

Newsletter

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Summer is just around the corner ...

And have we got a busy term ahead with lots to look forward to...

Summer term dates

- Term starts **24 April**
- Half term **29 May** (no rehearsal on this date but **extra date** on either Tuesday 27 or Wednesday 28 – depending which day suits most members)
- Term ends **10 July**

Subscriptions – early payer’s ‘lottery’

Subscription fees of £44 are now due. Please pay online/using BACS or cheques at choir and giving your full name as a reference (BACS details: sort code 60-15-07 and account no. 62367080 and also on the website).

To encourage prompt payment of subscription fees, we are introducing an ‘early payment lottery’ where names of those who pay by a set date will be entered into a draw with one lucky recipient receiving a 50% reduction for the next term. Choir members will need to pay by **midday on 7 May** to be entered into the next draw which will take place at our rehearsal on 8 May. Prompt payment really does help us to manage the finances.

Summer concert – 7 June

We are incredibly lucky that Kennet School have kindly offered to host the concert at no charge as part of their commitment to community events. As before, we have the added joy of students from Kennet School performing alongside and with us.

Timings for 7 June:

- 1:30 – 3.30pm (approx.) for afternoon rehearsal at Kennet School
- 7:00pm choir to return ahead of concert
- 7.30pm concert

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Ticket price: £5.00 when purchased from choir (online ticket sales subject to small service charge). Under 16’s will be free but still require a ticket to help us manage numbers. Tickets must be bought in advance to avoid last minute seating issues.

Refreshments:

To encourage interaction, we will serve refreshments during an interval. We won’t be having a raffle this time but are planning a charity raffle for our Christmas event.

Music for concert:

We will be focusing on the pieces we have already been rehearsing. The final list and running order will be shared nearer the time.

Autumn workshop

We thought it would be great to offer our members a free workshop with a professional singing coach in the autumn term. The focus will be on enhancing our singing skills as well as having some fun together. The workshop will be held locally on a Saturday. Details to follow.

Dates for your diaries

6 July – The Watermill Theatre have invited us to sing at their community event – it will be good to know how many would like to participate (sign up sheet soon). We will focus on pieces we will have already rehearsed for the concert and will have 4 weeks of rehearsals between the concert and the event so may fit in something new!

10 July – our last rehearsal of the summer term. Bring drinks and nibbles to share for a bit of a social event after a short singing session.

Christmas 2025 – eek! Is it lawful to even mention Christmas so early in the year? We are working on plans for a Christmas concert including carols, readings, poetry and audience participation. Date and venue to be confirmed.