

Ipswich Hospital Community Choir

Monthly meetings to respond to Covid 19 changing advice

Minutes from the discussion at the Zoom meeting on 2nd September 2020

- **Minutes from 28th July 2020 –approval /action** The minutes were approved. One of the tenors, who has not yet attended the virtual choir meetings, will start in the Autumn term. One of the sopranos didn't like the Zoom format but will attend when we are allowed to meet in person. Another soprano is willing to attend but her shift work makes it difficult.
- **Autumn term schedule** NC presented the provisional Autumn term schedule which includes some new pieces, some of which may already be familiar to the members. The schedule will be reworked to include a monthly music quiz to vary the format and to introduce a more social element for the members. **NC**
- **Possible future plans considering recent advice sent by FH** There was a lot of discussion on this topic following the news that amateur music groups are allowed to meet for rehearsals:
 - NC confirmed that he would be willing to lead the choir for face to face rehearsals.
 - The venue will need to be contacted to find out if they would be happy for us to meet in our normal rehearsal space. If so, it would be useful to see the venue's risk assessment so that we can make sure that we comply with their rules and also to gain more information about their rules for ventilation / air conditioning. **IF**
 - The members will need to be consulted about their views. A survey, based on the Making Music format, will be put on the website to gather members' opinions on the possibility of resuming face to face rehearsals. The results will be considered at the next committee meeting. **PR**
 - A risk assessment will be completed using the advice from Making Music. **FH IF** The finished risk assessment will be published on the website for all of the members to see and to inspire confidence that due consideration has been given, by the committee, to safety for all. **PR** It will be the responsibility of the committee to ensure that members comply with the rules stated in the risk assessment. **COMMITTEE**
 - Shorter rehearsals, possibly without a break, will be the way forward at this time. These will be socially distanced – a standing plan, based on the concert seating plans, will be drawn up. **NC**
- **IAA feedback** PR attended the IAA meeting about the virtual Ipswich Music Day. Four hours of material has been submitted so far, including our When You Believe video. The committee felt that this has not been very widely advertised at the moment so we will ensure that the members know how to access the event. **PR**
- **AOB** IF reported that the finances are still healthy. We will advise Fiona Farrell that we will not be in a position to perform at the Christmas Shopping and Pamper Evening. **DI** We are still waiting to see if there is any way that we can contribute to the Hospice Remembrance Service.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm.