

RMVC Update March 26/03/2021

LOOKING FORWARD

Despite COVID-19 and three lockdowns, Reading Male Voice Choir is up and running and preparing to start performing in public again this autumn.

Since last November we have been holding weekly Zoom rehearsals every Friday evening, followed by an informal Zoom Bar chat and quiz. We get over 60 men attending each week's rehearsal, and we've even recruited two new members since last autumn. If you're interested in joining us, get in touch with our Secretary and he'll send you the weekly Zoom link, and electronic copies of the music.

Subject to the Government roadmap happening as planned, we are looking forward to meeting up again in person as a choir by the end of June, and re-starting live rehearsals after our summer break, from Friday 3 September. We already have our risk assessment in place for live rehearsals, and are raring to go.

2021-22 is our 50th anniversary year, and we are putting together a full programme of monthly concerts for 2021-22, starting in October. This includes staging our annual three choirs Christmas Concert at Reading Minster, this year on Saturday 18 December, with the A440 and Occasions Choirs, to raise money for the Minster church and its support for Reading homelessness charities; and attending the prestigious Cornwall Male Choral Festival from 28 April to 2 May next year, over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. You may also see us singing round and about Reading during the year. And our focus next year will be on our 50th anniversary concert, at Reading Concert Hall, on Saturday 2 July 2022: this is a date worth getting in your diary.

We can't wait to get back to singing together. Watch this space for news of our post-lockdown activities.