

OVAL/CIRCLE TIME UPDATE

25<sup>th</sup> June 2020



Dear Volunteer,

*I hope you and all your loved ones are keeping well and staying safe.*

*The 4th July marks the beginning of a number of changes for us all in what we can do and who and how we might meet, however there remains a real focus on limiting gatherings and contact, especially indoors.*

*We are in regular contact with both St. Martins House and the Cathedral and at this stage St Martins House are not looking to open until the end of August though they are gradually opening sections of the buildings to tenants. I was able to collect our post from the reception doorway for the first-time last Friday but as you can imagine everything is very different now and I didn't enter the building, which remains closed.*

*For SoundCafe we know things will need to be very different and at this stage we do not have a date when we might start to consider re-opening but I think it will not be until the Autumn at the earliest. How we can open, and the numbers will be dependent not only on government guidelines but the 'covid safe practices' in operation in St Martins House and likewise the Cathedral for the choir.*

*In the interim we are looking at ways we might be able to do something including an option for a takeaway summer SoundCafe outdoors or small workshops but still meeting restrictions on social distancing and numbers who can meet.*

*As soon as we are clearer within the guidelines on what we might be able to do, we will be in contact to share how we can deliver SoundCafe as we emerge from the pandemic.*

*Please stay safe and we look forward to the day when we can 'gather together' again.*

Best wishes

Rachel



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."*

Dolly Parton

Information

As we enter a new round of easing of lockdown measures please see what Council's in your area are doing to ensure everyone is kept safe at all times. In particular Leicester City Council's response to the latest raise in cases in the city centre.

Leicester City Council

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/press-and-media/your-leicester-newsletters/>

Leicestershire County Council

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19>

Blaby District Council

<https://www.blaby.gov.uk/coronavirus/>

Leicester NHS Trusts

<https://www.leicestercityccg.nhs.uk/coronavirus-information-for-the-public/>

COVID-19 – how has it impacted you?

As we move somewhat cautiously out of lockdown what has the impact been on your lives? What have you found to be positive and negative about the lockdown and what are your hopes and/or fears moving forward?

I am hoping that as many of you as possible submit your comments so that I can put them together in a booklet along with Richard's poems and your COVID photographs.

Poetry Corner

**Breakfast Haiku**

**Wild rose petals turn  
to ruddy hips: a breakfast  
for flocking fieldfares.**

**Just five dewed mushrooms,  
but enough for your sizzling  
breakfast with fried bread.**

**Richard Byrt**



Compost Corner

Here are some more photographs.



Thank you to Sandie for sharing this from her son's garden.

Cathy and her husband have certainly been busy during the lockdown.



Photo Gallery

We are currently using SoundCafe stock photographs for our updates etc and we are looking at putting together a photograph directory.

This is where you can help: do you have any photographs from SoundCafe events that you would like to share? If so, forward them onto me and we can get sharing!!!!



Cultural Corner

If you are getting fed up with the TV don't forget to click on the links below to get your cultural fix.

<https://www.phoenix.org.uk>

<https://www.curveonline.co.uk/>

[Social Distancing Social Club](#)

<https://www.royalalberthall.com/>

Facebook and Twitter Updates

Please check out our Facebook page and Twitter as we are now posting regular updates and look backs at SoundCafe. Also do not forget our new website too.



*That is all for this week!*

*Take care and stay safe.*

