



CHOIR ACTIVITIES ON HOLD / SUMMER EVENTS - CANCELLED

As you will know, our weekly choir meeting is currently suspended because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Our last session was held on Monday 9th March 2020. However, the Committee is still able to communicate by email and is continuing to make plans for the year ahead.

The Spring concert of Mozart music due to take place on 16th May 2020 has had to be cancelled, and the Committee has been in touch with the external soloists and orchestra to cancel their bookings. They are self employed musicians and we understand that all their bookings for the next few months have been cancelled because of the pandemic, impacting on their means of income. We hope that they will benefit from the Government's rescue plan for the self employed.

The High Tea with Song planned for Monday 22nd June 2020 has also been cancelled.

Thank you to all those choir members who returned their four pieces of music by Mozart to David's house on 23 March. For those who were away or unable to return their music on 23rd, the Librarians will be in touch with you individually about this. It is important that ALL your music is returned to the Librarian so that it can be returned to the Music Library in good time and not incur a fine!

Looking ahead, we hope that the choir will be able to start up again in early September. Watch this space! In the meantime, we hope that you all keep safe and well over the next few weeks.

AUTUMN 2020 - THE CHOIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Assuming that the Coronavirus restrictions have been lifted and the choir is able to meet again in September, the AGM will take place on **Monday 7th September 2020 at 7pm** at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road. The agenda and other AGM papers will be sent to paid up members in due course.

All the Committee positions of Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Concert Secretary, Librarian, Assistant Librarian & Wardrobe Mistress will become vacant at the AGM. Some of the existing post holders may decide to stand for re-election, but it is open to all other choir members to stand as well. We encourage any singer to offer to help and stand as a Committee member.

After the AGM, we will begin rehearsals for the Autumn Concert on Saturday 7th November 2020.



CHOIR MEMBERSHIP

We have lost a few choir members over the last year and are keen to try and rebuild our numbers so that we have enough singers in each voice section. If you know someone who is interested in choral music, please encourage them to come along and give us a try. No auditions required, just the ability to hold a tune! Some experience of reading music would be helpful, but not essential. Newcomers will also have 3-4 weeks to try us out before we ask for subscriptions! At the moment, we are especially keen to recruit a few more tenors and sopranos.

CONCERTS FOR 2020-21

Our programme of concerts for 2020-21 includes some lovely music so please put the following dates in your diaries:-

Autumn Concert - Saturday 7th November 2020

Gounod - St Cecilia Mass and Beethoven Mass in C.

PPG - Margaret Bonney, David Toseland, Lavinia Venable and Julia Wormleighton. Workshop - date to be arranged.

Remembrance Day Service, Victoria Park - Sunday 8th November 2020

The choir is planning to take part again in the annual Service of Remembrance.

Christmas Concert - Saturday 19th December 2020

Theme - Carols, and Choruses from the Messiah.

PPG - David Boulter, Sandra Brits, Jane Gurman and Sue Mitchell.

Workshop - date to be arranged.

Spring Concert - Saturday 8th May 2021

PPG - the Committee. Workshop - date to be arranged.

Bob Chilcott Singing Day - Saturday 29th May 2021

A Singing Day led by Bob Chilcott has now been arranged for 29 May 2021. He is a British choral composer, conductor and singer; and was a member of the King's Singers from 1985 to 1997, singing tenor. It should be a very interesting and enjoyable day. It will be advertised and is open to both choir members and others who enjoy singing. We have booked St John The Baptist church, a suitable venue, in the Clarendon Park area. Please put the date in your diary and come along!

Autumn Concert - Saturday 13th November 2020

PPG - to be arranged.

Attending rehearsals and singing in the concert

We encourage singers to attend each rehearsal to learn the music and the interpretation. It is important to attend rehearsals regularly. If you miss too many rehearsals, you may feel that you should not sing in the concert. We are also keen that all members sing in concerts, unless they are unable to due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances.

Contacts

If you need to contact the choir Secretary, Julie Slawson, please email her at:

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Forthcoming concert dates

2020: 07/11/2020, 19/12/2020

2021: 08/05/2021, 29/05/2021 Bob Chilcott Singing Day, 13/11/2021, 18/12/2021

2022: 07/05/2022