

1) Present: Val Revely (Chair), Ian Murray (Librarian), Helen Edwards (Secretary), Judith Cole (Treasurer), Janet Lucas (Publicity Officer), Cathy Barnes (Choir Member), Colin Smith (Choir Member), Stephen Wroe (Musical Director), Janet Trewick (Accompanist).

2) Apologies: N/A

3) Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising.

- Ian will write a piece for NAC once we have our celebration concert (July 2021 probably).
- Judith gave Alan Smith the £50 donation for church choir music.
- Helen contacted new members and asked to complete GDPR form – one returned.
- Helen informed NAC NE group that she's the AS delegate.
- Helen replied to Witton Gilbert re Dec 2020 concert.
- Re AGM: Val sent Helen an M & S voucher as thanks for organising the email-based AGM.

4) Choir Restart.

- After a long discussion regarding this we decided to leave the autumn term dates in the diary - although we're not optimistic about being able to gather/sing any time soon.
- Stephen said Cornerstones is starting to open in a very limited way to a small number of groups, choirs won't fit the profile for permitted activities yet. The church is still not opening and assessments there were that social distancing requirements would limit congregations/audiences to around 30.

5) Rehearsal (Sept 2020 to May 2021) and Concert Dates

- The dates in for Sept-Dec will stand in case there is a change in government policy.
- Agreed a restart is more likely in January and rehearsal dates set as:

9 January (all day),
23 January,
6 February,

20 February,
6 March,
20 March,

10 April [Easter on 4 April],
24 April,
8 May – AGM plus rehearsal.

- Concerts: Amend the celebratory anniversary concert to be 26 June or 3 July 2021. Request 18 Dec 2021 as Christmas concert at the church.
- Helen to Contact Witton Gilbert Anglican church to see if they'd be interested in a summer 2021 concert as a concert at Christmas is unlikely.
- Helen to book with Cornerstones, contact WG and inform the choir members.

6) Members' Get-together

- Val gave a brief overview of how members are doing: most people are OK but fed up. Pat Johnson has been in hospital and thinks she will have to go back in. We all send her our best wishes.
- Jean Graham had been in touch to suggest a get together in her garden (or on the green outside her home as suggested by her neighbour). We discussed this at length but came to the sad conclusion that at the moment this wouldn't be practical given government

guidelines on meeting others (and practical considerations such as food, drink, toilet facilities, ...). However, we will keep it in mind for when guidelines change and the threat diminishes.

- Val will feedback to Jean on this.
- Further discussion led to the conclusion that the only option currently would be meeting via video link (Zoom, MS Teams or such like). We agreed to schedule this for 2pm on 5th September and for this just to be a catch-up/conversation session (this was scheduled as the start of our new term).
- Helen is to investigate Teams as there is a free version available with no limit on meeting length. Perhaps trial it with a couple of committee members to check out how easy it is to use as a participant. (Neil uses it and finds it very effective).
- If we decide against Teams and go with Zoom we will go for a paid account to allow unlimited length meetings. This would be paid monthly at £11.99+VAT.

7) Anniversary Meal.

- Judith has cancelled the meal with Whitworth Hall hotel.

8) Auditing of Accounts (2019/2020)

- Judith is taking the accounts to Derek Pringle on 30/07/2020 to have them reviewed/signed off.

9) AOB.

- It was agreed that subscriptions for 2020/2021 would be suspended for now and the position considered again in January 2021. There are currently no outgoings and there is a healthy bank balance.
- It was decided that, if government gives the green light for singing later in the year, we will consider whether we can carol sing at outside venues (TBD): to replace our usual concerts. We are unlikely to have time to rehearse for a concert programme and social distancing rules mean that numbers for inside venues is likely to remain very limited.

ACTIONS:

Helen to

- follow-up on GDPR form with new members
- book with Cornerstones for Jan-May rehearsal dates and potential summer/Christmas 2021 concert dates.
- Contact Witton Gilbert Anglican church and see if they'd be interested in Summer 2021 concert (if performances permitted by then).
- Set up MS Teams and trial its use.
- Send minutes (once approved) to all choir members.

Val to feedback to Jean G on her offer of a get-together at hers.

Next meeting: TBC