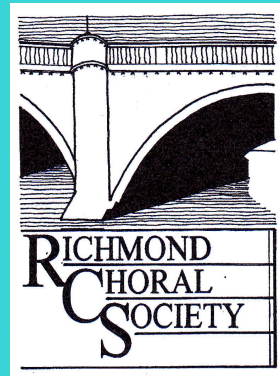


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Chin up and sing on...

I do hope you are all staying well, keeping yourselves occupied, and not too glum. In these very odd times, here's a brief newsletter and some cheerful thoughts.

Firstly, a picture from our regular tenor John Vallance: welcome to baby Olivia! I'm sure she'll have a fine pair of lungs on her, and look forward to welcoming her into the ranks of the sopranos before too long...



The Schooldays Quiz

Thanks to all who came to our fundraising quiz way back in February. It was a lovely evening (perhaps I enjoyed it a bit too much!) and we should do something similar in the not-too-distant future!

Please click on the link below for a rather wonderful message from **Giorgio Agnes**, who was to have been our guest solo pianist for the cancelled Haydn performance. Here he performs the Haydn *Variations* and *Sonata in e minor* that he was to have presented last week. Thank you Giorgio, and we hope to work something out for a live performance in the future.

<https://youtu.be/2UaPp4mE1JE>



As regards our cancelled event, thanks to our fundraising efforts over the past year we were able to pay our 4 soloists a small cancellation fee – freelance musicians have NO income at the moment, so thank you to the choir team who supported this generous gesture, and to the choir for your efforts this year.

Keep singing... there are lots of online / community singing initiatives around at the moment – if you fancy checking them out, you might find lots of opportunities to keep singing: try googling *Gareth Malone's Great British Home chorus*, and/or *Choir Community Distant Sing*, for starters. My respected colleague Paul Ayres has created a lovely warm-up video you can use for yourself: go to youtube and put in 'picpoquet 1 – numbers'. He's also made an introduction to *Zadok the Priest* (with practical singing bits) – 'picpoquet 2 – Zadok'. Recommended! Also check out 'Choirantime Panda van Proosdij' for great warm-up vids.