

Hello everyone, what a year 2020 has been one I'm sure we will all remember for different reasons, some happy some sad.

The Choral Society had to cancel 3 of their concerts due to COVID-19 as I'm sure lots of other choirs also had to cancel theirs. Most of our members have not sung together since our last concert in December 2019.

We have had 2 of our members pass away during this year.

Eric Orme passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> July, Ken Gutteridge represented the Society at this funeral.

Patricia Fitzsimons passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> November, quite a few of the lady members attended Pats funeral, and as the service was held at the grave side we could sing one of Pats favourite hymns Morning has broken, which sounded lovely.

On a happier note one of our basses, John Harrison celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 10<sup>th</sup> December hope you had a lovely birthday John.

We do not know what 2021 will hold for us all but lets hope now that we have a vaccine that life might return to some form of normality.

Unfortunately we cannot give any dates for our concerts next year, we don't even know when we will be able to get back to rehearsals, but lets hope it will be soon.

On behalf of the committee and members of St. Helens Choral Society may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy & safe Christmas and a better 2021.

Catherine Nash

Chair SHCS.