



October 2020 Newsletter

Dear choir member,

As I'm sure you'll have realised, we haven't got any very positive news to give you about singing again together in the short term, but that doesn't mean that we haven't given all possibilities a significant airing!

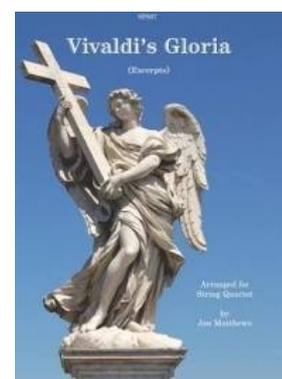
The Committee has met again this week, which was very sadly Karen's last meeting as Chairman, and we know that all of you, as well as us, will miss her wisdom, infectious smile, and impish sense of humour when we can get back to singing again.

We considered at length how it might be possible to organise some singing together, and/or offer Zoom sessions. Whilst we're aware that singing groups are now permitted under very strict regulations and conditions, we didn't feel that it would be possible for us. We're a large community choir, and even if we were able to find a suitable venue, numbers would have to be severely restricted because of self-distancing, pre-booking a place would be required on each occasion, and there definitely wouldn't be any opportunity to converse! We're fully aware how important singing is for everyone, but so is the social interaction, and the fun that we have both on Monday evenings, and when we arrange other activities, such as a quiz, or ramble, and this is what we felt that we couldn't currently offer. However, we will as soon as we can !!!

Jeff Stewart is kindly offering group sessions, and details are as follows:

"Aylesbury Choral are having Tuesday evening zoom rehearsals from 7:30 pm to 9 pm each week. We are using various pieces of music including the Vivaldi Gloria and some other well-known and well-loved pieces. You can get full details from Moira Dlugosz at Moira.membership@gmsil.com. We are not working towards a performance, just looking to enjoy some singing during these times. We are very happy for anyone from any choir to join in.

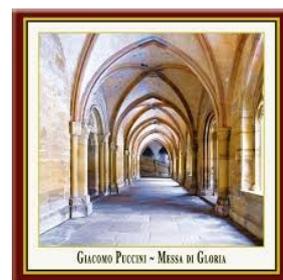
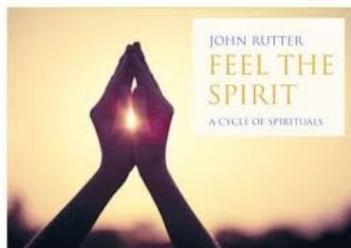
Also just a reminder that on Wednesday nights, at 7:30 pm, I am holding half our group Zoom lessons. Joining in is very easy.



Just let me know if you want to attend. You are not obliged to come every week. Everybody in the class is on mute, so you will only hear yourself and me.

We run through some exercises, and I give an explanation of vocal technique. We also now include a little bit of practical work on a well-known song. We manage to have quite a laugh whilst doing it. The fee for each class is £5. Just email me on teaching@choralHolidays.com If you would like to join in."

What will the future hold?



At the moment we're hoping that we will be able to get back to our usual Monday evening rehearsals after Easter, and we've decided to do the Opera Choruses, plus Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*, and John Rutter's *Feel the Spirit*. The plan is to raise the roof for choir and audience alike.....



We hope that everyone is keeping well. All the Committee stalwarts, listed below, have indicated that they'd be happy to help in any way. Just contact me at sclaridge31@gmail.com and I'll put you in touch.

David Chaplin, Sandra Claridge, Geoff Hall, Vivienne Hall, Shirley Lynch, Dave Munson, Karen Ross, Pete Sawyer, Eppy Sewell, Olivia Shenton-Taylor, Emily Spence

Most importantly, keep safe and stay well - we're all very much looking forward to seeing you again....

Sandra