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Dear Friends:

Despite the Pandemic conspiring to keep so many of us apart from each other for much of the past eighteen months, the work of the Society and the regular meetings of its Officers and Trustees have continued to take place three times each year. Through the wonders of contemporary technology, we have joined together *virtually* by means of *Zoom*.

This same process has also made possible the regular meetings of the *Publications Sub Committee* in which the Society's Chairman, Patrick Russill and General Editor, Dr Geoffrey Webber each play a very major role; additional to a membership comprised of a number of officers and trustees, the PS-C includes Dr Henry Parkes from the University of Nottingham.

A number of other small groups set up by the Chairman and Trustees have also been at work on future plans for the Society's well-being including the updating of the 1984 Rules into a modern constitution, the institution of the Society as a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation* rather than a *Registered Charity* and these will be submitted to all members by [Royal Mail] Post.

On **Wednesday 28 July at 9.30 am in the Lecture Theatre at King's School, Worcester**, it will be my privilege and pleasure to give a talk at the 2021 **Worcester Three Choirs Festival** entitled **Sir Ivor Atkins – Worcester and beyond**

Tickets are still available for anyone wishing to attend. Please call the Festival Box Office at 01452 768 298 to order your requirements if you'd like to come and are able to be present.

This year's **Annual General Meeting** will again take place on *Zoom* at **1.30 pm on Thursday 14 October** and will be immediately followed by a **Special General Meeting of the Society** at which the sole item on the Agenda will be the presentation of, and voting for, the adoption of the CMS as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The requirements of the 1984 Rules indicate that 28 days' notice of a Special Meeting are needful and our aim is to get all the AGM and SGM paperwork in the post to you on or around Wednesday 8 September. This notification will include the printed Annual Report leaflet including the Accounts for the year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

With every good wish and blessing
Very sincerely

Simon Lindley
Hon Secretary



Ivor Atkins
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