

KENDAL SOUTH CHOIR

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At our last Committee meeting it was decided not to raise the annual subscription for now, but all members must make a real effort to sell concert tickets. With so few members at the moment we obviously have less subscription income and fewer people to sell tickets.

We're planning several fundraising events, and we do apply for grants, but grant-funding bodies want to know that we're trying to help ourselves. As mentioned before, our subs don't even cover our weekly expenses, i.e. hire of the church plus conductor and accompanist's fees.

At the Afternoon Tea held last weekend we raised £309, a welcome boost to our finances. Many thanks to Duncan and Sandra for hosting us, and to all those who brought raffle prizes and delicious cakes.

The next event is a lunchtime Barbecue to be held at Over Blease, Old Hutton, on **Sunday 21st August**, 1.30pm. More details later.

On **Saturday 24th September** we will be having a Come & Sing at St Thomas's Church, from 10am to 4.30pm, when we would like our own members as well as singers from other choirs to join in. We will be singing Feel the Spirit!, which we are singing for our November concert, and a medley from Les Misérables. Our accompanist will be Ken Forster, and Emily Robinson will be joining us for the afternoon to sing the solos in Feel the Spirit. The cost for the day will be £20, but

we hope our members will appreciate that this is a social occasion as well as a useful rehearsal for our autumn concert. The booking form is attached.

Because our autumn concert is so early this year, rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday 16th August**. Geoff's Tuesday afternoon sessions at Beetham Church have begun, and there were 12 at the first one, which was extremely useful. If you'd like to come along you're very welcome – we're charging £3 per person per session to cover Geoff's fee, which we will collect at the start of term. We start at 3.30pm.

Please use the Church's car park, NOT the pub car park. Turn right off the A6 approx. 300 metres past the junction with the garden centre and paper factory, then immediately right again into the gated church car park.

And of course, new members are always welcome – tenors, basses and sopranos are definitely needed! Please try to persuade anyone you know who used to sing with us to try us again!

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