

Dinner Dance Delight



Fun had by all at the NCSF Dinner Dance.....

Another successful evening had by all at the Dinner Dance at The Bristol Hotel on Friday 8th October 2010.

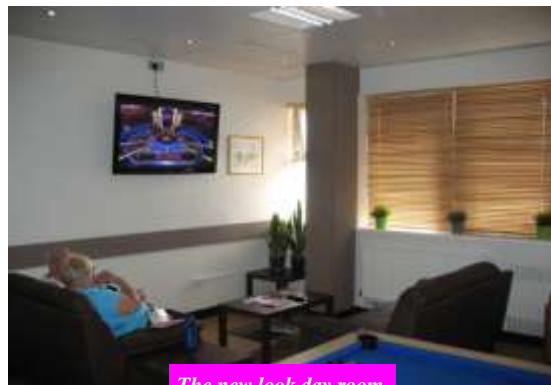
This fantastic evening was expertly organised by Lindsay Kelly-Otieno and Riot Events. The event raised awareness for the Charity, combining delicious food, excellent raffle and auctions superbly co-ordinated by Johnny of Riot Events. Great entertainment from the legendary Journey up the Wood.

Vicki Aburrow from Bedminster, Bristol, who attended the event said 'I was not aware of all the things NCSF has achieved, I think its great and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening'.

WHAT A TRANSFORMATION AT WARD 61

The hard work by the committed NCSF members was celebrated at the new transformed Day Room on Ward 61 at The Bristol Oncology Centre.

Thank you to everyone for helping us raise an amazing £15,000 to fully make-over the day room on ward 61, enabling patients and their families/friends to relax in this comfortable and calming environment.



The new look day room

Members of the NCSF team opened the room on Saturday 6th November 2010, a plaque was mounted on the wall as a memorial to Nicola and to show the outstanding work carried out by fundraising and hands on decorating and DIY. The Bristol Evening Post were present on the day and published an article advertising our success.

Well Done everyone for this fantastic achievement!



NCSF Members celebrating their success at the Day Room on Ward 61 at the Bristol Oncology Centre.

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‘Helping Parents Cope with Cancer’

Making a difference...

.....your money goes a long way to help people that are experiencing the same difficulties Nicola faced when coping with cancer. The NCSF Trustees receive many letters requesting help. Your support and fund raising enables us to make a difference throughout the extremely hard battle of beating cancer.

We recently received the following letter:

“ Five months ago my life was brilliant, my beautiful baby son was born, I had just managed to gain my dream job, as head chef of a local restaurant, and at 20 years old, I seemed to have everything.

A few days after my son was born I received the news from the biopsy that a lymph node which had been removed from my neck a few weeks earlier had turned out to be cancerous. The type of cancer is called Nodular Sclerosing Hodgkin’s lymphoma. Although the thought that it may have been cancer had floated around my head, I really didn’t think I would ever get it. With my son still in the Special Care Baby Unit, I had to attend hospital to have a CT scan which showed the cancer was in the neck, chest and possibly my stomach.

I am now on sick leave and struggling to provide for my girlfriend and son. We have had to move from our rented property back in with my parents. My partner only receives statutory maternity pay and we are struggling to make ends meet. It’s not only a blow to the finances but makes me feel pathetic.”

“I was moved to tears reading about Nicola’s story, I think it impacted me so much because although they are two incredibly different cancers, I can see a lot of similarities in mine and Nicola’s story”

We were delighted that we were able to offer £850.00 towards their car insurance premium, this will allow them to pay the premium in full relieving them of some of the financial stresses they face each month.
All our thoughts are with this young family.

“Come on United”

Possibly uniquely the Nicola Corry Support Foundation has sponsored a football team taking part in the Bristol Downs League. The charity's name can now be seen on the very bright pink football kit that the lads wear when taking part in one of the largest football leagues in the country.

For less than the cost of a one-off advert in a local paper we can get our name weekly in front of hundreds people who are our target age group for charity awareness. It also gives us free publicity on the BBC Sports website and coverage in local papers.

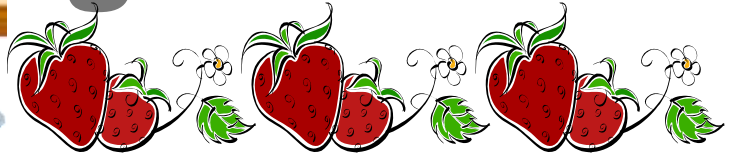


The team had a difficult start to the 2010 - 2011 season but have now started to move in the right direction. David Brady, Nicola's partner plays an enthusiastic role in the team.

