

KENDAL SOUTH CHOIR

Newsletter 20 – June 2020

We are sending you a newsletter rather earlier than usual to keep you up to speed with what has been happening after our abrupt closure and cancellation of our May concert.

The committee has been continuing to work hard to be prepared for the future, whatever that may bring. We very much hope we can get back to singing together again in September but at the moment we can't be sure of anything and are preparing for all eventualities.

We thank Geoff for his patience and also his weekly warm-ups. You should now have enough to re-visit earlier ones if you wish to continue. We will keep you informed as soon as there is anything to report but in the meantime please feel free to email either Dorothy or Jean if you have any questions or concerns.

Geoff is looking forward to seeing everyone again when we are able to start rehearsing in the Autumn, and has some wonderful music for us to learn for our Christmas concert. Fingers crossed!

Library Scores

You will of course still have in your possession *Zimbe!* and *Mass in Blue* scores. Please take care of these until such time as it's safe to meet again. We'll keep you informed.

Facebook

Kate Hore has set up a Facebook account for the choir, and she's also provided an excellent guide (attached) as to how to set yourself up with Facebook.

We can use our Facebook page to share recommendations and ideas for enjoying music activities online. All Geoff's weekly warm ups are on there, together with some links to join virtual choirs. It would be good

for members to add to this with any recommendations for local news, radio stations, podcasts, and TV programmes that others might enjoy. All these things can lift our spirits and keep us occupied and it's a good way for our choir to stay connected. Please do consider joining.

EasyFundraising and Amazon Smile

Fundraising is still important, and Kate's guide also shows how to register to give the choir the benefit of donations from various online retailers at absolutely no cost to yourself or to the choir.

Money Matters

A Night at the Opera

A very successful concert. Costs were kept within a low budget and with a bigger audience than expected, probably because of being held at Grange over Sands, and also with generous donations and a raffle the result was a surplus of £564.

Zimbe! and Mass in Blue

The Covid-19 virus unfortunately caused this to be cancelled, or better expressed rescheduled as it is now planned for May 2021. Fortunately the cancellation was before much expenditure had been incurred and with generous member donations when music was handed out there was a small surplus of £116. Grants of £2,000 had been obtained towards this concert and the sponsors have kindly confirmed that they will be available for the rescheduled concert.

EasyFundraising/Amazon Smile

You will have seen Kate's easy to follow guide to using these. Don't forget that you can encourage your family and friends also to register and secure donations. This year so far has produced almost £85. I am sure it could be more if we all took part.

Book (and anything else) Stall

For some reason this seems to have fallen from favour lately. This year it has produced only £51 which can only partly be accounted for by the loss of the last few rehearsals. In the past it has been a very useful source of funds. Each of the last four years produced over £100, in fact two produced almost £150 and one year almost reached £200. So please get reading again while enjoying Anne Thompson's lovely preserves.

Accounts 2019/20

The financial year is not yet ended but not much more is going to happen so it is possible to say what the likely outcome will be. The cancellation of the last few rehearsals and the small concert surpluses mentioned above mean it looks as if the overall result will be a surplus of just over £2,000. This will be available towards the cost of the planned December concert, "Nativity", a programme of Christmas music from around the world, assuming that is that lockdown is sufficiently relaxed by then.

Subscriptions

With so many uncertainties because of the virus the Committee has deferred consideration until there is more positive information.

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