**Name of nominee:** Peter Cross and Tony Tripp

**Group Name:** Wimbledon Community Chorus

**About the group:**

Formed in 2011, Wimbledon Community Chorus is a large, mixed voice community choir, which has gained a reputation for the high standard of its performances alongside recognition as a positive, welcoming and supportive community. It tackles a wide range of repertoire, from Mozart to Les Miserables, and performs regularly at local venues and events. It has a close relationship with Merton Music Foundation and has participated in many inter-generational events with MMF including at London’s Royal Albert Hall. It commissions new choral pieces and fund-raises for charities including the Poppy Appeal, National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society and The Jack Lonergan Foundation.

**About the nominee:**

Peter and Tony are founder members of WCC and its hard-working, dedicated committee, joining the basses for our first rehearsal in September 2011. Their enthusiasm and warm, welcoming natures contributed significantly to quickly building a large tenor and bass section - a huge achievement! Both are active members of the committee, spending countless hours ensuring that members have the information they need, resources are accessible and rehearsals and concerts run smoothly, from rearranging countless chairs and sorting IT to running the bar! In 2020, Peter spent countless hours helping members access Zoom, whilst Tony kept in touch with members via regular emails and calls. Peter learned to use software to enable the choir to 'perform' pieces together. They have continued to Zoom rehearsals, so members can revise or catch up on any sessions missed. Tony recently undertook the time-consuming task of moving our website to the MM platform and rebuilding content, so the choir has a more functional and professional presence. As MD, I cannot thank them enough for their expertise, patience and dedication, ensuring that WCC is one of the most successful choirs in the area, both musically and as a caring community, filled with joy and laughter.

https://youtu.be/XSOsbvTn7Xw?si=fVZm2iN8H-EtGZNi