

INFORMATION FOR BMW REHEARSALS AT NATIONAL STONE CENTRE

PORTER LANE, WIRKSWORTH, DE4 4LS

from Wednesday 19th May 2021

To take advantage of the relaxing of restrictions and to get the Band up and running again ready for a return to indoor rehearsals and our concert in Belper River Gardens on 8th August, the committee have sought permission to rehearse outside the National Stone Centre. It would be great to see everyone again but we fully understand if you still feel uncomfortable about mixing with others.

By Car - The National Stone Centre is just outside Wirksworth at the top of Steeple Grange, near the Mount Cook centre on the **B5035** Cromford-Carsington road.

(If you're using **Sat Nav** please put in **National Stone Centre** *before* the postcode **DE4 4LS**)

Parking – there is a large car park just a short, but quite steep walk away from the Centre. There are a few spaces outside the building but please try and leave them for the less-abled and those with large instruments; if we are careful, instruments could be dropped off by car before returning to the main car park.

Time – to take advantage of the natural light rehearsal will be approx. 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm – it is intended to mark out a seating plan beforehand so please do not arrive before 7:00 pm. There will be some sorting out particularly on the first night - bear with us.

Equipment – unfortunately, you will have to bring your own chair, stand, music and PEGS! A light may also be useful if you have one. Let me know (**before** Tuesday) if you need music or a stand; I won't be able to bring any spare chairs – sorry. Mutes won't be required for outside rehearsals.

Facilities – there is **NO** access to toilets.

Weather - let's hope it has improved by 17th May but wear appropriate/warmer clothing. If rehearsal is to be cancelled someone will let you know as soon as possible but if it is really wet take it that there won't be one! If you are unsure, please make contact with us.

Subscriptions –subscriptions won't be taken on the first rehearsal back but once they are, please ensure you have the correct changes to avoid un-necessary handling of coins.

Contact numbers - Madeline: 07969 409052 (you may have to leave a message. My land-line is 01629 822891 but I am unlikely to be at home on a Wednesday.

COVID-19 SECURE GUIDANCE

Arrive and leave in a COVID secure way maintaining 2m social distancing and wearing masks unless exempt. Sharing lifts to rehearsals (other than with your own household) should be avoided.

Social interaction during any breaks should also be limited – keep to your allocated place.

Record your attendance for test and trace, sanitising hands before completion. Sanitiser/wipes will be available but *please bring your own if you can*.

Provide own chair, music-stand and music. It is also recommended to hold a cloth over water keys to catch water droplets when emptying – this should then be taken home with you in a waterproof bag and washed. Bell covers are currently suggested for indoor playing (see www.moistureguard.co.uk) but not necessarily for outdoors although you may use one if you wish.

If you have symptoms you **must not** attend rehearsal. If you become ill at a rehearsal, please leave and let the band know if you subsequently have symptoms. In all cases, seek medical advice and follow test and trace advice. Remember, rehearsals are not compulsory – if you're not happy with the risks, please wait