**Buckden Singers Members Old and New**

We have not been idle during lockdown! Several of us – around 25-30 – have been meeting weekly via Zoom. We have revisited some old material but learned a good number of new pieces. Ably assisted by Richard Reeday, these have been recorded individually and mixed into a harmonious whole. They are all available to view on Buckden Singers YouTube channel. A piece which stands out for me is the ‘Song of Hope’. This was inspired by Rita Baxter from Starbotton. Members of the choir sent in ideas around their feelings during lockdown to myself and Richard which we translated into some words: Richard then wrote the music and mixed the final version. A very personal view of lockdown from us all.

We are now having a break for the summer, and as I write it is still unclear what impact both restrictions and common sense will have on Choirs meeting together. As we move forward, we are planning to restart rehearsals on **Thursday September 9th either via Zoom or in person – venue to be confirmed.** For planning, organisation, and music purposes it would be helpful for me to know how many people to expect.

Members of the Zoom Choir who plan to continue need not do anything.

I would however be grateful to hear from:  
Members of the Zoom Choir who **DO NOT** plan to continue.  
Members of Buckden Singers who wish to resume singing with us in person (or via Zoom should it be necessary)  
Anyone else who is interested in joining us – you would be most welcome

If you could contact **me by 8th August,** it would be helpful as it gives me time to order new music; however, if you miss that deadline it would still be good to hear from you.

I’m happy to chat to anyone who needs further information: please do contact me [anne@vetch.co.uk](mailto:anne@vetch.co.uk) 01756 760882