

Ipswich Hospital Community Choir

Monthly meetings to respond to Covid 19 changing advice

Points for discussion at the Zoom meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020

NC FH PR AV DI

IF sent apologies

- **Plans for Wednesday meetings – general feedback/ thoughts** The Zoom rehearsals present certain challenges – it is hard for NC to come up with material that is suitable for learning remotely. It is also difficult for him to gauge members' responses on line. One member has commented that the collective spirit is lost, however other messages have suggested that members value the fact that choir is continuing in this limited format. The committee considered whether we should ask members to pay subscriptions from September but it was decided that we can sustain the current provision until Christmas. There are twenty five regular members who participate in the Zoom sessions.
- **Consideration of outdoor section rehearsals (NC)** No amateur groups are allowed to meet under current regulations.
- **Update on those not attending on Wednesdays (section reps)**

AV has not had any response to her messages to sopranos.  
Some of the altos have been busy with work, one has left and one other has not yet made contact.  
Three tenors need to be contacted. **PR**  
One non-participating bass responded positively. One is still to be contacted. A past member will be contacted to be invited to rejoin. **IF**
- **Dates in August for a break/ Autumn term dates** Responding to a member's comment, the summer break will be extended to three weeks. Choir will resume on 9<sup>th</sup> September. A new schedule will be constructed for the Autumn term. The Halloween material will be rested as there is a year to go until the rearranged concert. It was decided that, once a month, there will be a different type of Zoom meeting such as a quiz to add variety. **NC/PR**  
The committee are happy for NC to claim payment from 2<sup>nd</sup> September for the preparation of the Autumn schedule and material. NC will be happy to accept requests from our back catalogue as warm up songs.
- **Virtual Music Day recordings** Our video and recording of When You Believe will be submitted to IAA for this event. **NC**
- **Member comment: The musical content is not uplifting or motivating.** This comment has since been withdrawn. Beautiful Ghosts has had very good feedback from the members. It is noted that The Streets Of Laredo was not a popular choice but it was easy to learn and part of the natural give and take of a collaboration with another organisation. Paul Buckley will be contacted to see if there is any possibility of the Americana material being performed in the future. **NC**

- **Jane's offer of a social event at her house.** The committee thank Jane for this offer but, tempting as it is to go ahead, it was felt that it was too early to do this and comply with the current lockdown rules. An email will be sent to Jane and then to the members to explain the decision. **FH**

**The next meeting will be held on 1st September.**