

Providing an Opportunity for Change in Romania

A Letter From Carol

Easter 2019

This time I have decided to give a new format to the news coming about Myosotis and after some thought will make this letter to you personally, whether you know me on a personal basis or through the work of The Myosotis Trust.

I've started writing this on Christmas Eve 2018 whilst in my mother's old home in Abergavenny as my husband Des has been transferred to Morriston Hospital Swansea from Bronglais hospital Aberystwyth following a heart attack twelve days ago. Hopefully it will be established what intervention he will need. So far, he has received splendid care from all involved in his treatment; yes, the NHS is still amazing and we should all be prepared to give a little more to its financial needs.



Last Christmas day Razvan, one of the House of Roses family enjoyed his Christmas Day but later in the evening became unwell and after phoning for an ambulance which was unavailable an off-duty member of staff took him to hospital in her car. Despite the efforts made Razvan died the following morning; Mihai (Micky) the Asociatia's Managing Director being with him. Razvan had various intestinal problems which were carefully monitored as well as various forms of hepatitis but this was an unexpected outcome.



In Romania burials take place within about two days of death and so even though it was the Christmas period I had to get to Romania quickly.

Des drove me to Luton in quite bad snow and left me there to catch a flight Mihai had booked for me. Having stood up waiting

for the plane to depart for some hours in a corridor, Chinese whispers said it had been cancelled! Further queuing and eventually the offer of a flight the next morning from Gatwick. Janet and Peter Wastall, trustees who live near Luton provided me with accommodation for the night and next day I caught a coach to Gatwick. I arrived in Barlad two hours before the funeral, having missed the church service the preceding night which had been attended by many of the Myosotis volunteers and friends.

Snow and rain made the cemetery very dismal but Fr. Justin accompanied by the other members of the House of Roses family conducted the committal service following traditional Romanian custom. Afterwards there was a meal provided in the church hall of St. Mina. Linda Barnes who with the NGO RAKE had rescued Razvan many years before also flew out to be there for the funeral.

Through the summer months the “family” have walked up to the cemetery to water the plants on Razvan’s grave and now we will have a memorial stone erected when the weather improves. Razvan loved to have his photo taken, whenever there was a visitor he would ask to have photos taken. We miss him but are thankful that he was part of our lives and the “family”.



This Autumn Fetita, our lovely doggie friend who was left at the house by its previous owners also died after many years of faithful friendship. She has a successor in Lidla who adopted me last May when I visited Lidl’s to do some shopping. She was an adorable black and white puppy who asked to be part of our team following me back to the health centre.

I returned to Barlad in April so that I could continue talks with the Mayor and his deputy about joint working in a formal partnership. I was invited to attend a meeting of the Council being held in the evening and was somewhat surprised when I was asked to wait in an office prior to joining the rest of the meeting. After some time, Mihai and I were invited into the meeting room where I immediately noticed that the Mayor was wearing his formal ceremonial sash! Instead of being shown a place to sit I found myself being invested as an honorary citizen of Barlad. It is well known that I am never lost for words but this was very close. Having received the certificates I was told that there was another surprise waiting at the end of the room and then yes, I couldn’t say a word because there was my husband Des and fellow trustees, Janet and Peter Wastall, they had arrived the previous day and had been kept hidden from me.



The most heart-warming part of the occasion was that when I left the Council Chamber outside the door were many members of the Myosotis family; youngsters and their parents from Casa Esme, volunteers, staff and friends. All this had been organised without my having any inkling at all..... surprise, surprise. The evening was followed by a small party organised by the Council giving me a chance to thank everyone and catch up with Des.

Later in May I also attended the Royal Garden Party in Bucharest with a number of our Young Volunteers. There I met the retiring British Ambassador who said " Oh hello Carol I was invited to attend your honour celebration by the Mayor of Barlad but at the time was in the UK' (yet another surprise).



Now being an Honorary Citizen of Barlad the talks between the Mayor and Councillors began in earnest and there were many meetings before we were able to agree a way forward but we did agree in the end and...

