



Dear Friends and Supporters,

I do hope you are all keeping safe in this exceptional and sad times.

Since April 2020, our Charity has been waiting to start again stronger and with more ideas.



(Yes, this is my washing during lockdown!)

While I am at home, trying to enjoy the sun and spend some time with my little family, my thoughts went to you all.

I have some news from the last couple of months which I really wanted to share with you.

As you know in December we had our 30th birthday party. It was amazing! More than thirty people attended. Our volunteer Rachel prepared all the food and decoration. The office was so beautiful. Our Byre Choir, led by Dr Caroline Hall, Chair of Trustees, and by Jill Shepherd sang a few songs. They were brilliant!

Our Patron Professor Helen Odell-Miller drove all the way from Cambridge to celebrate with us. Her speech was really nice and she gave us the strength that we are in the right path.

Here are a few pictures:



In January we signed a contract for a new website. Two young brothers from Leeds set up their business called Charity Box. They are specialising in working with Charities and we find them brilliant.

It still is a working progress but I am very excited about it. The board of Trustees are being very busy in editing, suggesting and supporting my ideas.

On a sad note, our office manager Kerry left the Charity. Now, we are advertising for the new position and we have already received a few applications. Due to the present circumstances, everything will be postponed but we are full of hope.

As you see at the beginning of the page...we have a new logo! I really hope you like it as I do 😊



Before closing our office and activities, we had a couple of articles in newspapers, local newsletters and magazines. The picture above is from an article which the Gazette & Herald generously wrote about our new Centre. In the picture you can see Jo Danischewsky, who like all the Trustees is heartily engaged in our activities, and me.

I had a couple of talks for the WI and an awareness workshop for the St Leonard's Hospice Fundraising Team.

The clinical work that our freelance therapist Jane and I were delivering, was stopped from the middle of March following the Government line guide. Jane and I are in contact sharing new ideas for the future. Stay tuned with our social media pages as we are working on sharing songs videos and online resources.

I am reviewing our Friends system as I would like to be more in contact with you and to create more events for our Friends and supporters.

I would like to know more about you. If you like, please feel free to send me an email (laura@music-therapy.org.uk) about yourself and if you wish to receive more Newsletters or what kind of events you would be happy to attend.

Please note that our Charity is now on Amazon Smile scheme. If you buy on line with Amazon, please remember to look for Amazon Smile and to click for our Charity. The products will have the same price but Amazon will donate a small percentage to us.



That's all for now my dear Friends and supporters.

I strongly thank you for your support that makes our Charity strong and able to be present in our community.

Laura Festa