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From the Chair

A very brief AGM took place on 26th September via Zoom and we were pleased to be joined by Friends as well as players, committee members and Adrian. The committee has met several times via Zoom and agree that this is by far the most expedient way of meeting, primarily reducing travelling time to meeting venues (although sadly in this case the AGM would have been held at Sir John Leman School between rehearsals for our October concert).

It was disappointing that our string players were not able to play Elgar's Introduction and Allegro on 19th September. The changing nature of Covid restrictions made it difficult to plan this playing opportunity. We now have to wait and see how things develop before decisions can be made about our concert in January. The committee meets again on 2nd November to discuss implications of the latest restrictions and the potential for this concert.

Michael Taylor, Chairman

Please forward this newsletter to interested family/friends and if they are happy to be contacted direct, please ask them to forward their email to Cecilia Metherell, Publicity Officer at: dcmethere112001@gmail.com



Since May, Making Music has been posting monthly virtual concerts on You Tube. David Adelson took part in the special Making Music Day recording (screened on 21st June) however, whilst cruising the virtual concerts, I discovered a submission by The Pakefield Singers on 9th June (13' 07"), which may be of interest:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A4hnH16D1k>

The next Virtual Concert dates are on 3rd November and 8th December.

The future of ticket sales: With many organisations, online ticket sales have become a normal part of the booking process. However, smaller groups like ourselves have relied on selling tickets through retail outlets (we use Take Note & Knights, Lowestoft, Saxons at Beccles and Allens of Gt Yarmouth). Covid 19 has resulted in many organisations stopping cash payments so we are looking at ways in which we can utilise contactless payments on the door. For those (like me) who find rapidly advancing technology difficult to keep up with, it works using a contactless payment device and a mobile phone (recent Android or Apple Smartphone) which links via 4G or WiFi, using Bluetooth, to the contactless device.

Quite a mouthful, but providing we have volunteers with the necessary mobile phones to process our customers, it should rule out the need for tickets and bringing in cash! We are also looking at ways this can be used for booking tickets in advance.

Friends and patrons season tickets will be unaffected by this change.

This is another feature of Amazon that I was not aware of until our computer literate treasurer, Steve Johnson, mentioned that he had signed us up to it!



For the unfamiliar, if you shop on smile.amazon.co.uk then 0.5% of what you spend (excluding VAT and shipping costs) goes to your nominated charity; so please mention Waveney Sinfonia as your nominated charity (number at the top of this newsletter). Many thanks.