Joint Project to create an Out of Hours Emergency Treatment Centre and Women and Babies Facility



As in the UK but worse, Romania struggles to provide a general practice service and hospital A& E departments are overwhelmed, particularly at night. The Government has introduced a system of Centres de Permanence which run by a team, of off-duty gp's provide from 4pm-8am emergency care. In Barlad no suitable premises had been found to set this up and so I suggested using the Myosotis Health Centre which was not being used to capacity following the closure of the Family Planning and Gynaecology clinic. The

closure had been due to a change in legislation taking the small payment we had received from the State away. The local hospital was then going to provide an alternative family planning service but never did. Eventually, agreement was reached that the Council would finance various repairs that the building required and Myosotis would enter a free lease for the Out of Hours service for a three- year period. At the same time, certain accommodation in the Health Centre would remain designated for Myosotis use as a Women's and Baby facility. Here we will undertake health education, family planning, ante and post-natal care, the provision of breast prosthesis, and routine health checks.

Currently the Centre has had a new flat roof, new tiles in the gynae room, linoleum, hand basins etc. In the Spring, a new external ramp for disabled use will be replaced. Mihai and Monica our accountant have had to give up their rooms and now have a shared office in, what was my bedroom, which is in the adjoining flat behind the Health Centre.

The plan is that in the Spring the Centre will be re-named and will be open 24 hours a day. 5pm-8am Out of Hours G.P. lead emergency health care and 9am-4pm Women and Baby services. The cost of the Out of Hours service will be met by the Government and the Women's Services shared between the local Council and Myosotis.

Various health documents detail that Romania has the highest neo-natal death rate in the whole of the EU as well as maternal mortality rates. Anaemia is a big problem in women of all ages leading to poor health outcomes. It is my hope that our program can offer blood tests and related supplements for iron deficiency and with careful monitoring hope to see an improvement in the outcomes of pregnancies among our clients. This is a very basic idea that I have but maybe it will help us provide some benefit. It will be essential to work in close co-operation with local doctors and obstetricians.

The late Dr Ruth Price-Williams who was a trustee and my g.p donated the money to buy the flat that we developed as the Health Centre and I am sure she would be pleased to see her legacy take this form.



Some years ago, Mihai and Loredana, who is head of Casa Esme, visited me in my home in Cemmaes and we had a number of discussions about the future direction of Asociatia Myosotis Romania. A challenge I set was that by 2020 Romania should be able to cover most of the cost of the Casa Esme School.

The school was formed as a result of the work Myosotis had done in Barlad's psychiatric hospital particularly with children. An initial Half-Way-House had been established in my flat where with a teacher and volunteers, children were transported daily from the hospital for play and social training and education. Later -on children were no longer kept in the psychiatric hospital and instead went to St Nicholas' Children's Hospital in Barlad where we established another play room as we had done previously in the psychiatric hospital, run by trained staff and volunteers.



It became apparent that in due course the children could return to their families and would need to continue receiving educational input to help a number of them to reach their potential to enter main schooling. At this time, many children with learning difficulties did not have their own families looking after them and one of the huge benefits that the EU brought to Romania was that to gain entry to the EU Romania had to reduce the number of children in placement centres and establish foster care as an alternative.

I have observed foster parents being the most devoted of carers and truly loving the children in their care.

I found a suitable house for sale and thanks to an anonymous donor the money was given to purchase the property. We then had to find a similar sum to renovate the property which had underground cellars we found constantly filled with water causing difficulties. Eventually, the renovations were made and with Helen Boardman's help, who worked for RAKE and Myosotis, we were ready to open our school for children with learning difficulties aged 4-11. Some years later we were able to buy a derelict house next door and after knocking it down we added a garden to the original Casa Esme site.



Most of the time we have about 60 children attending over the week, split into groups according to their ability. There is always a waiting list of children waiting to enter the program. We aim to assist the children and their families to develop their potential and hopefully then to be integrated into normal school. This is a problem and it would be wonderful if in time we could create a further school for children over the age of 11.

We still have a number of adolescents who come weekly to a club created for them and run by staff and volunteers. Some of these young men are very tall and strong. A facility is needed to provide a Day Centre for them and others in the community who need on-going activities



Two years ago, a Parent's Association was created and now the mothers make small craft items to sell for fund-raising and also recently organised a Christmas activity for the children. When parents can make a financial contribution to the school they do so. Dr. Christina Tiron who is head of the disability commission and has become a "friend" to both Casa Esme and The House of Roses



recently organised a day trip for mothers to visit a local monastery and have lunch. Slowly the local community can be seen to support our activities.

The Government provided AMR with some funding over a four -year period but two years ago it ceased and the local Council provided a third of the costs. This year we have again applied for funds from the Government and we are waiting to see the outcome. I believe that the Casa Esme school should be funded by Romanian finances as it is a much needed and highly commended service. Whether we will reach our target for self-sustainability by 2020 remains to be seen.

