



NEWSLETTER NO. 10

Letter from Liz

Dear Members,

At its last meeting, members of HCS Committee faced the stark reality of having to dissolve the Society at the next AGM in June because, despite numerous appeals, no one had come forward to take on the Officer roles of Chair or Vice Chair. It is a requirement of our Constitution and our Charity status that we have these positions filled. This was a decision that none of us wanted, we all feel that Hadleigh Choral Society is too precious just to die, but on the other hand we couldn't see how we could keep going with so little support from 'new blood'.

After much discussion two members of the existing committee agreed to step up to save the Society from closure. Louisa Symons has agreed to put herself forward to be considered for Chair, and Gill Riddle, for Vice Chair. Both these people have served on the Committee for over a decade in multiple positions and it is to their great credit that they are putting themselves forward once again to take on these responsibilities. We cannot thank them enough as they will literally 'Save the Society'. The positions will be voted on by the members at the AGM

However, it is not too late for others to consider putting themselves forward for these roles, and the Committee still needs new members to ensure that we have a vibrant and forward-looking Society to take us into the post-Covid era.

Serving on the Committee is not onerous if we have enough people, and is very rewarding.

Please, please think about this and your position in this Society. We are all in it to enjoy the wonderful fellowship of singing inspiring music together as a Choir, and we should all take some responsibility for ensuring the continuing health of our Society by doing what we can to support it.

With all best wishes,

Liz x

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Rehearsals

Jessica has been looking into the latest covid guidance and whilst sadly we are no longer able to have our Summer Concert, we are delighted to be able to report that from 17th May, we can have indoor rehearsals to wake up our voices and have some fun at last. These will be run along the lines of those we had before Christmas, using the following guidelines:

- no mixing
- maintaining 2 metre social distance
- cleaning surfaces often and frequent use of hand sanitiser
- wearing of masks
- increasing ventilation with open windows
- keeping a record of all attendees for Test and Trace
- sending away anyone with Covid symptoms

We are planning to run 6 rehearsals from Tuesday 18th May to Tuesday 22nd June inclusive (see below), for which we will make a small charge/donation to cover fees and hall rental etc.

AGM

We are postponing the AGM and now plan to hold it at the Ansell Centre on Tuesday 29th June.

With all of the above in mind, and also looking to the future, please could you respond to the following questions by this Friday, 19th March latest at:

helenrogerson@googlemail.com:

1. Whether or not you would like to attend rehearsals in May/June
2. Whether or not you will be likely to attend the AGM of 29th June
3. Whether or not you intend returning to full rehearsals in September (we need an indication of numbers to help with planning programme of music)

Hope you're all well and looking forward to some relaxation in the rules. Best wishes Helen