

## Ipswich Hospital Community Choir

### Minutes from the Zoom meeting on 1st December 2020

- **Minutes from 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 –approval /action** The minutes were approved.
- **Possible future plans considering recent advice** There is not enough change in the national restrictions to consider moving forward with anything other than online sessions at this time.
  - We will keep ideas for alternative venues in mind for further in to 2021. PR has already contacted St Peter's.
  - A possible plan for seating/timings etc will be prepared. **NC**
  - December 16<sup>th</sup> will be our last rehearsal of the year from 7pm – 8pm. This will include a Christmas repertoire and members will be encouraged to wear Christmas jumpers/ headgear and have a drink in hand.
  - Choir will restart on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021. A new schedule for the Spring term will be prepared. **NC**
- **Consider changing the Zoom format for meetings – sectional breakout chats?** FH reminded the committee of the importance of social interaction for the members. It was decided that during January we will offer an hours rehearsal with breakout chats from 7.25pm – 7.35pm. We will ask the members for feedback after these trial sessions.
- **Donated fees position** DI shared the results of this appeal. The committee are very grateful to those who were happy to donate their outstanding credits. The results will be circulated to the committee members. **DI**
- **Voluntary donation to MM** It was decided that we would renew our membership and take out the bronze level insurance, but we will not add a voluntary charity contribution. **DI/IF**
- **Christmas recordings/video/slideshow** NC has heard from MM regarding their Christmas recordings competition. Seventy eight entries were received and ours has not been chosen to be played on Classic FM. However, our recording of Once in Royal David's City will be shared on their social media channel.
  - PR has started to put the video to accompany Once in Royal together although he has experienced some problems. He will experiment with different effects. The most important feature of the recording is the soundtrack so he could cut some corners and we would still have a piece to be proud of. **PR**
  - IF has access to past photos of us performing which he will intersperse with Winter scenes as a backdrop to our recording of A Winter's Tale. This will be released on social media after Once in Royal David's City. **IF**
  - There was a disappointing response to the request to download recordings of A Winter's Tale. NC is happy to accept late entries up until the end of Friday. This will be communicated in the weekly update. **FH**

#### AOB

- The usual remembrance service for St Elizabeth's Hospice will be replaced this year by a streamed live service on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. We are not involved this year but we will keep in contact with the new organisers for next year. **FH**
- There is concern that the members who have chosen not to access the Zoom sessions may not return to face to face rehearsals. This issue will be included on the agenda for the next meeting. **DI**

**The next meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.45pm. NC to set up the meeting invite prior to the date.**