Currently the premises desperately need a new roof and a local funding initiative will be launched in 2019.

Keeping our excellent staff when pay is higher in the State system is a difficulty and this year we made a much-needed pay increase but still below that in the State system for the same qualified posts.

This summer I was unable to attend the annual summer camp and the day before the camp was due to start Mihai found that despite assurances of availability our usual camp site could not be used. In Romania, there is a specific commission who looks after woodland and having used a site in Barlad for a summer activity earlier in the year we were allowed to set up the camp there. Being closer to Barlad cut down on transport costs and it proved a great success. We had cut the camp from three weeks to two but managed to get the children from Baltateni village, Casa Esme and guides and scouts involved. As of course the Young Volunteers who run the camp. Crestin NGO donated the money to cover all the camp's costs which was a marvellous gift.



The Young Volunteers aged 14-19 continue to provide amazing service assisting in supporting Casa Esme, The House of Roses, Scouts and Guides and the Saturday morning project run for village children in Baltateni. Throughout the year they are involved in various initiatives raising awareness in the community and we are now enrolling our third Duke of Edinburgh intake. So far, we have completed the bronze award but hope to now progress to silver. One of the volunteers who is now attending university in Iasi and comes from Baltateni village helps Mihai on a weekend to run the volunteers.



Bishop Ignatie of Husi who was appointed a year ago speaks English and has had postings abroad. He is a breath of fresh air in the local Orthodox Church and I am delighted to say we are working in partnership. He wants his ministry to be in the service of the poor and the Young Volunteers have started the first Sunday School in Barlad attached to St Mina's Church. I very much hope that in the future we can work jointly for the benefit of those most in need of supportive services.

On my first visit to Barlad in 1995 I met Dr Adriana Tunaru who worked as a doctor for families connected to the railway company. Adriana lived with her elderly parents and is a very quietly spoken person. She had done something quite extraordinary in spending her free time working to help the local gypsy community.

In Barlad town centre where there was a building constructed in the Communist era as a block of flats with few windows with glass, no proper electricity supply or water and no sanitary facilities. People went to the toilet in the corner of corridors and then the soil was dumped out of a window forming a large heap outside.

In many ways, it was a no-go area and whilst it was known that TB was a problem sanitary officials didn't make visits because of fear of violence.

Adriana had started a health service in a nearby room in another block of flats for people wanting to come to receive health care. She also rented a room where children came to learn the bible and sing. Her heart was for the gypsy children who, with gypsies the world over, were ostracised by the local community.

I visited the ghetto as it was named and was appalled at the conditions families were living in. It appeared that the local council were not interested in sorting out the problems even though families living there paid some minimal rent for their room.

Like Dr Tunaru I felt that whilst the gypsy community did often steal, the children had no choice as to their parents and felt I wanted to do something to help. In time Myosotis rented a room and started a daily nurse led clinic for the residents. We also employed a social worker to encourage the families to clean the building and arranged for the local council to remove the waste on a regular basis.

I started a Saturday club in my flat that I rented and a number of gypsy boys came on a Saturday morning for lessons, television, breakfast and conversation. I sometimes meet them still in the town now with children of their own.

In time, we had to stop our activities when the social worker left and it was discovered that in order to get them to co-operate she had promised that I would provide them with a sum of money. Upon finding she had left and that I wasn't giving out money a few people made threats to me. I should say that the Social worker had come from Russian Moldova and it was later learnt was trying to keep ahead of the mafia from whom she had borrowed money. We can all do things we wouldn't think possible if the circumstances are very bad and she was trying to protect her two daughters. I am still in touch with her and after working abroad has now returned to Russian Moldova.



In time, I had discovered that out of all the many families we worked with only three were prepared to cooperate with us in a meaningful way to change their lives. In time Myosotis built them basic village houses and now they are mainly independent and doing well. I have learnt that it takes many years to change lives in a meaningful way, a great deal of input and money too. However, the value of seeing a family of 14 people have jobs, a nice homes and reasonable futures is well worth the effort. Imagine 14 people living all together in one room.

A few supporters of Myosotis have sponsored the families and still do so for one who has an alcoholic partner, both of them being abandoned and brought up in orphanages, three young children, suffers from thyroid problems but is the most loving of mothers. It will be some years still before she can gain total independence but she does her best to help herself; picking and selling wild flowers in the town, when the season is right.

Now the ghetto has been renovated and the new families are living in good conditions whilst another housing development has been created for the gypsy families.



