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1997/98 Subscriptions.

As reported to the AGM, the changes by the Borough Council in 1997/98 to the long established pattern of concerts will require a significant increase in Choir Subscriptions if we are to continue to be involved in the same number of concerts each year. This increase was considered preferable to the alternative of a new and major effort on fund raising.

The subscription for 1997/98 has therefore been set at £90 but with a £10 reduction in certain circumstances. The following are the payment options:

1. By cheque: one cheque for £90 to me by not later than 31 October.
2. By cheque: two cheques for £40 to me by not later than 1 October, one dated 1 October 1997 and the other dated 1 January 1998.
3. By standing order: completed Bank Standing Order to me BY NOT LATER THAN 21 SEPTEMBER and preferably by post to my home address: if you opt for the instalment plan; ALSO enclose cheque for £20..

£80 =
1 Oct.

The third option is the most convenient for me but, for those with an inherent dislike of bank standing orders, the second should be suitable. I shall of course be more than happy if you prefer the first option to either of the other two!

Enclosed with this letter you will find a copy of the new form of standing order for those wishing to take up the third option. This provides EITHER for a single payment on 1 October OR for an instalment plan of four equal payments on 1 October, 1 January, 1 April and 1 June. This has the merit of making life simpler for those banks that still cannot cope with the instalment plan under the form currently in use. By way of explanation for those preferring the instalment plan, the first 1 June payment under the order will be the first instalment of your 1998/99 subscription which, for 1997/98 only, will be covered by your cheque for £20. The standing order is unlimited in time but can be cancelled by you by giving appropriate instructions to your bank at any time, for instance if you resign from the Choir.

Special subscription arrangements will continue to apply to students in full time education or others who have particular problems about payment. If you consider that you fall into this category then give me a ring.

The 1997/98 budget has been prepared on the basis that we will increase the number of members who COVENANT their subscriptions. The higher subscription rate makes this even more beneficial to the Choir. I would invite those of you who do not at present covenant your subscription to have a word with me about covenanting future payments. It is a very painless way of helping the Choir to raise its income level.

Christopher Robinson.
Honorary Treasurer.