

Magical Music Moments

Alchemy Chorus COVID Newsletter # 6

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From the Committee

Welcome to our sixth edition of Magical Musical Moments – our 'virtual' weekly get together.

COVID-19 has a lot to answer for but we don't want to lose the contact, the vibe, the joy, the friendship that we have developed. So until this mess is sorted out, we'll stay connected and entertained.

We will be back!

From the Conductor

'On the long road back to better health I used music (if you can call singing in a husky voice of about half an octave range, singing) to fill in some very boring and down times during my nearly 7 week hospital stint. There are lots of Irish nurses at Prince of Wales hospital so I slipped naturally into Galway Bay. None knew what "gossoons" were. I'm sure you all do. Lovely to be home with my dear Bette. Thank you all for your support.'

Brian

Just for Fun

#1 One hour before the first concert, the choir director became very ill and was unable to conduct, and the choir suddenly had to find a substitute. The choir manager asked everyone in the choir whether they could step in and conduct. The only person who was willing was the

last chair alto. The manager was very nervous about this.

"We can't audition you," he said.

"No problem, said the alto."

"There's no time to rehearse. You'll have to do the concert cold."

"I know it'll be all right."

The alto conducted the concert and it was a huge success. Since the director remained ill for the duration of the tour, the alto conducted all of the concerts, getting rave reviews and standing ovations at each performance. At the next rehearsal, the director had recovered, and the alto took her place at the back of the alto section.

As she sat down, her stand partner asked her, "**So, where have you been for the last seven weeks?**"

Magical Music Moment

A little bit of magic here that we can sing along with (click on the link below)

[number 97 from our Songbook](#)

from *Pat*

From the Linen Cupboard

Click on the link to find out what else you could be doing...

<https://youtu.be/bcvgpNFynVo>

thanks Bing, from *Lyn*

Members in the Spotlight:

Staying with Angus and Judy Sinclair and their special anniversary last week, a favourite to share is with another grand Judy at this link:

[vintage Durham #6](#)

Gloves on in the kitchen

Date and ginger cake

(perfect for a rainy day)

125g butter chopped

1 cup dates, chopped

1/4 cup sugar

125g (3/4 cup) ginger (I used

uncrystallised) chopped or 1 1/2

teaspoons ground ginger (not as good)

1 teaspoon bi-carb soda

pinch of salt

1 lightly beaten egg

1 cup water

1 1/2 cups self-raising flour, sifted

Place dates, butter, sugar, ginger, water & salt into a saucepan over moderate heat.

Bring to the boil, simmer 2 minutes.

Add bi-carb

Cool 10-15 mins.

Add egg

Add flour, stir gently to combine.

Place in slice tin & bake at 160 c for 20-25 mins or round cake tin 30 mins. Leave in

tin to cool for 10 mins before turning out.

Enjoy.

from Jill

Just for Fun

#2 For the PUN lovers 😊

This lock-down is getting old and frankly I've had enough!

I've discussed the matter over a cup of coffee with the kitchen sink, and we both agree that the experience is draining.

I didn't mention anything to the washing machine, as she puts the wrong spin on everything.

Same with the fridge. He only gives cold comfort.

I asked the lamp but she couldn't shed any new light on the situation.

The vacuum cleaner was rather rude and told me to 'suck it up'.

The threshold was no better, it suggested I get over it.

The carpet advised me to sweep my feelings under the rug.

But the fan was more upbeat and thought that the crisis would soon blow over.

The toilet looked a bit flushed and didn't offer an opinion.

The wall didn't say a word either, just gave me a blank stare.

The door knob was more forthcoming - told me to get a firm grip on the situation and move on.

from Nolette

#3 And for a big giggle to finish, click on the link below:

[The School Reunion](#)

from Tom Anderson

We will be back!

In the meantime, send your stories to:

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