy NCSF Christmas Cards

Name:.....

Address:.....

Tel:.....

Email:.....

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