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Dear Friends

It is now almost a year since we first witnessed the rapid spread of a novel coronavirus commonly known as Covid19. The impact of Covid19 and subsequent restrictions have brought about changes to the way we live and go about our daily business. Inevitably, the restrictions also affected LLMF fundraisers who had planned different events during 2020. One fundraiser did however manage to arrange a one-day 'Covid secure' cycle ride with his group during the brief respite between 'lockdowns'.

Like the whole world, we are hoping that the vaccination programme will enable everyone to get back to some kind of normal activity. In the meanwhile the LLMF committee has continued to meet, albeit virtually, so that we can maintain support for haematology patients cared for by Swansea Bay University Health Board. We were also able to hold a virtual AGM in July.

February marks the end of our financial reporting year so it is timely to provide a short update on LLMF activities. LLMF's accounts remain at a satisfactory level and we have been able to purchase items requested for the haematology unit at Singleton. You may remember that the haematology ward in Singleton was closed for a while for refurbishment last year. When patients and staff finally returned to their usual space LLMF was able to provide various sundry items as requested by the staff. This is comfortably within our budget as we do not currently have any large, ongoing projects to fund, and we are of course truly fortunate that we still receive donations from families whose relatives received care at the haematology unit and at home from the community team.

Unsurprisingly, we have fewer news items to report right now so there will be correspondingly fewer postings on social media. We are still here though, in a Covid-subdued fashion. We aim to hold a face-to-face AGM in the summer but accept that this year may still be restricted. All we can say for now is "watch this space" for news.

Keep safe, keep sane and keep healthy in these strange times. We hope to see you soon and well on the other side of this.

Best wishes

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