NCSF hope to promote the team to a greater extent in the future being a new and novel way of raising our Charity's profile in a very tight financial environment where forward thinking is a must to help us stand out from the crowd (and by George do those pink shirts stand out!!)

Follow them on the web: www.ncsf.org.uk/united_home.html

Fundraising in 2010



Crafty Christmas

The craft group continues to develop new ideas for Christmas shopping at home. Our crafts include a variety of knitted items, selection of jams and chutneys. Chilli jam being a new favourite to our selection!!! Our fashionable jewellery range continues to be very popular. Some new ideas for 2010 included kiddies aprons/cooking sets, ice scrapers, trolley discs, and our **Happy Bags** were in constant demand keeping the group busy.

The Christmas parties held over November and December raised the grand sum of £1900! This was a fantastic success and a **HUGE thank you** to **ALL** who supported us. A special thanks to BSS for selling ice scrapers, also to Heather for making the stained glass angels, to Sue our fantastic knitter, Angela for the Christmas tags, Clare and Kris for printing the cards, Elaine for donating the damsons each year and to the group for their ongoing support.

CRAZY CREAM TEAS

Last year saw the launch of the **Crazy Cream Teas** which took place during the summer months. This simple fund raising idea encouraged friends to get together in their home and enjoy a cream tea. These were a great success and thanks to all who took part and made a donation.



Radical Running



What an achievement! —Anthony Jones giving a thumbs up at the end of the Bristol Half Marathon. Anthony raised a fabulous £180 for NCSF.

We had great support in 2010 for runners who joined the Bristol Half Marathon and The Bradley Stoke 10k run, kindly donating their sponsorship to NCSF and raising our awareness

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*Runners eagerly awaiting at the Start line of the Bradley Stoke 10k run
 Laura Woodward, Mohammed Saad and Katrina Guzetta were amongst the runners that ran for NCSF, raising a fantastic £695.00—THANK YOU!!*

Sonia Mealing who also ran the Bristol Half Marathon for NCSF said; "I did it!!! I ran the whole way and did it in 2 hours 39 minutes and 17 seconds!! I'm still buzzing from it now, it was a really great experience and I totally burst into tears when I saw my children and husband by the finish line!! It has given me a real sense of achievement"

Thank You....

.....to everyone that has helped us in 2010

Introducing Julie Haydon, NCSF's Newest Trustee

"I have been involved with NCSF since the start, recently becoming a Trustee in Oct 2010. NCSF is a cause that I am truly passionate about. Any sort of provision for families where a parent has cancer is extremely limited in the UK; therefore the more we can do to help relieve financial hardship or worry for families facing the cancer journey has to be worthwhile.

As Nicola's auntie and a mum myself it was obvious to see the difficulties Nicola faced in balancing the demands of a young child - doing her best to be the good mum she always wanted to be - against the numerous hospital stays and feeling ill following or during treatment. Fortunately her family and friends were local and we all rallied around to support as best we could both practically and financially - but it really made us think about what would have happened if this had not been the case and there were not people around to **help".**



Julie Haydon

It is wonderful that we have been able to create something so good out of something so tragic, and I know that Nicola would be so touched that her legacy has gone on to help others facing a similar battle to the one she faced.

"Fundraising is a constant challenge for us and so we are always looking for new blood and wacky new ideas to raise much needed funds. We have a fantastic but small committee of members that work hard to fundraise but we could always do with more support **in this" (STOP PRESS — FIT Challenge cycling event on 2nd April raised over £3,000 - more details on the website and next Newsletter).**

"Since becoming a Trustee I feel privileged to be able to get involved this way with such a good and meaningful cause. The role of Trustee has really opened my eyes to the situations we are supporting, reinforcing the necessity of the work

How Can you help out?.....

- By sharing your creative skills with us. e.g. knitting, sewing, cooking, jewellery.
- By attending a Christmas craft party held in one of the member's home.** (Look on line for ideas)
- By holding a cream tea.
- By Placing an order for charity Christmas cards, or charity merchandise.
- 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 price.
- Volunteer to run NCSF Gift Aid scheme

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

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