

CCC Committee Meeting - Monday 14 September 2020, 10.00 by Zoom

Present: Marie Brewer, Kate Goodwin, Chris Sanders, Jane Wilde, Adrian Davis

Rehearsal Venue

Marie has been to see Hastoe Village Hall, which is an idea venue once we are allowed to meet again to sing together. It is light, airy, has good parking and toilets. The fee for our meeting is reasonable at £30 for the evening. There is no piano, but we could probably find someone with a portable keyboard.

We agreed that we would accept this as our rehearsal venue going forward, as there are no alternative venues in Berkhamsted.

Covid-19 and singing

We need clarification on whether we are permitted to meet and sing and if we need to wear face-masks when actually singing. According to Hastoe Hall, groups of 20 are allowed to meet, but the rules specific to singing need to be carefully looked at.

If we do go ahead and book the hall, we would need to do a full Covid risk assessment for the whole choir rehearsal process. Each choir member would have to complete a form.

Apparently new guidance for singings should be issued very soon by the Association of Choral Directors.

Gauging the feelings of members of the choir

Marie will send out a Doodle poll to ascertain how members feel about returning to singing.

- do they NOT wish to return?
- would they like to return in the future, but not now?
- are they happy to return as soon as possible?

We discussed the practicalities of how to operate rehearsals and the difficulty of achieving a balanced choir. Would we work in small choirs or voice groups for example? Which works would we tackle? Would we try to work towards a small performance or choral evensong?

Agreed action:

- 1) Tell the Hastoe Hall we would like to rehearse there but need to establish clarity first
- 2) Get clarification about the rules for choirs and singing.
- 3) Gauge the feelings of the choir in 3 questions (as above)
- 4) Adrian to think about what music to tackle
- 5) Committee to reconvene on Monday 28 September at 10.00 by zoom

Minutes JW