



Welcome to our new readers. It is always good to have new readers signing up. Please feel free to contribute and be part of the newsletter. More readers who go back as far as The Roulettes! There are quite a lot of us...and we have been there all this time!

There is news about the CD. And please have a look at the links for Kelly Turner. If you are able to make a small contribution, that would be brilliant.

Sue

## THIS MONTH

**Russ:** *"Well, June wasn't very June - like in East Herts - we had a lot of rain, at times it was quite Autumnal, however, I don't feel so bad going into the studio when the weather's winter-like, mind you, there's nowhere else I prefer, than working on music in my 'Garden Shed'.*

*There's so much about Summer I love but, I think most of all, it's the early sunrise....More often than not, I wake up after three to four hours sleep and very seldom go back to sleep - usually, I get dressed and either go in to the studio or I'll run for forty minutes. I particularly enjoy running on those early Summer mornings....Where I live I'm surrounded by hundreds of acres of fields, bridlepaths and footpaths....At five o'clock in a Summer morning I often see Foxes, Hare and Deer, large and small, that's one of the gifts of the early Summer morning...*

*In early June I had a meeting with my Publisher, BMG Rights. They told me of an Artist/Writer they'd recently signed, Beck Goldsmith. They sent a recording she's made of 'I Vow To Thee My Country' The recording was used as the theme tune to a TV series called 'The Village'. After a few mails, Beck drove from her home near Nottingham to my house in East Hertfordshire. After tea and a chat we decided to write - Beck on acoustic guitar and me on the piano. We did write a song, which I've recently finished recording and mixing.....Beck is very good with lyrics and it was an inspiring day...I'll keep you updated on what happens with the song.*

*Of course we had the European Football Championships, which was quite an anti-climax - [if you're English]...My good Friend Peter Ross phoned and asked if I'd like to see Burt Bacharach at the London Palladium. I said 'Yes' and suggested we have a meal before the show. We decided to meet in Soho at the 'Little Italy' Restaurant. As luck would have it, that Saturday, 25th July, was Gay Pride*

*Day and it took me 20 minutes to walk the 75 meters from Soho SQ. to Little Italy in Frith Street. After our pasta we walked to The Palladium. In the bar we met a couple of friends, Anne Street & Amanda who had tickets in the circle. I thought the BB show was very uplifting. His songs have been a part of our lives for many years. In my case it's been since, 'Magic Moments'/'Catch a falling Star'. Even though I was heavily in to Rock music, I still loved a good Gentle song, if it was a good one and Perry Como did a good job of both songs. Around about that time I also played Nat King Coles, 'When I Fall in Love' until the hole in the middle of my Brother's 78 record was the size of an old penny. Strange though Burt decided to leave those songs out of the repertoire, Oh well! We still had 'Walk On By', - 'Wishing and Hoping', - 'Anyone Who Had A Heart' - 'I Say A Little Prayer', - 'Alfie', - 'Make It Easy On Yourself' - Oh so many and BB had a few guest Artists to sing them, Marc Almond, Rick Astley and Rumer.....There were about forty people on stage, Orchestra and Singers.....A good, relaxing concert, which is not what I'm used to. I usually still go for loud and exciting.*

*Talking of Loud and exciting, Sada Vidoo came over from Copenhagen to record with Christian and she was here for a week...it's always fun when she's here, she's a real music enthusiast and great company...I also wrote and recorded a couple of new tunes, which I'll include on my new CD....."*

Beck Goldsmith - I Vow To Thee My Country

<https://youtu.be/1attmFPd0VA>

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*"Keep an open mind - "A parachute is better when it's open" - Confucius said, - "The branch that doesn't bend, breaks"*

*I'll keep a diary and read out the interesting bits next month.*

*Have a brilliant Summer.....I hope your holidays are full of sun.*

Love,  
Russ"

## CD - IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE

The CD with the extra tracks will be available soon but it is not ready quite yet. If you have been having problems with PayPal on the UMU website, they are not taking payments yet. Hopefully, when the CD is available, the PayPal problems will be solved.

## QUICK QUESTIONS

What sort of child were you?

Russ: *"Looking back, although I didn't know it at the time, I think I was Hyper-Active - Extrovert, then, curiously, introvert."*

What law would you change?

Russ: *"There's a few laws I'd change. My first thought, when I saw the question, was to stop animals being shipped hundreds of miles by truck, they're packed together and distressed before being killed."*

What is your most treasured possession?

Russ: *"My Family"*

What is your guilty pleasure?

Russ: *"Truffles"*

What did you have for breakfast today?

Russ: *"Mashed potato and beans"*

## KELLY PATRICIA TURNER

Kelly is the 16 year old daughter of newsletter subscriber, Martin. Martin is a radio presenter, who plays Russ's tracks on his radio programmes. Last October Kelly was diagnosed with a rare cancer. She has had nine rounds of chemotherapy but now needs surgery that is not available in the UK. Without the surgery, Kelly has been given two years. Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in NY are able to do the surgery, immunotherapy and radiotherapy. The Turner family is putting everything they can into raising the £1m needed but this is obviously a huge task and they need all the help they can get. Here is the link for their Just Giving page.

<https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/kelly-turner>

Kelly is a talented artist. You can see her art and read her story on her website.

<http://kellyturnerart.com/>

Here is Kelly giving her story on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/0tOyk1k4d8g>

See attachments for Kelly's poster designed by herself.

## RECORDED BY OTHERS

I usually try to find some more unusual tracks to add here, but here is one of the big ones...Colin Blunstone with his solo band. I Don't Believe In Miracles

<https://youtu.be/6jttvGtc0Mo>

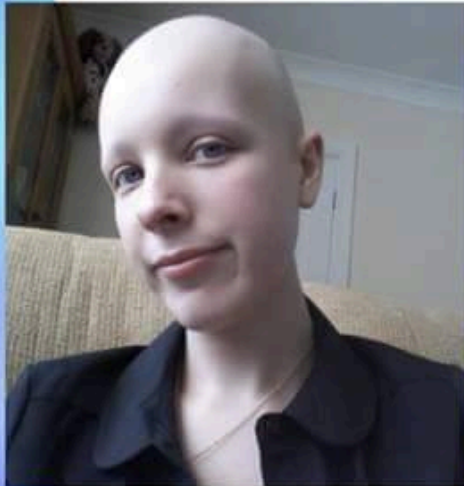
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# PLEASE HELP



## KELLY TURNER



Hi, my name is Kelly Patricia Turner and I'm 16 years old. I have a rare type of cancer called DSRCT. I was diagnosed at the William Harvey in October 2015 and I have been battling with 9 rounds of high dose chemotherapy and more chemo. Not only have I been suffering with the symptoms, I have been told I have 2 years to live.

### **BUT YOU CAN HELP!!!**

There is an option of me being able to have treatment in the USA. The UK will not help me, but the USA will take me on board. If I cannot have this operation/treatment, then I will have no chance in life to be able to do anything. I will die when I'm 18. This treatment will cost 1 million pounds which my family simply don't have.

### **PLEASE DONATE IF YOU CAN!**



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