



helping parents cope with cancer

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## **Dancing for Dosh**

On Sat 26th October 2013. The Jacqueline Fox School of Dance staged a show at the Playhouse Theatre in Weston-Super-Mare called CELEBRATE in aid of charity including the Nicola Corry Support Foundation.



The journey of dance, song and drama took the audience on a whirlwind ride through many happy historical occasions.

NCSF have received an amazing £2000 from the event so far ....

This is a huge amount which will help so many families coping with cancer—a massive thanks goes out to everyone involved.



### Partying in Portishead



lan and Charlotte Joyner and their friends held the 2nd Annual Music Gig in Portishead on Friday 25th April 2014. It was a fantastic evening held at the Working Man's Club, which is an excellent venue.

The evening showcased two local acts; Abbie & Becky and Fake Republic, who were truly outstanding and a raffle was held mid set with wonderful

The event was a great success and raised a huge £938 which is being doubled by Adobe, thank you so much lan and gang for such a fun filled event, don't miss out on the next one...

#### A MASSIVE THANK YOU to......

Bristol County Conservative Club, who chose NCSF as their charity of the year 2013/14. On Friday 16th May 2014, the club presented a cheque for just over £1600, which is AMAZING!!

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**Have these** people inspired you to get fit in the **New Year?** If so, why don't you sign up to a challenge and raise money for NCSF!



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## **Christmas Crafts**



On Saturday 16th November 2013, NCSF hosted another successful Christmas Craft Fair in Henleaze. Fun was had by all with yummy cakes, lucky dip for the children, homemade Christmas gifts and

chutneys. An incredible sum of £650 was raised on the day, which will be doubled by Adobe!

Thank you to everyone who helped, with special thanks to Wendy and Carole for organising the event and lan for donating the stunning hampers for the raffle.



#### Pamper at Julies



Rebecca Jones, a
Clinique consultant at
Boots, donated her time
and expertise on a dreary
Saturday in Portishead
by carrying out an
informative beauty
demonstration.

Fun was had by all and thanks to a raffle, refreshments and delicious home made cakes the event raised £132–well done to all involved and thank you to Rebecca and everyone that attended.

#### **Dinney's Bake Off**

The Dinneywicks Inn, Kingswood, Wotton Under Edge, held their 2nd Annual Bakeoff on 14th March 2014, in aid of NCSF and Kidney Research UK. There were 3 categories in the event; Sponge/whole cake, Tray Bakes and Savoury



There were lots of yummy entries and the event was a great success; £160 was raised on the night which Adobe doubled, so both charities received this fantastic amount.

Thank you to Chris and everyone at the Dinneys and for

### Come and join us, in the Fundraising Fun!

There are lots of ways you can help us raise money, see below for upcoming events and fundraising ideas.....



Cream Tea in Portishead on 26th July 2014



Cream Tea at Tortworth Lake on 3rd August 2014

Others ways you can help;



Share your creative skills with us; knitting, sewing, chutney making and baking



Hosting your own event; cream tea, bake off, music gig etc.



Use our charity for sporting events and challenges; marathon, walks, sky diving etc.



Donate a raffle prize

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An average 'Active' Giver generates between £30 and £50 per year when they shop online at their favourite stores, AT NO EXTRA COST!!

# Where the money goes...

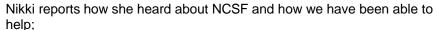
Nikki Maloney is one of the remarkable people NCSF have been able to help during her battle with cancer. Nikki kindly shares her story on how the NCSF grant has made a difference during this extremely hard time and reports how she has helped NCSF raise money and awareness to help more families coping with cancer.

Nikki starts by explaining how her diagnosis and treatment affected her and her families everyday life;

"My diagnosis and treatment affected everyday life as I had to give up work last June at the time of undergoing the first diagnostic tests including a lymph node biopsy (I had only returned in April after maternity leave). Emmeline had just settled into nursery, and I was worried that I would have to take her out as we

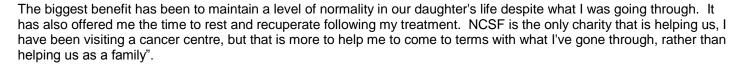
couldn't afford to pay for the two days without me working. My husband is self employed so the pressure was really on him to bring enough work in to provide for the three of us, but he also wanted to come to important appointments with me so had to take some unpaid time off work.

I had, and still continue to get, some terrible side effects as a result of 12 sessions of chemotherapy which I had every other week. Just when I felt that I was starting to pick up a bit from the last chemo, I'd have to go back in for the next one! Having to deal with a toddler whilst undergoing chemo was really. I don't know what I would've done without your charity as Emmeline was able to go to nursery every Monday and Tuesday, giving me time for hospital appointments, and since finishing treatment this has given me the opportunity to rest. My parents also helped a great deal by having her overnight on the day of my chemo to give me a break. My mum helped me with childcare for the few days after my chemo when I felt at my sickest, and my husband James had to take every Friday off work whilst I was undergoing my treatment to help look after Emmeline and also take her to her weekly swimming lesson".



"My specialist nurse in BHOC told me about NCSF at my first appointment with oncology. I was amazed that the application was so straightforward and that a decision was made so quickly We would not have been able to keep

Emmeline in nursery two days per week without help from NCSF, and James would not have been able to afford to pay our mortgage and household bills as he would've had to take even more time off work.



Nikki tells us about the vintage tea party she held with friends to raise money and awareness for NCSF; "My best friend Angela was so overwhelmed by the support that NCSF has given to us that she wanted to do something to help. She is a great hostess and very into the whole vintage thing. She is hoping to hold a pamper event in June to raise further funds for NCSF, and is hopefully sourcing hampers from Neals Yard Therapies and mini treatments from a Neals Yard therapist. I have told all of my friends and family about the amazing support that you have given us, and continue to give us, and so many people have wanted to give something back to the charity in any way that they can. If I am well enough, I hope to run the Bristol half marathon this September with a group of friends to raise further funds for NCSF".

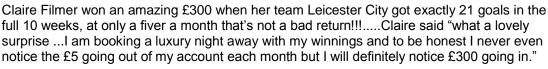
Thank you Nikki, our thoughts are with you always, you are an inspiration to us all...



#### **Pontoon Winners**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Claire Filmer and Clare Gillard who are the recent winners of the latest Football Pontoon winning a lovely £300.



Clare Gillards team reached 21 goals in only six weeks, so Clare takes a healthy £180 winnings.



Our Pontoon runs all year, so you can join at any time, for just £5 a month.

Each game gives you a chance to win up to £300!

Please visit www.ncsf.org.uk/pontoon

for further information!





# C'mon you Pink Panthers.....



**NCSF United** are still going strong, they finished mid table in the Bristol Downs Association Football League and ended with a two all draw against Durdham Down Adult School.

Well done lads! NCSF United (Pink Panthers) play on a Saturday, why don't you go along and watch them next season, you can't miss them in their bright pink shirts! Or you can follow them by reading the witty match updates kindly reported by Clive Dawe.









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