Three years ago, we held our first ever Virtual AGM; a success, in my view, given the new context we were faced with at the time. I’m sure you are pleased that we are now ‘back in the room’, and I hope that you will make the most of the opportunity the AGM affords, by giving a platform to players to offer up comments on past work and articulate thoughts about the direction of travel for the future. Solutions to problems always welcome!

On that note, I hope you are excited, as I am, by the programming for the 46th Season; a themed October Concert, a very high calibre soloist for the Elgar Violin Concerto in January and a Family Concert scheduled for May. I hope you will note the level of innovation as we try to move forward post-Covid and the brave new world.

Having said that, you will note, in our Treasurer’s Report that the financial position is strong, Friends also have a positive message. Cecilia has done a fantastic job keeping us all ‘in touch’ via the Newsletter, conceived in the depths of Covid, but a great addition! I am sure she would be delighted to receive any suitable content for future editions.

Other committee members continue to do a stirling job, mostly unnoticed but very much oiling the wheels to ensure rehearsals and concerts are planned and delivered effectively; so many strands, too many tasks to list here in this Report.

It has been great to develop our relationship with the Trinity Playgroup. A relationship which is mutually beneficial; always a good thing.

Adrian, as always goes above and beyond, for which I am sure we are all grateful, not least this year by putting his shoulder behind the ‘Pink Pig’ strand of our additional fund raising and his work with Steve on accessing a significant grant from the Elgar Society.

I always enjoy our committee meetings which blend serious and creative thinking, problem solving and good humour.

Thanks to all involved in the family that is Waveney Sinfonia. Onwards and upwards, stronger together with a positive looking future. Please do promote our concerts with family, friends and acquaintances. The more ‘bums on seats’ the happier I will be!

Keep well, keep safe,

Michael

Chair – Waveney Sinfonia