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Dear Friend of WCS

A message from Neil Ferris:

"Well... what a year... and we are still, as I write, hoping for a return to normal activity in September. We can't wait to get back to being in the same room to sing together again. Despite the trials and tribulations of the last 16 months, we have made the most out of a Zoom programme of events and have found interest, joy, solace and not a little amount of musical achievement in varying degrees via that medium. Now as we (hopefully!) head towards the new season, we look forward to a richly varied programme and our much-anticipated recording of the Da Vinci Requiem in February. Thank you very much for your continued support for WCS and we can't wait to see you at our concerts again."

As Neil says, It has been unusual; perhaps the most unusual time most of us can recall. Neil and Michael worked hard to keep us together on zoom. We sang, learned nuggets of musical interest, were lucky enough to benefit from the input of other musicians, and drew the season to a close with a competition of tunes linked to 16 countries it was "decided" would reach the European Cup final. England did not win - I fear. Austria did - represented by a wonderful Schubert piece chosen by Michael.

Most of us, I think, hoped we would be able to meet in our 4 small choral units to rehearse towards musical year end but it was not to be. Professional Choirs could rehearse and perform (absolutely right as it is their livelihood) but we amateurs are to wait until September to lift our voices together. That is something to which we look forward and, when it happens, we will savour every moment.

I am sending this to all on my current list of Friends. Please forgive me if your circumstances have changed; if you let me have details, I will update my records. Please would you confirm that you wish to remain Friends? If you have friends who would like to be Friends just let me know and I will make contact. Thank you.

The best is last.... WCS will perform, as a Choir, for the first time since Christmas 2019 on **Saturday November 27**. We will sing the **Mozart Mass in C Minor** at the **Cadogan Hall 1930 – 2200**. Such wonderful news. Hope to see as many of you there, in person, as can make it. Tickets only via the Box Office: www.cadoganhall.com

Best wishes for the Summer & see you in the Autumn.

Regards



Friends' Secretary

