

CHEPSTOW CHORAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

June 2020



We hope our newsletter finds you all safe and well during this most extraordinary time in all of our lives. Three months have now passed since we last met up and we are all missing seeing each other and singing together. We know you will be keen to hear what our future plans might look like and the committee have had their first virtual "Zoom" meeting to discuss latest government guidelines and how they might affect us. There is still a lot of uncertainty so we can only make rough plans at present, which still may change, but we wanted to share our latest thinking. Rest assured, everything we do will be within government guidelines and we will put the health and safety of our members, patrons and supporters at the heart of all of our decisions.

Rehearsals:

The Leisure Centre have informed us that it is unlikely we will be able to use their facilities until **January 2021** under the current social distancing guidelines. Therefore we propose that this is our earliest possible start date (subject to government advice).

We are also exploring the option to try out some virtual rehearsals in the Autumn, possibly for some Christmas music. We are investigating this and will be in touch soon to get your views. Watch this space!

Concerts :

Assuming a January restart, our first concert would be in the Arts Hall in **March/April**. We would intend this to be a Patrons style event with familiar music as we get back to singing after the long break.

We would then plan to have our traditional Summer concert in **June/July** which is always popular with our supporters.

Graham will be in touch later to expand a little more on the possible programmes, but for those wondering, we are proposing to postpone the Mass in Blue until 2022. We feel this is the most sensible and flexible option while we are not certain when we can restart singing.

AGM :

We have decided to postpone the AGM due in October until we are together again and so is likely to be in **January**, assuming we have restarted our rehearsals.

Choir Subscriptions 2020/2021:

Given the time away from singing we have agreed we will ask for a reduced subscription next year, due once we reconvene in January.

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