

EILDON SINGERS

President's Report 2020

Hello everyone .I'm really pleased to have the opportunity to touch base with you and I hope you are all keeping well .I have been missing our weekly choir practices and I imagine you have too! I hope it won't be too long until we can sing together again. The committee have been meeting by Zoom and discussing the safest way we can start up again . We are hopeful that this will be in January ,but will,of course,keep you posted. In the meantime,Norman has been doing a lot of work to update our website and I would encourage you all to look at it (www.eildonsingers.info). James has made available some of the musical arrangements we are to be singing and the music and individual parts will enable us to practice in the comfort of our own homes ,so that we will take less time to learn the notes when rehearsals do resume. Thanks to Norman and James for facilitating this.

Sadly, this year a few of our existing members did not rejoin, so numbers were slightly down. We did ,however ,welcome new alto, Charlotte and we also welcomed the return of Hazel to the sopranos.

Our concert in December 2019 was a special 40th anniversary celebration and I think we all enjoyed the music and the occasion. It was the largest audience I have witnessed in my time as a member and the first time the mulled wine has run out! The comments I heard from members of the audience were to the effect that it was a good mix of pieces and a lovely sound. The soloist(Mhairi Lawson) and the quintet were also appreciated .To mark the event, four of our “founding “members(Donald ,Hazel, Margaret and Rosalind) were presented with a certificate for life membership.

Sadly, we had only just started rehearsing for our May 2020 concert when rehearsals had to be stopped. We were particularly enjoying Bizet’s Carmen and I hope we will be revisiting that.

My thanks as always go especially to James for all his hard work and also to Jim for his wonderful accompaniment. Thank you also to the committee for their support.

Glynis Wilkie, President

