



THE BENSINGTON SOCIETY – SEPTEMBER 2020

Despite not being able to meet, the Bensington Society has kept in contact with members by email bi-monthly with COVID-19 Entertainment Communications. We have sent about ten in all. They have contained suggestions on books, walks, music (Classical, Choral and Jazz), art and comedy. A Message from The Bensington Society We've also provided updates on significant planning decisions - such as the welcome news that the Edge Road funding is now in place.

It's wonderful to see how our village community has come together to help others with greater needs. The Benson Help Hub has been at the heart of this endeavour – the brainchild of the Benson Patients' Panel; Benson and Ewelme Churches; Benson Volunteer Helpline; and, the Millstream Centre (which acts as the organising hub). As previously reported, the Committee donated £1000.

The Committee has conducted its business via Zoom and recently it was decided that all members who have paid their membership fees for 2020 or pay by the end of this year will enjoy free membership for 2021. It has been decided to keep the membership fee at the current level and only to increase the annual membership fee from 2022 when it will rise from £10 to £13 (with pro rata increases for Life and Family membership). Full details of the forward fee structure have been communicated to members.

Regrettably, there will be no Friday evening meetings in September and in October, but we have kept the options open for the early December meeting. A final decision on that will be taken by the Committee in late September.

Another bit of good news is that we have now received the Examiners report approving the 2019 accounts. The accounts will put these to an EGM which, if we meet in December, will be taken at the start of the meeting. However, if in September the Committee cancels the December meeting, we will carry out an EGM immediately prior to the 2020 AGM in February 2021.

In the meantime, we will continue with the Entertainment Communications – we would, of course, welcome any suggestions for inclusion. Finally, the Committee's best wishes go out to everyone. Stay safe and keep well. David McGill - Chairman