Dr Tunaru's parents have since died and after creating a flat for a few of the gypsy children to live in under her care they have now grown up and left Romania. Adriana runs an NGO "The Queen's Heart" and she still works with Crestin NGO to help the poor.

When Linda and Mike Barnes asked me to help them find a home for some of the young people they had previously housed in their project "Casa Linda", after its closure, I very much wanted to assist. However, the other trustees were reluctant to become involved as they felt that financially The Myosotis Trust couldn't commit to the necessary funding that would be required. I asked various people to support the idea but with no success. After I had a number of meetings with Linda and Mike the trustees invited them to a meeting and it was agreed that with financial support from RAKE (the NGO) run by them, Myosotis would try to create a home for some of the young people who were then living in a horrible State Institution.

Linda and Mike provided their personal money to buy a small house in Barlad and after various renovations, the employment of staff and a commitment from the local AMR team five young people left the Camine to come and live as a family at The House of Roses.



It had been my intention to try and build a home that would take some young people who would need future accommodation and had attended Casa Esme and an offer had been made to me by a person who wanted Myosotis to look after their daughter and grandson, of a house in Barlad.

After a few years of discussion, the offer was found to be invalid as the property was part-owned by another person. At this time, I think, Linda and Mike began to feel that I was not trying to either purchase the existing house from them or build another property. They are still providing the main source of finance for the home. What is in my mind is not easy for others to either believe in or see possible.

My intention is to build a home suitable for a maximum of 10 residents incorporating facilities they will need as they grow older, as I expect this to be their life-time home. Barlad Council have promised me a plot of land when they initiate a new housing development in an area of Barlad, fairly near the existing House of Roses.



Fr Simon Evans, who is a patron of the charity has with great patience listened to my vision and currently I am in contact with an architect who has had experience in building hospices in Romania. Firstly, I need some idea of the likely costs associated with the project before I can put together a funding plan. I believe that it is possible to build a home that meets the standards set up by Romanian legislation for a home for persons with disability. I believe I can raise the money for the project and I believe there are people who can share in my vision.

I would like to be able to return the current property to Linda and Mike Barnes for them to regain their money and create at the same time a sympathetic home for our wonderful Myosotis Family.

Yesterday, was Christmas Day and I drove to Morriston hospital in Swansea to visit my husband Des who is still there following his heart attack, Des is Father Christmas for Machynlleth Rotary, a seasonal joy to him and his sleigh rides had come to a sudden stop. An e-mail had come from the hospital for me showing Des, in full Fr Christmas costume with the nurses on his ward showing he was still on duty. Twenty years ago, he had been Fr Christmas in Barlad's psychiatric hospital; some things don't change. My son lives in Texas and so I spent this one solo with my 18-year-old dog Emily.

Gordon Miles is a very accomplished artist living near Machynlleth and with his partner Sue visited Romania a year ago while Sue was volunteering at Casa Esme as a speech therapist. Subsequently they travelled with Mihai to look at the UNESCO sites; Painted Monasteries of Moldova. Subsequently, for the last year he has been working on eight paintings which he wishes to donate to Myosotis in order to raise funds. They are absolutely beautiful and in due course I will fund the printing of limited edition prints and other items to sell to raise funds.

I hope that maybe Lord Richard Chartres, who is a patron of the charity, may also be interested in seeing them.

I want to make it clear that no money is taken from Myosotis donations for any running costs of the charity, be it printing, postage, transport or other items. The shop in Machynlleth is also funded by myself from the proceeds of the sale of my home in Ruislip when I moved to Wales.

The shop is run by volunteers; Des being there most days and then Pam, Bell, Ceri, Hilda and Malcom. I do the orders and book keeping. We are supported by wonderful ladies who knit for us as well as provide other donations. With the hope of starting the new mother and baby clinic I have a stock of beautifully knitted baby items as well as hot water bottles and covers for the elderly.



Transporting items to Romania remains a problem since we ceased owning our own transport vehicle. Smallish items can go by courier service but sometimes we have been given very good items of furniture that we have been able to use for our projects. Des is looking into buying another vehicle in order to continue transporting items to Romania but currently we are debating whether or not to pursue this idea.

As this is my personal message; what about me? I'm now 73 years old, have some health problems but like a rubber ball bounce up and down. I hope to remain able to lead Myosotis until Mihai can take over. He needs to fulfil the role of Director and visionary. Currently he has a good team working with him, namely being Loredana, Head of Disability Services and Monica our Financial Director as well as Garofita Nursing Services.

