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A note from the Finance Officer regarding the payment of the membership subscriptions

After my first year as the Chorus' Finance Officer, I finally have a clear view of all the issues relating to the payment of the subs and I would like to share some thoughts with you.

As you know, members pay their subscription in a variety of ways (cash, check, bank transfer or monthly standing order). A few issues have come to my attention when I went to put together the accounts in the summer.

You may not be aware that our financial year goes from 1 August to 31 July, this means that our subscriptions are paid over those twelve months, so when people start a new monthly standing order they should divide the annual subscription by the number of months left between when they set up the SO and July the following year. I have explained this to people who have taken a new form from me, but a number of people just started paying their subs from November, December and some from January, with a loss to the Chorus of 3, 4 or 5 months worth of subscription.

Whilst I am sure that there is no deliberate attempt to underpay, I will design a new subscription form for the current season to make this clear to all members wishing to start paying by SO and, with the committee permission, I will email or write to those members who underpaid last season by more than £3. We believe that this is to be fair to those members who pay the full subscription or more every year.

Thank you for your support.

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