

The Towersey Foundation
Providing Music Therapy in Palliative Care

TOWERSEY NEWS



New Towersey Chairman

There was a small insert on the second page of our March Newsletter reporting that Towersey had recruited a new Trustee. Very shortly afterwards in April, and somewhat to my surprise I was asked if I would take on the roll of Chairman.

I have known Ann Daymond and been a supporter of Towersey for many years so notwithstanding that I have little experience in the field of palliative care or indeed music. I shall try to learn quickly in order that we continue to maintain the longstanding reputation of The Towersey Foundation.

Firstly though, I must through this Newsletter and on behalf of the Trustees, thank Ann for her considerable efforts and energy in establishing Towersey in 1993 since when she has been at the forefront of all its activities. Fortunately for us and me, in particular, Ann is remaining as a Trustee and as such will still be close at hand for guidance and advice.

Anthony Brooks-Daw, Chairman

FUNDING

The economic climate is difficult and could possibly get worse so it is not surprising that acquiring funding for projects has slowed down. However funds do continue to trickle in and we must continue to widen our scope for seeking support.

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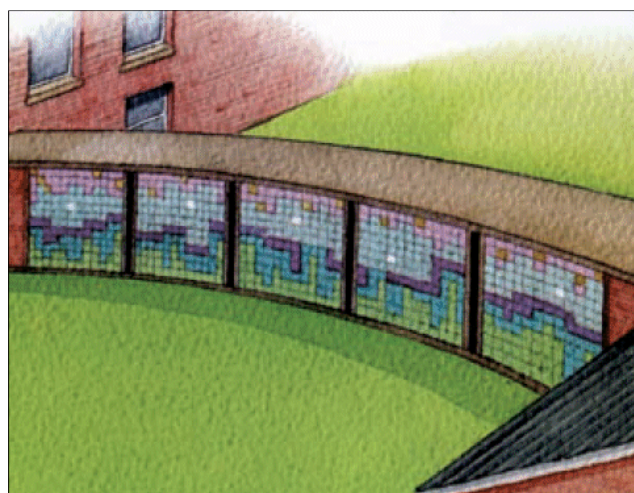
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Rainbows, Loughborough

We recently received this encouraging note from Geoff Ellis, Chief Executive of Rainbow Children's Hospice:

“Whilst Music Therapy has long been an important part of the service offered by Rainbows it is only in the last year, with the support of The Towersey Foundation, that the Hospice has been able to establish a permanent position for a Music Therapist. Music Therapy is highly valued by everyone at Rainbows and the positive impact that it has for the children, young people and their families is clear to see. During the last year the Hospice has been able to flexibly meet the music therapy needs of the families whether they are at home or at Rainbows – this has only been made possible thanks to the Towersey Foundation”



'Rainbow Wall of Celebration' at Rainbows Children's Hospice, Loughborough

Hospice News

Dove House Hospice, Hull and Hospice in the Weald, Pembury—The Towersey Foundation has completed its commitment to these hospices. Both hospices have taken over the respective appointments.

The Trustees are pleased to have been instrumental in setting up the provision of music therapy in both instances.

They are also delighted that Dove House now has a full time therapist and that music therapy is continuing to be provided at the Hospice in the Weald with such success.

Care Homes

The Music Therapy set up last year for Care Homes in the Newton Abbot area is proving a continued success at Bramble Down, Denbury and St. Benets and The Croft in Newton Abbot with encouraging feedback received.

Provision is now being set up for Forde Park Nursing Home which will commence in September subject to an available music therapist.

We are already seeking to extend music therapy to other Nursing / Care Homes in Torbay over the coming year subject to funding.

Music on Wheels, Keech Hospice, Luton

Due to the success of Music on Wheels 1, the hospice has asked The Towersey Foundation to make provision for Music on Wheels 2, specifically for adults where a need has been identified. The original intention was a one day requirement but Keech Hospice have reconsidered and now believe that they need two days to give an adequate service. Therefore we are seeking further funding for this appointment to commence.

Future Events Diary

‘Riviera Concert Brass with Soprano Jenny Abbott, 15th September 2010, 7:30pm at The Avenue Church, Newton Abbot’, Riviera Concert Brass have very kindly offered to organise another superb concert in support of Towersey and The Avenue Church, catering for a wide variety of musical tastes.

‘Piano Concert by Nicolas McCarthy’, Venue and date to be arranged for 2011.

Past Events

‘ExeVox, 8th May 2010 at St. Andrew's in Ipplepen’, We are grateful to EXEVOX for the very successful concert in May at St. Andrews Church in Ipplepen and particular thanks to Dr. Tom Morris for arranging this event.

We would also like to thank The Old Catenians who continue to support Towersey with a further cheque for £750.00.

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