I still have a few more projects I want to see come to life; The Work Shop for Disabled and Able -Bodied People specialising in Romanian Cultural designs. A Visitors/Volunteers Centre to accommodate people wishing to volunteer in the projects for a period of time and a place for the Young volunteers call home. Maybe even our own Camp Site for a activities connected to Guides and Scouts.

Nothing Myosotis has achieved has been done without the support of those people who have donated money, items and time. Currently RAKE, Crestin, both UK NGO's contribute financially to the work of Myosotis. St Martin's church Ruislip make a monthly substantial financial contribution which allows us to plan ahead. Trying to work without a reliable income is not easy and proper planning requires a knowledge of what your financial base is. We have a number of people who commit to a monthly donation and I will for ever be grateful for their commitment.

George Guest's Travel Group donated £500 in 2019 as in previous year.

It is now 29th December and Des had his angiogram yesterday and the results seem to show the need for a triple by-pass and valve replacement; knowing more later today. My sixteen years -old grandson, Paddy came to stay with me yesterday which is nice as he is 6'4' and will be able to help me tidy our garage storage that is full of boxes containing items waiting to go out to Romania. Morrision hospital, where Des is takes me about hour and a half to drive to so as his daughters are visiting him today from London Paddy and I will drive down tomorrow.

I have seen so many positive things come from the work Myosotis has done in Romania and I dare to hope that the model that has been created is a template for other charities to follow. We don't always get things right but we do try to be honest, follow Romanian legislation even when it makes little sense, comply with Charity Commission requirements and welcome those who need our help.

The motto for Myosotis is "Love in Action" and the logo is the Forget-Me-Not flower, with a little knot tied in the stem; these plants take time to flower but once in place are hard to get rid of.

It is now 8th January and I have returned from visiting Morrision Hospital, Swansea having visited Des and he has been booked for his operation on Tuesday 15th January. Will he have an animal valve or a synthetic one? There are pros and cons for both but probably in Romania you wouldn't be given the choice.

Yesterday I skyped Mihai and spent nearly two hours talking about various issues. Our application for funding for Casa Esme has again been turned down and the reasons are illogical. Mihai now has to wait to see whether the Council in Barlad will give us a grant for the school to continue. I must follow up on this situation once I have some more time as it is quite unsatisfactory. I did do this before and it didn't make any difference. I don't know enough about the funding mechanism of local Councils and their responsibility to ensure adequate services are in place for their local population.

The Sunday School performed a small nativity at the church service on Christmas Day and it proved very successful. Mihai wants to improve on it next year and to my delight now wants to make it an important part of Myosotis Christmas. I have always been a devotee of nativities and think of St Francis and also Walsingham tradition.



I've just completed rather late in the day the annual report for the Charity Commission and am indebted to David Green and the staff of Gower's Accountants for their superb service. The accounts and report are due at the end of January.

Time has moved on and it is now 1st February and Des had his operation but not a replacement valve which will be monitored on an on-going basis. We came back to Cemmaes 12 days after the operation and I promptly caught a cold and now have my usual chest problems. Snow and ice and very cold temperatures. I've changed my name to Miss Florence and am doing my best to provide suitable meals for a weight loss program for Des as well as a recovery diet, provide medication on time and keep literally the home-fires burning!

Upon my return, I had some savings boxes to open and count that had been brought into the shop which is good as last month's finances were on the lower side. We used to get various unexpected donations at Christmas time but sadly no more. However,

in memory of their son Gareth, who died some years ago at a young age, his parents made a £50 donation and plan to organize a sponsored swim for the charity as a contribution to Casa Esme. It is heart- warming that they still remember the charity.

The management team in Barlad are today 1st February organizing a staff training day which will cover health and safety, introduce new staff appraisal forms, and team-building activities. Soon Roy Porteous, an old friend of Myosotis who used to teach Silat martial art to the volunteers will be making a visit with his partner Kari and do some team- building work with the staff.

Peter Wastall will visit very soon and be in Barlad for Razvan's memorial service at the cemetery followed by a meal at The House of Roses which is the Orthodox custom after a year of passing. The "Family" will act as hosts and some of the Young Volunteers will attend also. Father Justin will conduct the service and be at The House of Roses too.

The Town Hall has started their funding of Casa Esme picking up the contribution from the 1st January 2019 with an increase of £3000 to cover wage increases occurring over the last year and this new one. Fund raising for Casa Esme will also be part of the Staff training Day as involvement by the staff is necessary to raise the needed Romanian income. This is a difficult culture change from a Communist past.

