



**BULLETIN 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

## This Weeks News

We started this week's session with a super lively warm up, it was such fun. Two new ladies, who came for a trial last week, will be joining us in the tenors; they are Natalie and Michaela, welcome to them both. We also had two ladies and one gentleman, all of them tenors, who came for a trial this week, these ladies have already decided they want to join us. As you know we now have no space in the choir for new sopranos and altos, we would still be happy to take a few more basses however, perhaps especially if they could quickly pick up what we've done so far this term.

We worked hard on "Sing" this week, it's beginning to sound really gorgeous, we make such a full rich sound now. Craig was very pleased and complimentary about our blending and took time out of rehearsal to praise the choir telling us just how much we've improved in recent months. It felt so good to be praised. Keep working hard everybody it's paying off. I'm sure you'll all agree we wouldn't be doing so well if we didn't have such an amazing MD. Thanks to Craig for his patience, enthusiasm and teaching methods, we're so very lucky! We mustn't forget Declan too who makes our learning process so much easier.

Lots of people are arriving early and you all seem to be enjoying a really good chat before we start singing. The warmth in the room is so nice to see. It's a good exercise to make an effort to say hello and introduce yourself to somebody you haven't spoken to before, by the end of the year you should know the names of all your fellow choir members, perhaps we could have a test to see who knows the names of the most choir members - just joking!

Thank you to those of you who have been messaging me to say just how much you're enjoying what we're doing at Knot Another Choir, your little messages are so encouraging and very much appreciated. I pass on what you say to the committee and Craig.

This week please keep practising "You're the Voice" and "Sing" and look at "Hold Back the River" and "Beautiful Day" especially if you weren't with us when we did these two songs. We are going to start "With a Little Help from My Friends" by the Beatles this week, at least the words will be familiar to most of us, have a listen to your part this week when you get chance.

## **World Voice Day (WVD) 16th April**

Craig is Chairman of the British Voice Association, he is going to organise a workshop on the 16th of April for World Voice Day, probably at the university in Leeds. This will be open to any members of our choir who'd be interested, along with members of other choirs that Craig is associated with. Keep this date free, there'll be more information to follow.

## **West Yorkshire Pop Festival at Ossett**

Does anybody else want to come with us? We have a choir of round about 45 at the moment who will perform at the festival, as opposed to the 70+ who are attending practices. The cost of the day is just £15, on the day there'll be a mass sing with members of other choirs, workshops, our own performance and a concert in the evening.

We have booked a coach, it will leave from York Place Car Park at 8-40, please pay the £5 for this on the day.

## **East Coast Festival of Choirs and Voices 7th November (Bridlington)**

We will be taking part in this great festival again. The organiser was delighted we'd be returning to this event, he is looking forward to seeing us singing under Craig's direction with new members and material. Further information nearer the time - pop this date in your diary.

## **Kings and Queens of Rock Pop and Soul**

### **25th March**

Performed by Craig's university choir, it's wonderful to see such amazingly talented young people singing together. This makes such an enjoyable evening I hope lots of you will get tickets.

Tickets are still available from the box office on 0113 376 0318 but be quick!

We'll meet for a drink on our way home after the show at The Lord Darcy, 618 Harrogate Road, Alwoodley, Leeds LS17 8EH. It's easy to find and has a good car park.

## **Wild Voice Festival**

### **Kelmarsh Hall, Northamptonshire**

### **29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**

Some of you have already booked this weekend, it's quite expensive but well worth it, especially if you book accommodation away from the festival site. It's a fabulous weekend and it gives you the opportunity to meet and sing with people from choirs all over the country. Last year the singing workshops were brilliant with fantastic leaders, James Hawkins from the missing people's choir and Basil Meade from The London Gospel choir to name but two. It would be great if a good group of us from Knot Another Choir could attend this festival.

