

WEST CUMBERLAND CHORAL SOCIETY

We are all looking forward to an exciting new partnership with Kaytie, as we explore a broad and varied range of music.

We would love you to come and give us a try!

Why not get in touch and come to our open rehearsal on Thursday 15 September from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, in St Begh's Junior School Hall, Coach Rd, Whitehaven.



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COME AND
SING WITH US



We are launching our Autumn season this September with Kaytie Harding, our dynamic and talented new Musical Director.

All singers are very welcome to come and join us in a diverse and exciting programme of music.





The benefits of singing

Research shows that singing can benefit physical, mental and emotional well-being, enhance brain function, learning and appreciation of harmony.

Group singing establishes social bonds, giving a sense of community and belonging. Taking part in a live performance boosts personal confidence and can even be life changing!

Who are we and what do we sing?

The **West Cumberland Choral Society**, originally founded in 1969, has thrived under several distinguished directors, all from the field of education.

The choir has evolved to cover a wide spectrum of songs ranging from *The Vicar of Dibley* and *Mr Bean* themes, *O Fortuna*- (Britain's Got Talent theme) and Verdi's *Requiem* to *Les Miserables*, Rodgers and Hammerstein *Medleys*, *The Armed Man*, *Sprig of Thyme* folk songs and seasonal Christmas favourites.

The choir has engaged hundreds of soloists, of local, national and international renown. The Society is a charity and we have always encouraged the musical development of students and young singers.



Kaytie Harding, our new director of music, is a music teacher with choral and brass band dual specialism. She has worked for international schools in Hong Kong, UK and Poland and is passionate about getting children and adults singing - even if they think they can't!

Kaytie has worked as a professional singer for many years, having trained at Guildhall, performing with The

Shout, The Three Sopranos, International Staff Songsters and London Voices. As a soloist, she has worked with brass bands, concert bands and orchestras. She has recorded several albums and directed and run various choirs including Voice From The Coal Shed, Choiroke and Whispering Woods.

Kaytie now lives near Keswick with her family, plays in North Lakes Brass and walks the fells with her dogs. She is delighted to be working with WCCS, 'It is an opportunity I have dreamed of and I look forward to many extraordinary music-making experiences with them!'

Frank Bowler has been the official accompanist of the West Cumberland Choral Society since 2009. He is an Associate of the Royal College of Organists and has taught music in schools across the north of England.

Frank is the Organist and Director of Music at St Bees Priory, where he gives regular organ recitals. He also conducts the Priory Singers and is locally revered for his star organ playing on Sundays in the Priory!