Work will re-commence on the Health Centre's refurbishment when the snow has now cleared and the floors dried out ready for new linoleum. I suspect it will not be ready before March at the earliest. I am trying to obtain a quote from a UK charity who has supplied drugs to the Health Centre in the past at low cost but the papers they required to confirm the doctor's certification expired in February and new ones were required with translations and so I hope these will be available soon. I need to find out how much a draft budget will be for contraceptive expenses for the year including pregnancy tests, necessary medication for infections, iron deficiency etc.

I hope to buy a machine to test blood for hemoglobin levels in particular as part of the ante- natal clinics work and realize that it isn't only the cost of the machine but the on-going test reagents that one needs to buy for each test. Mihai has found one company where the machine costs £3000 without any tests and so I need to do a lot more work on this. Currently, I think we can only afford to do a very limited range of blood testing as we need to be able to follow up on any necessary treatment such as iron supplements if the test results show anemia. So, if we can get this program off the ground on-going funding will be a requirement and maybe sponsorship might be the answer. Perhaps sponsoring a woman to receive good ante-natal care for a specific period of time with post-natal follow-up. Do you have any thoughts on this?

There is an exciting year ahead of us with much to do and currently I have to be at home being nurse and also having some health interventions myself. There are various visitors going to Barlad in the coming months and I hope to be in close contact with them. All going well I hope to be back in Barlad in April/May for an extended stay.

I hope this will give you a feel for the work Myosotis it is undertaking in Romania and that you may feel encouraged to support our projects.

It is now 27th February and next week Des goes to see the consultant in Swansea, seven weeks after his heart surgery. I have been re-named "Florence" and have been car-driver, cook etc. Des has done very well and we hope that after next week he'll be able to drive again and gradually return to normal duties.

All has continued with the charity and the ladies in the shop have kept everything working well. Peter Wastall made a visit to Romania recently and Mihai and I have continued our weekly Skype sessions. Maureen Tinsey and Deborah Nicholes will go in Romania in May.

So, in this time since the newsletter started being written and events in my personal life took priority the work of Myosotis has not been affected which shows how far we have come. The State Allowance for Casa Esme was again refused and the Town Hall has continued its replacement funding but with some issues to be resolved. Currently we have children who attend Casa Esme from areas other than Barlad and now the Council wants to only cover children from Barlad. This is a new issue for us which needs to be resolved. The modifications and repairs to the Health Centre are in their final stages, the roof repaired, new flooring, hand-basins, tiling in the gynae. room, re-painting etc. A new ramp for out-doors will be made once the weather improves. I now need to assess the medical supplies we need to re-start the woman's service and place an order in the UK for supplies.

At the House of Roses the budget for last year was exceeded by about £5000, mainly due to increased staff salaries and that deficit needs to be covered by either RAKE, Myosotis or a combination of the two. Peter Wastall is trying to resolve this issue. Crestin UK NGO has made a donation towards the salaries at Casa Esme which will be a great help and also donated £1000 towards the camp in 2020. Huge thanks Crestin.

St Martin's church in Ruislip, Middx. are going to make The Myosotis Trust the charity for Lent and new leaflets have been produced for that in Romania and sent over via Peter.

Gordon Miles has finished producing the prints from his paintings and now I need to try and plan the way forward on using these for fund-raising for our hopeful new home.

Mihai is working on budgets for the new financial year 2019/20 and I am finishing off this newsletter. It took longer than intended!

I know I have to have cataract surgery soon and that is to be followed by an operation on my left arm and wrist which the surgeon has told me will be in bandage and plaster for three months. I hope that I can still get to Romania for a month or so during this time and that Des will be well enough to look after himself.

There is so much to do this year and I am very hopeful that in Romania the development and ability of the Romanian Myosotis will continue to progress under Mihai, Lori, Monica, Garofita and the other staff. Some members of the local community are also supportive including local press and TV.

Please try and give financially to Myosotis if you possibly can and enable us to continue our valuable work. Remember all the money you give goes to the work of Myosotis. Our accounts are available for anyone to view either directly from me or through the Charity Commission. Diane Wright, Gareth's mother from Tywyn has raised £520 from her sponsored swim.

Thank you for your prayers, donations and good thoughts.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2018

INCOME IN UK: **£78,889**

INCOME IN ROMANIA

Donations from UK: **£67,189.80**

State Funding from Romania: **£21,925.48**

Fundraising in Romania: **£6,126.21**

Individual Donations: **£4,175.95**



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