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Julie

## Changes to the Web Site

Over the past week I have added even more security to our web site, hopefully, you will not notice any difference. However, a few members have experienced problems logging onto the members section. The main issue seems to be with I pads/I phones, this is because with these devices the browser is not normally closed and reloaded each time. If you have issues logging in. especially if you get a message about an “error in Recapta” then you need to completely close the browser and reload.

To do this

1. Press the home button twice, all running apps should show as smaller screens.
2. Swipe the browser off the top of the screen.
3. Press the home button once, the screen will then return to normal.
4. Load the browser and go to [www.knotanotherchoir.co.uk/members](http://www.knotanotherchoir.co.uk/members) and login as normal.

Another issue that was found was that you can no longer login using your email address and have to use your username instead, if you have forgotten the name you used to register please contact me and I will remind you.

I have noticed that several members have used their email address as their username, this is not recommended but unfortunately you cannot change this as it is an “admin” only facility, so if you want it changing please let me know.

John

# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Below are the dates and places for this term's rehearsals and performances.

## **Sessions run from 19:45-21:30**

### **January**

Thursday 30: Trinity Church Hall

### **February**

Thursday 6: Trinity Church Hall

Thursday 13: Trinity Church Hall

Thursday 20: Trinity Church Hall

Thursday 27: Trinity Church Hall

*Saturday 29: Sing for Spring 2, Chain Lane Community Hub 11:00 until 16:00*

### **March**

**Wednesday 4: Trinity Church**

Thursday 12: Trinity Church Hall

**Wednesday 18: Trinity Church Hall**

*Wednesday 25: Kings and Queens of Rock, Leeds College of music 19:30*

Thursday 26: Trinity Church Hall

*Saturday 28: Knot Another Choir Charity event at Trinity Church, Knaresborough 19:00*

### **April**

Thursday 2: Trinity Church Hall (End of Term)

*Thursday 16: World Voice Day – Workshop run by Craig – details to follow*

Thursday 23: Trinity Church Hall (Start of Spring Term)

### **May**

*Friday 8: Zamar York University Gospel Choir, Sir Jack Lyons concert hall, York 19:30*

### **June**

*Saturday 13: West Yorkshire Pop Festival, Ossett*

### **November**

*Saturday 7: The East Coast Festival of Choir and Voices, Bridlington*

# OTHER EVENTS YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

If you have anything you would like to go in this section, please send details to [john@knotanotherchoir.co.uk](mailto:john@knotanotherchoir.co.uk)

## Kings and Queens of Rock, Pop and Soul Show

If you'd like to see Craig conducting his amazing University Choir performing the fabulous 'Kings and Queens of Rock, Pop and Soul show' you can catch it at Leeds College of Music on the 25th of MARCH GET YOUR TICKETS NOW you'll not regret it! Tickets available from the box office on 0113 376 0318.

## Zamar

Zamar is an enthusiastic and lively gospel choir made up of students from across York University and accompanied by a live band on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May Sir Jack Lyons concert hall, York University @ 19:30 Tickets available from 01904322439 [boxoffice@york.ac.uk](mailto:boxoffice@york.ac.uk)  
[https://yorkconcerts.ticketsolve.com/shows/873611536?\\_ga=2.188769320.2068629515.1575641641-528635642.1575641641](https://yorkconcerts.ticketsolve.com/shows/873611536?_ga=2.188769320.2068629515.1575641641-528635642.1575641641)

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## Harrogate Proms

Brian Western, conductor of Harrogate Symphony orchestra, heard us sing at the Tree festival and has sent us an invitation to be part of this great event. If you'd like the opportunity to sing, as part of a mass choir, in The Harrogate Proms with Harrogate Symphony Orchestra at the Harrogate Convention Centre on the 27th of June at 7-30 you will find all the details in the link below as to how to apply.

Rehearsals will start after Easter and will be held on Wednesday evenings at Christchurch Harrogate.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/h9wn1kz8zj24d85/Harrogate%20proms.pdf?dl=0>