

The logo for Bromsgrove Concerts features the words "Bromsgrove" and "Concerts" in a black, cursive-style font. The text is positioned between two sets of horizontal wavy lines that resemble musical staves, with the top line above "Bromsgrove" and the bottom line below "Concerts".

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Dear Members and Supporters,

I write to you on the day when we should have been meeting up to enjoy listening to the remarkable Carducci Quartet, as part of our pre-planned Autumn Concert Series.

Since I last wrote my annual letter, in the Autumn of 2019, previewing the season, so much has happened. The final concert of the 2019-20 season with the planned reception and pre-concert talk, celebrating the return of the Fitzwilliam String Quartet and Beethoven's birthday, had to be postponed, as the country began lockdown. Of course, as everyone will also know, we subsequently lost our regular concert venue, the excellent Artrix Arts Centre, which was closed as a financial victim of the pandemic. More than that, our beloved Honorary Secretary, Bernard Hall-Mancey, succumbed to COVID-19 on 2nd April. We will miss him immensely, as will many of our supporters.

We, as Trustees of Bromsgrove Concerts, have now very reluctantly moved to postpone the whole of our 2020-21 season until 2021-22. By next year we hope to return to something like our normal exciting programme, with some extra nice surprises for you! However, along with other music clubs, we now have plans to mount what we are describing as spontaneous musical events, whether online or face to face at the Cobham Hall of Bromsgrove School, COVID restrictions permitting. We are very anxious to keep in touch with our loyal supporters and more particularly to play our customary part in providing the sort of musical sustenance you have come to rely upon. These events will start to take place in the New Year.

Amongst these events will be a streamed celebration of the composer Robert Simpson, featuring the Tippett String Quartet, a recital by Mark Bebbington (piano) and hopefully some live-streamed concerts as well, featuring professional musicians well known to you!

Keep an eye on the website for announcements. We will be contacting members and supporters directly with details of our events, but in the meantime stay safe and well, and look forward with us to a rather different 2021 Spring Season!

Alastair Moseley

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