

Froggy Fun & Frolics!

On Saturday 14th November, Lindsay, Shona and Kathryn arranged a Frog Race Night at Kingswood Village Hall. You will be pleased to know that no frogs were harmed during the evening! A local couple, Di, Bob and two of their friends deliver the frog racing for local charities and community groups, they have raised hundreds of thousands of pounds over the years and they kindly agreed to come along and support the Nicola Corry Support Foundation.



The races consist of 6 wooden frogs which are moved by strings by each 'jockey'. The audience got into teams and the frogs were auctioned off at each race and each team chose their jockey and bets were placed. The winner of each race took part in an exciting finale! It was an extremely fun evening and just over **£1100** was raised!!



A massive thank you to Di, Bob and their friends along with Jon Pullen from Voyce Pullin who auctioneered, to all the companies that sponsored the races and to everyone that came along on the night to make it such a successful and enjoyable evening!

Christmas Crafts Cheer!



We held our annual Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 28th November at the Bradbury Hall Coffee shop at Henleaze United Reformed Church. Despite the gloomy weather it was a great success, raising well over **£700!**

The Craft Team had been extremely busy making gorgeous soft toys, Christmas decorations, delicious Christmas Cakes and puddings, tasty chutneys and preserves and much more!

The raffle and bottle stalls attracted a lot of attention with people trying to win wine and an amazing Christmas Hamper! There was lots to see and do for all ages, with scrummy refreshments available, there was a lovely Christmas atmosphere.



Well done to all involved, a huge thanks to Carole, Mary, Wendy Gunter, Wendy Gillard, Margaret, Jean, Jenny, Liz and George for their wonderful creative talents and great organisational skills.



SAVE THE DATE in your diaries for this years Christmas Craft Fayre which will be held at the Bradbury Hall Coffee Shop, Henleaze United Reformed Church on Saturday 19th November from 3pm to 5pm. It's an excellent opportunity to stock up for Christmas or just to have a good catch up with friends!
We look forward to seeing you there!

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'Helping Parents Cope with Cancer'

Fund Raising success!

We have been extremely lucky to receive funds from other organisations, read more below....

Money from the Masons



The Gloucestershire Masonic Charity Action have awarded the Nicola Corry Support Foundation a grant of £1500 to help families cope with cancer. We feel extremely privileged to have been chosen by the Gloucestershire lodges, they have always been very generous to us.

We were invited to the impressive Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire in Wotton under Edge to receive the cheque, pictured left is our Treasurer John Corry being handed the cheque by Tam Morrison, W Bro - current Master of the Lodge Of Sympathy No 855.

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest and largest non-religious, non-political, fraternal and charitable organisations. There are 250,000 Freemasons belonging to 8000 Lodges throughout England and Wales and overseas districts with over six million members worldwide. They are the 2nd largest donator to charities in the UK, the largest being the National Lottery Fund. The national Masonic Charities donate in excess of £20,000,000.00 each year!

We are honoured to have received this money and thank everyone at the Masonic Lodge in Wotton Under Edge for their kind hospitality, www.glosmasons.org.uk for further information about the amazing work they do.

Gordano Breakfast Rotary Club

The Gordano Breakfast Rotary Club have very kindly chosen The Nicola Corry Support Foundation as one of their Presidential Charities of the Year 2015/16! They will be raising money for us throughout the year and have already held a quiz night in November and a Race Night in March.

The Gordano Breakfast Rotary Club formed in 2014 when a small group of people came together and came up with the idea of the breakfast club. They have grown steadily over the past year and a half, drawing on support from the Portishead Rotary Club and were formally inaugurated as a club in March 2015. The group meet together on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Gordano Gate in Portishead.

On Friday 18th March, the Gordano Breakfast Rotary Club held a Race Night at Clarence House in Portishead. It was a brilliant night and great fun was had by all who attended. The event was extremely successful, they raised an outstanding amount of **over £820!** Thank you to everyone that helped towards this wonderful evening.



For more information about Gordano Breakfast Rotary Club and to find out about upcoming events, visit their website: www.gordanobreakfastrotary.org/events

We will also promote upcoming events on our facebook page: www.facebook.com/Nicola-Corry-Support-Foundation

Where the money goes...

The Nicola Corry Support Foundation issues grants to families coping with cancer and because of our successful fund raising and extremely generous donations we haven't had to say NO to any legitimate application yet! We have given over **£125,000** during our 10 years as a registered charity.

The families we are helping are going through such an enormous battle, we try to cover the small things so they can focus on beating cancer! The following letter highlights the struggle of one family and how we have been able to help....

Dear Mary

I am writing to thank the Nicola Corry Support Foundation so very very much for the grant which you awarded me in the summer of last year.

I am so sorry that it's taken me this long to thank you, but my treatment etc has taken over everything so my admin has taken a back seat!

I have Leukaemia and following a stem cell transplant in Bristol last year I had to stay in Bristol for a hundred days to stay close to the hospital. The NHS paid for a one bedroom flat for myself and one carer, but this meant that there was no room to have my 7 year old daughter to come and stay with me. Your extremely generous grant enabled me to upgrade to a 2 bedroom flat, which meant that not only could my daughter come and stay at weekends, but she was also able to spend the whole summer holidays with me! You cannot imagine how special that was after me spending 20 weeks in hospital during the first half of the year! It gave us much needed and precious time together which would have not happened without your grant, so I cannot thank you enough!

Dealing with cancer at any time and in any situation is always going to be an incredibly difficult time, however having a young child to think about throughout this journey brings so many more difficulties and emotions, and being a single parent too makes this even harder. It means the world to know that there is charity set up specifically for young families facing the sheer hell that a cancer diagnosis brings, and your grant certainly made a significant difference to our journey, which we are so very grateful for. Thank you so much.

We also want to share this gorgeous thank you card....



Dear Julie and NCSF team,
The first time it hit, it hurt us all,
We couldn't stand up, when we tried
we'd fall.
We needed some help, tender love and care,
And once you found out, for us you
were there.
You gave us support, and we are forever
grateful,
When we called, you would help and
you were never distasteful.
What we are trying to say is we
do love you so,
And we hope that our bond will
forever grow.



NCSF cannot help families like the ones above without your support, so thank you so much for taking an interest in our charity, coming to our events and raising money on our behalf.

How you can get involved.....



Keep an eye out for events on our website www.ncsf.org.uk and on our facebook page www.facebook.com/Nicola-Corry-Support-Foundation



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



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



Donate a raffle prize



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



Choose NCSF as your charity of the year

Email us at info@ncsf.org.uk for further information
and to request a fundraising pack



Join our lucky balls competition for just £5 a month and be in with a chance of winning up to £300 each game!
The competition runs throughout the year,
visit www.ncsf.org.uk/lucky_balls for further information!



Come along and support NCSF United (Pink Panthers) who play on a Saturday, on Clifton Downs, you can't miss them in their bright pink shirts!
Or you can follow them online; match reports by Colin Dawe.



Costs nothing! **PLEASE** sign up at www.thegivingmachine.co.uk.

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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!!

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