nsif Nicholls Spinal Injury Foundation Newsletter- Autumn 2016

The past few months have been packed with a whole host of events and incredible fundraising efforts from our champion supporters. Read about some of our summer highlights as well as all we have in store over the next couple of months.

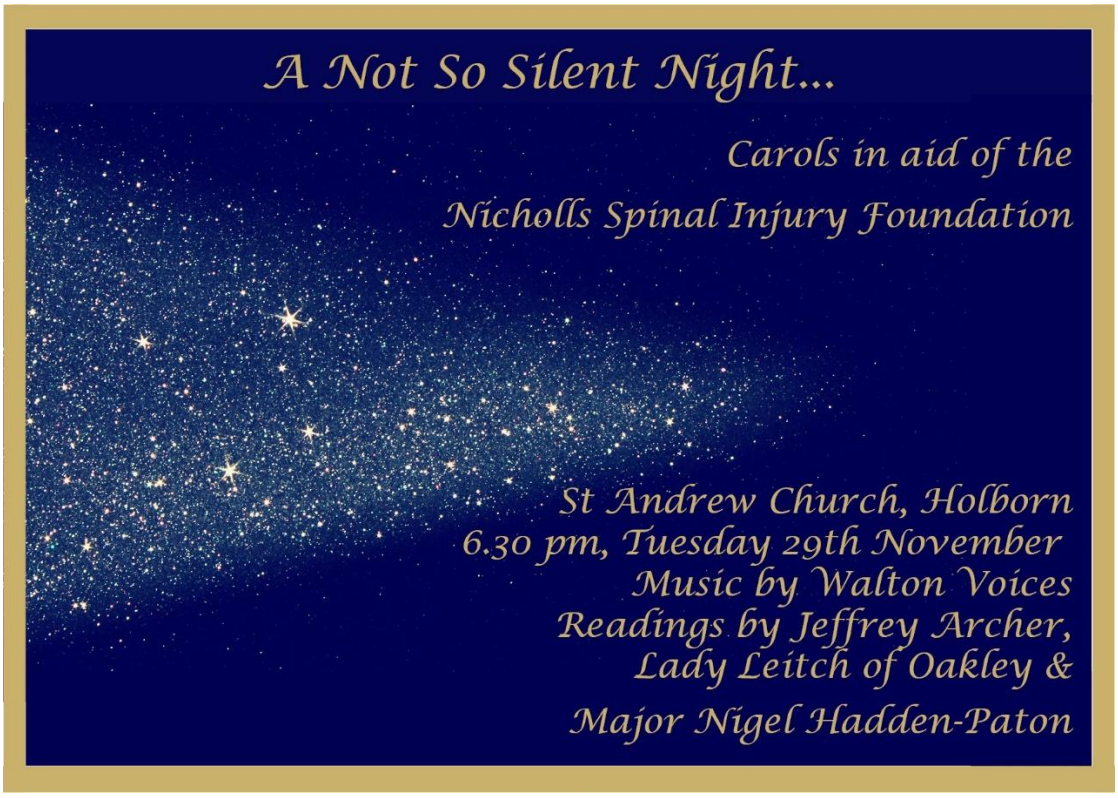
Upcoming Events

Something special to look out for and an important date for your diary.

Introducing… Jordan Bone

We've been working with the BBC and beauty vlogger Jordan Bone for an upcoming exciting broadcast. Jordan suffered a spinal injury 10 years ago in a road traffic accident when she was 15 years old. Since her accident Jordan has gone on to become one of the UK's leading YouTubers not only sharing make-up tips, but also raising awareness of SCI to her followers. Her determination and positivity in the face of adversity has put her on the national stage with over 5 million YouTube views and appearances on national television shows such as Lorraine. Most recently, Jordan has been featured in the L'Oreal True Match campaign. Look out for details about the broadcast over the next few days.

Watch Jordan in action



A Not So Silent Night – An nsif Carol Concert

We're excited to introduce the first ever nsif Christmas event! This year on Tuesday 29th November we are hosting a carol service at St Andrew Church in Holborn. The evening will include carols performed by Walton Voices and readings by Jeffrey Archer, Lady Leitch of Oakley and Major Nigel Hadden-Paton. As well as this there will be a selection of festive treats kindly provided by Baxter Storey. Tickets are £20 and available through the link below.

Get your ticket!

Summer Highlights

'With Lots of Love' Book Launch

nsif champions are continuously thinking of creative ways to support the vital research we fund; Yvonne Williams is no exception. On 15th September Yvonne launched a self-published poetry anthology titled 'With Lots of Love', to raise money for nsif. It contains nearly 80 poems by 46 contributors ranging from a 7-year-old boy to a 90-year-old grandmother. The subject matters vary with themes such as love, loss and humour, making it the perfect stocking filler at £10. Yvonne first became involved with nsif a few years ago after her son suffered a spinal injury following a rugby accident. The launch was well attended with nearly 200 copies sold. Read about the launch night.

Buy your copy!

nsif 10th Celebrity Golf Event

Last month saw our 10th Golf Event take place at The Oxfordshire Golf Hotel and Spa. An incredible couple of days was enjoyed by over 130 guests. With a Gala Dinner provided by chefs from the Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, the cast of the Jersey Boys providing the evening's entertainment and a range of exclusive auction prizes. The event was a tremendous success – a huge thank you to everyone who was involved.

Read about the event

Supporter Spotlight

Our supporters continue to go above and beyond to raise awareness and funds for the vital nsif research. We want to shine the light on a few nsif champions for completing incredible feats.

Bridge to Bridge 2

In July a team of 8 people led by long time nsif supporter John Pye, took on the Bridge to Bridge 2 challenge. Andrew Cooney, Ronnie Fletcher, Richard Hardy, Ray Lydon, Phil Nevet, Dave Sayers, Grant Stables and John Pye cycled 280 miles from the Forth Bridge in Edinburgh to the Humber Bridge in Hull. The three-day cycle has raised over £6,000 (including gift aid)!

Harry Wallace Kayak Challenge

Another nsif champion to take on an extraordinary physical challenge is Harry Wallace. Harry kayaked 131 miles from Wiltshire to Westminster Bridge in August. The distance, which is the equivalent of 5 marathons, took Harry a whopping 32 hours and has raised over £5,190 (including gift aid)!

Read Harry's interview

Claire Lomas' Great North Run

Claire Lomas continued her dazzling fundraising efforts earlier this month as she took on the Great North Run. Claire started her half marathon following a route from Newcastle to South Shields four days before the official start time of the race, tackling 3 miles per day with the aid of her ReWalk suit. This was one of Claire's most difficult challenges to date, made even harder by the fact that she was 16 weeks pregnant, which she announced on day 4 of the half marathon. Claire's Just Giving page so far shows she has raised over £23,000, including gift aid. We hope she's taking a well-earned rest!

Feeling inspired? Get in touch!