

Calne Choral Newsletter No 1 - 2020

Friends

These are difficult and troubling times and I hope you, your families and those you care for remain healthy and safe.

Being realistic, our choir cannot expect to meet in our normal way before mid-July, when our singing year ends. Our age structure, venue problems and understandable reluctance to gather as we did will be factors for us, almost regardless of any Government plans.

We are being positive about planning to return in September. How we do that is still open, but we have to commit at some point, even if not to full scale because some are unhappy to do so. It is too soon to say how that happens, as easing from lockdown is still in early days. If it goes wrong, we could all be back in lockdown!

Understandably, the question of subscriptions is coming up, particularly from those paying by monthly standing order. Your Committee has looked at this and whilst we cannot prevent your stopping it if that is how you feel, nor would we want to, there are options. Obviously, having cancelled the expensive Brahms concert and not having incurred other normal standing costs, our bank balance is strong, even planning for the Brahms concert moving to 2021. As a result, the Committee expects to give a substantial discount on next year's fees to all those fully paid up this year. We feel this is the fairest way and will avoid untold confusion for our Treasurer. We hope you approve and support this approach.

If, as we hope, we're beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel, watch out for emails from your voice rep and look at the website for news on how we begin to return.

In the meantime, stay safe, let me know your thoughts via your voice rep and I look forward to something happening for us all in September.

David