

Singing for Pleasure Group

Back Face-to-Face

The **Singing for Pleasure** Group is back in action face-to-face after the long Covid hiatus. We restarted our Tuesday gatherings at St John's Church in Ben Rhydding in September and are continuing weekly. Our numbers are a little depleted as some members are still shielding themselves or loved ones and not ready to return but we've also welcomed some new singers so between 20 and 30 of us are singing regularly under the baton of Brian Mason.

It would be more accurate to say that, rather than being back, we never left! During the pandemic we clocked up 43 sessions via Zoom, thanks to the Herculean efforts of Brian and our IT guru Robin Morley. We had already embraced the benefits of new technology before Covid struck, as Robin had begun producing audio (mp3) files of the individual parts so that members could practise their own tunes between sessions. With the extra admin that Covid restrictions involved, and to allow Brian to



concentrate on the repertoire, Robin has taken on the role of Group Leader while Brian is designated as our Musical Director. We're also delighted to welcome back our accompanist Ruth Johnson after singing along to YouTube recordings for much of the last year or so.

We practise a measure of social distancing and follow the venue guidelines regarding ventilation and hygiene but our camaraderie remains undimmed. More than ever we stay true to our founding ethos, that of making music together for enjoyment. We strive for improvement and set ourselves some occasionally challenging pieces but the emphasis is on fun. We'll be taking part in the Christmas Cracker event at Clarke Foley on December 18 so come and see us there.

If you'd like to join us [select here for more information](#) and to contact the group leaders. We guarantee a warm welcome and a convivial atmosphere in which to exercise your vocal cords!

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(a member of the group)