

LANCASTER AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

Fire Precautions

Skerton Methodist Church has a number of fire precautions that users of the building are required to follow. A copy of these precautions is posted on one of the Choir's Notice Boards at rehearsal and it is advisable to be aware of what it says.

At rehearsals our use of the hall means that it is quite crowded and space around seating etc and access to exits is sometimes rather limited. We aim to carry out a fire practice every year to ensure that everyone knows what to do but we do ask everyone to take time to identify where the fire exits are and to try and keep the floor around our seats etc as free from obstruction as possible (books and bags under seats is the best way).

In the event of a fire or a fire practice please leave the building by the nearest exit. There are three exits: the front (main) door, the back door of the hall (to the right front of the choir as we sit at rehearsals) and a side exit accessed through the side door in the kitchen. Ideally we should use only the main entrance and the back door of the hall as the side exit is restricted. Sopranos and tenors should use the back door and altos and basses the main door under normal circumstances.

The curtains in front of the back door of the hall should be opened, the door unbarred and unbolted by someone who has been given this task before a rehearsal starts. If you notice that a rehearsal is about to start and the door hasn't been attended to please use your initiative and do what is required: your life could depend on being able to easily leave through this exit.

It would be a good idea if those who are likely to be nearest to the side exit though the kitchen to familiarise themselves with this exit as the gate outside has to be unlocked to gain access to the car park. The key to the gate is available inside the fire exit door.

The assembly point in the event of a fire or a practice is the car park. Please assemble in choir sections. The main points for assembly will be posted with the fire regulations but common sense may need to prevail if one area is not accessible because of a fire. A register of those present should be taken if possible. If the register is not available please check those with you and make sure that everyone is present.

The Committee.