

To All the members of SBHC.

Many thanks for the invitation to rejoin The Wayfarers Chorus and eventually take over the baton from Colin.

I'm very flattered to be asked and my thanks must go to Colin for agreeing to the invitation. Colin has done a sterling job over some years and the thanks of everyone in the club and chorus must go to him for his dedication, time and expertise over those years. Well done, indeed.

In three years I will three score years and 20 and would then like to pass the baton on again to someone who is well able and capable of standing out front and maintaining the same standard to which Colin has taken the chorus. Watch this space!

Having asked the Zoomers on Monday evening the question: 'Are we a singing group that has fun, or a fun group that sings?', the resounding answer was the former, not the latter. And that's the way I see it, too. We will have fun, but our basic priority is to sing well and entertain splendidly. There will be the occasional non-barbershop song thrown in for a little variety, but we are a barbershop group first and foremost.

Thinking back to Eric and Ernie and their encounter with Andre Previn, I would have to agree with AP and say that my aim is for us all to sing all the **RIGHT** notes, but IN the right order. And I'm sure that's your aim, too.

I look forward to us starting back, realistically, in January. In the meantime, to get us back up to scratch after such an enforced layoff, I plan a weekly programme of Zoom rehearsals starting on July 14 at 7.30pm for half an hour (this one concentrating on 'Hello Mary Lou'). As we approach January the rehearsals will move up to an hour so that when we meet again, we're ready to go and back to where we were prior to March 23. Hope YOU can join me for a sing and a chat after each Zoom rehearsal.

Again, sincere thanks for the compliment of being asked and being able to join you.

Barry.