

KESWICK CHORAL SOCIETY: INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

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- 1 Keswick Choral Society is a mixed voice choir for people in Keswick and its surrounding area to meet and enjoy learning a varied repertoire of classical and modern choral music and performing it for local audiences. We welcome singers of all ages and abilities who would like to join. Entry is by agreement with the Musical Director who may request an informal audition. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Crosthwaite Parish Room next to the Co-op in Keswick. Parking is free in the Rawnsley Hall car park.
- 2 There are two terms – Autumn, from September to December and Spring, from January to May – during which we prepare the Christmas and Spring Concerts. A list of rehearsal dates is sent out via email. **Members are asked to sign the attendance register, and to attend at least 75% of rehearsals if they wish to sing in a concert.** To aid planning, music hire, etc, **Members will be asked to indicate at the beginning of a term whether they will be available to sing in the next concert.** We have a coffee break of about 10 minutes and all take turns to bring milk, coffee and biscuits. The Social Secretary will have a list and you can sign up for your turn.
- 3 Subscription is payable termly to the Treasurer - £30 per term, or £10 if unwaged, and free if in full-time education. Music is provided by the Society, **must be signed for when issued and should be returned after each concert to the Librarian.**
- 4 Dress for concerts: ladies - long black skirt or trousers, long sleeved white blouse, and black jacket if cold, men – white shirt and black trousers; a choir bow tie (maroon) is provided. A folder for the concert music is also provided.
- 5 Other activities
 - Cumbria Rural Choirs: some members also join with singers from other Cumbrian choirs to sing a major choral work each year with a professional conductor, soloists and accompaniment. This takes place in March. (Subscription: £25.00) and there are extra separate rehearsals for this (7.15pm - 9.30pm), and a 'Singing Day', dates and venues to be announced. We practice the music at some of our KCS rehearsals during an extra half hour once each month.
 - The Choir also once or twice in a season sings Choral Evensongs in local churches.
 - Each season there is a Coffee Morning and a Soup Lunch to raise funds and to socialise, at which members are asked to help.
 - The Choir also has a Summer Party and a New Year's Dinner, for members and partners.
- 6 Please inform the Membership Secretary of any change of address, email address or telephone number. **If you wish to leave the society, you must let the Membership Secretary know and return bow ties, folders and any hired music.**
- 7 The Annual General Meeting is held at the beginning of the Autumn Term. See website for constitution.
- 8 The Society has an Equal Opportunities Policy. If you have any special needs as a member, please let one of the committee know. See the notice board or ask for a copy.