

NZMC 'CHAT' October '24

Just a brief update at this stage as really not much to report! Perhaps of greatest interest is that Roger has had his transplant and is in the 'recovery' stage in the Dunedin Hospital hands. I received a text from him last night and things seem to be going as expected – along with the few 'bumps' that seem to be part of the procedure. He does still seem to be in good spirits though. The other item on the 'health front is that Alison's knee op has gone very well and Alby is complaining that he now has to get fit again!!

However, as we Northerners look forward to next weekend's rehearsal in Cambridge there is one issue we all need to consider. As you will realise we did not elect a full Northern committee at our AGM in August – to my knowledge we now have Martin Cockitt as our Northern representative on the Executive along with Ross MacDonald and Brian Whitaker. Ken did offer to help when required but was not keen to be on the committee from my recollection. So we need at least 2 more members and then that committee will need to elect their chairman who will also be part of the NZMC Executive. I realise there were quite a few that didn't make Te Aroha so please all of us consider whether you can help out. It is imperative for the future of the Choir that we have a fully functional committee in place. On reading the provisional schedule you recently received you will see that there is plenty of organisation to be done!!

On matters financial – Tony has been working away with Markhams and things have progressed to a point that we should/could have the accounts finalised before our Cambridge weekend – fingers crossed!. Once we have those details, plus the new Northern Chair elected, the small committee will be able to start on the task we were asked to do at the AGM. Also, I understand that Colin has now been hooked up to Xero and the bank and is keen to get his teeth into things.

Of course you all will be waiting for your subscription accounts – they will be in the mail in the very near future.

I trust that we are all making good progress on learning all the new songs – quite a challenge and probably the most we have had handed out at one time for a little while. Makes us all really appreciate all the learning that those new members had to do in preparation for the tour. A truly fine effort on their part! And then, in addition, there are those timing and voice production exercises that Joe is very keen for us all to be working on.

Finally please remember that we are a great team who are capable of producing some wonderful music so keep singing – it's good for the soul.

Looking forward to the weekend

Cheers

Ray