



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE 2020

Hello everyone and welcome to an STCG first – a virtual Annual General Meeting.

These are unprecedented times as the Covid-19 virus locks down the country and, as it may be many months before life returns to normal, the Committee have decided to send the usual AGM reports to you now instead of waiting for a physical meeting in the distant future. So folks no chat or wine this year I'm afraid!

With the official Notice of AGM and draft Minutes of the 2019 meeting already having been issued, and as the Secretary has received no other nomination for the Committee nor further items for discussion, this would have been a straightforward meeting anyway, so it's a simple one to deal with by e-mail and mail.

We are very fortunate in having a happy and dedicated Committee running the Club and I am delighted that all are willing to continue in their respective roles, i.e.

Treasurer – Ken Postgate

Secretary/Membership Secretary – Jenny Heath

Theatre Co-Ordinators – Yvonne Roberts and Janet Martin, assisted by Jackie Banfield, Margaret Scott and Janet Ward

Concert-Co-Ordinator – Mike Rounsefell assisted by Bernhard Lindenau and myself.

Webmaster – Yvonne Roberts

The draft accounts are attached for information – draft because Ken and examiner Lucy have been unable to meet to finalise matters these past weeks. They will be presented for adoption at the 2021 AGM.

The only item for Any Other Business on the Agenda was “Boarding of Coaches Protocol”. I'm sure this would have given cause for discussion, but I would just like to ask that members should board in an orderly fashion, i.e. board in the order that you arrive at the pick-up points.

As you will see from the reports, the Virus did not disturb events in 2019 and early 2020, but it is certainly impacting now. All proposed events are now in abeyance and 3 of those for which we have purchased tickets cancelled. Discussions are taking place with each venue to obtain full refunds and I am optimistic of a favourable outcome. I will keep you informed.

Yes, dark times at present but they are not forever. Your Committee is already earmarking future performances and the concert team will soon be making reservations for the 2020/21 season. We will be in regular contact and please check on the STCG website for latest updates.

Finally, a reminder that subscriptions are now due – if you have not already paid, please send your cheque to Jenny as soon as possible.

Take care and keep safe

**Graham Heath**  
(Chairman)