

# KENDAL SOUTH CHOIR

## Newsletter 19 – January 2020

A very happy New Year to everyone, from the Committee!

The first rehearsal of the new year is on Tuesday 7th January at 7.30pm at Stricklandgate. Please be there in good time to pick up music for the next concert, when we will be singing *Zimbe!* by Alexander L'Estrange and Will Todd's *Mass in Blue*, which some of you may have sung before.

Donations are always welcome – last year score hire costs were around £6 per score per member.

For this exciting concert we will be joined by Amabile and by children from local primary and secondary schools, and the soprano soloist for *Mass in Blue* will be Joanna Forbes L'Estrange.

You can listen to *Mass in Blue* at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xU6pRDyguA8&list=OLAK5uy\\_IrUBcUeZro9VJc6lxVws49XIO\\_Tn706AxY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xU6pRDyguA8&list=OLAK5uy_IrUBcUeZro9VJc6lxVws49XIO_Tn706AxY).

Some of the *Zimbe!* tracks are on YouTube, but not all. You can also download the whole MP3 album from Amazon for £7.99.

Official individual-part learning CDs for *Zimbe!* will be available at the beginning of February. Because of the cost of the originals, these will be £2 each.

### Opera Concert copies

Please also bring back your choir copies of the opera books and sheets at the beginning of term.

### Events

A list of diary dates is attached, but the main points are as follows:

### Our own concerts

Our next concerts will be on:

- **Saturday 9th May 2020** – *Zimbe!* by Alexander L'Estrange and *Mass in Blue* by Will Todd
- **Saturday 5th December 2020** – *Navidad Nuestra* by Ariel Ramirez, plus Christmas music
- **Saturday 8th May 2021** – *Carmina Burana*

New members would be very welcome in all sections. If you know of anyone who might be interested please have a word with them and ask them to consider joining us. As you know, we always need tenors!

### Cumbria Festival Chorus Events

On 11th July there will be a "Wordsworth 250" concert in Kendal Parish Church when the works will be *Intimations of Immortality* by Finzi and newly commissioned short choral pieces by Roland Fudge and Jonathan Millican, and rehearsals will start in April – you can download an application form at <http://www.cumbriafestivalchorus.uk/wordswo-rth-250.html>

Future plans include a joint concert with the Westmorland Orchestra on 20th March 2021, when the main work will be Beethoven's *9th Symphony 'The Choral'* and some shorter pieces. Details at <http://www.cumbriafestivalchorus.uk/>

### Other Events

You can find other local music events on the Westmorland Music Trust's Concert Diary which is available online at <http://www.westmorlandmusic.co.uk/concert-diary.html>. If you would like to receive a regular monthly Events list, please contact Jean at [jeanrobinson1946@gmail.com](mailto:jeanrobinson1946@gmail.com).

### Money Matters

*A Night at the Opera* was another very successful concert from all aspects, both musically and financially, and attracted an audience of 110. All the bills are not yet in but it looks like the budgeted loss of £132 will turn into a profit of something like £400.

### Subscriptions

A reminder to those of you who chose to pay this year's subscription by instalments that the balance of £45 is due at the first rehearsal in January.

### Book etc Stall

This has not done as well as usual. It would have produced very little were it not for Anne Thompson's lovely preserves. Income of £33 so

far this year is low if we are to reach previous years' figures which have topped the hundred, sometimes considerably. It is a very useful source of funds so please make use of it.

#### EasyFundraising and Amazon Smile

A call to all you online shoppers to go through the EasyFundraising route (or Amazon Smile, in the case of Amazon). It is very easy and costs nothing but produces a donation to the choir which is a valuable source of funds. We've raised nearly £400 in this way over the nearly eight years we've been registered, from only 10 people, one of whom isn't even a member!

From the EasyFundraising page you can download a Donation Reminder which will let you know if you're about to buy something from a website that's registered with the scheme.

#### Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee morning in the Town Hall will be on Saturday 14th March, and help will be needed in the form of cakes, raffle prizes, and "waitressing" (or "waitering") on the day.

#### Library Scores

If for any reason you find you are unable to sing in a concert for which you have borrowed scores from the choir, please make it your responsibility to return them to the Librarian before the concert.

The Librarian is Dave Thomas, email [dgt.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:dgt.thomas@gmail.com), telephone 015242 74223. We have to return library copies immediately after concerts, and penalties are incurred for late returns or lost copies.

#### Facebook

Kate Hore has set up an excellent Facebook account for the choir, with frequent updates. Kate says: "Please do 'Like' our page on Facebook, which will keep you up to date with Choir news, as well as other local music events. 'Social media' works best when we all get social, so please don't just look at the page but do get involved. If you see a post, click 'Like', or better still leave a Comment or Share the post to your timeline – this will mean more people will be aware of the choir. The more we all get involved, the more successful it will be in spreading the word."

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A list of Committee members is attached.

#### **NOTE:**

Arthur and Jean will be out of contact for the whole of January.

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