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TAKE NOTE
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Merry Christmas

What a great final rehearsal to bring to a close what has been a tumultuous year! A splendid morning tea, outstanding poetry (and singing!) by Pauline and a lovely surprise appearance by Doug - a truly wonderful way to finish off 2021.

As we bid farewell to 2021, it's time to turn our attention to next year. The new year planner is out (see separate attachment) - please put all the important dates in your diary and let us all cross our fingers and hope that Covid does not wreak too much havoc next year.

A couple of comments regarding the year planner:

The dates for the retirement village and school concerts are still to be confirmed and will be communicated during the year.

We have earmarked our final rehearsal for 2022 for chamber music performances, given this year's attempt ended up a Covid casualty. This gives us almost an entire year to hone our chamber music skills!

In other news:

Thank you to those of you who participated in Hazel Lee's research project. She has sent through her findings (see separate attachment), which indicate that playing in an orchestra does indeed contribute to one's overall wellbeing!

A reminder that if you think you might be unable to play with us in 2022 (in particular the Sullivan concert scheduled for 20 February) please let someone on the Committee and/or Philip know as soon as possible. Philip - in consultation with Amandine - plans to assign section leader and chair responsibilities on an annual basis so any advance warning of known absences would be appreciated.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your continued patience and understanding - and above all your enthusiasm - as we have navigated uncertain times, interruptions and disruptions!

We hope you enjoy a wonderful festive season and summer break and we very much look forward to seeing you all again on 3 February 2022.

Your Committee