

Take Note with good cheer

Thursday 3 December 2020

Congratulations to everyone for your determination and perseverance in overcoming the unusual difficulties to which our country has been subjected this year. We all now have a better understanding of what people in earlier times may have lived through with much less medical care.

I am sure that you will agree that presenting our recent concerts has been a real pleasure and the positive responses from the audience to The 10 Greatest Moments were a real highlight. We all learned much more about many composers who may not have been familiar to us – think Varese, Scriabin, Cage and even Monteverdi.

A reminder: If you want a copy of the video of the concert, give Ross Gurney (348 2845) a USB stick. He will be around over the holiday period.

A very happy group of 85 residents from retirement villages and rest homes thoroughly enjoyed the shorter version of 10 Greatest Moments and 40 accepted the special lunch meal deal offered by the Club restaurant afterwards.

Update on members:

Terry Williams is hoping to start playing again in the new year but meanwhile is enjoying a much more relaxed lifestyle; Barbara Litchwark will return next year but Donna Tairakena will not be joining us. Allen Cookson has sent this message:

Thank you for the glamorous card. Wow! I have never received a card like that one. I shall treasure this one while I am alive and kicking. Signatories will stimulate fond recollections of music and other contributions to the Risingholme Orchestra. As for my absence from the orchestra, the most serious problem now is that my car needs a new engine. My health both now and the near future will be more clear in mid December when I am examined by a medical specialist, followed by further tests.
Thanks, Allen

Wild Symphony Today the committee will begin discussing preparations for the two matinee performances to be presented in April of this work for children by Dan Brown. If you are interested in being involved in some way, let me know.

My very best wishes for happy Christmas and a relaxing time with family and friends. Take care while travelling, look after yourselves and return on 28 January 2021 ready to enjoy making music together again.

Leane

