



## **BULLETIN #11 2020**

Further to the committee's response about the Covid 19 virus which you received in an email, we have decided to finish the choir term a week early for our Easter holiday following our concert, so there'll be no practice on the 2nd of April. This will give us nearly four weeks off as we will resume practices on the 23rd of April.

Somewhat surprisingly we had a high attendance with just under 60 present this week. Craig gave us a very uplifting speech about sticking together and enjoying and appreciating what we have at Knot Another Choir while we're all coping with the worry of the Covid 19 virus, I think we all appreciated listening to what he had to say. Our current plan is to continue practices until local schools close or we are told that attending public gatherings is deemed to be unsafe.

We do, as a committee, take our duty of care to you very seriously. Those of you who do not feel that it's right for you to attend choir practices at the moment we will of course support your choice and look forward to having you back when the situation has calmed down.

This week did more work on Brave and it's sounding really good now. Don't forget to learn your words as Craig wants us to be without words or music for the concert. Keep playing your part out from the sound files, it's easy to get in a habit of popping it on when you're in the bath etc.

So that you can be prepared for next week (Wednesday) we'll be going over Sing and You're The Voice.

### **Our remaining practices in the run up to the concert are;**

Wednesday 18th in the Church Hall.

Thursday 26th in the Church Hall.

Friday 27th in Trinity Church this is an EXTRA PRACTICE and can be considered as being in place of the 2nd of April.

## **Saturday 28th Pre Concert Itinerary**

4-30

Those of you who are strong and fit please come and help with stage building and putting out tables.

5-30

Please would all other choir members arrive to set up our stalls ready for the concert.

6-00

We'll get in our positions on stage and have a run through.

6-30

We will need to be ready for people arriving.

When guests arrive we'll serve them with refreshments sell them raffle tickets and cakes etc.

We do have access to the church hall so you can leave coats there use the facilities get changed if you need to.

## **Exciting News to put in your diary!**

I'm delighted to announce that after the great success of our recent Sing For Spring 2 workshop Craig has agreed to do another workshop for us on the 12th of September. More details nearer the time.

## **Harrogate Pride in Diversity Gala Dinner** **5th of June tickets now available.**

As you know we're singing at the Harrogate Pride in Diversity Gala Dinner at The Crown Hotel Harrogate. We've been asked if choir members and partners would like to attend the Gala Dinner. There'll be a three-course dinner which looks very appetising, a raffle, dancing and an Adele tribute act who will sing before and after us.

Tickets are £50 and are now available from Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pride-in-diversity-gala-dinner-2020-tickets-96091224439?aff=efbevent#>

## **Craig's Kings and Queens of Rock Pop and Soul** **25th March.**

The postcode for the college is **LS2 7PD**.

The NCP car park is across the road from the Leeds Playhouse which is adjacent to the college the postcode is LS2 7EA.

The Quarry Hill pay and display car park is LS9 8AH is at the back of the college. Give yourself plenty of time to find the venue and get through the city traffic.

***For those of you going to the concert can we all meet for a drink on our way home. We will meet straight after the show at the Lord Darcy 618 Harrogate Road, Alwoodley, Leeds LS17 8EH. It's easy to find on the Harrogate Road.***

**West Yorkshire Pop Festival at Ossett**  
**13th of June.**

You'll need a packed lunch for the day we'll break for lunch at 1pm ish for half an hour or so. At 5pm we'll have another break, street type food will be available to purchase then.

The coach is booked, it will leave from York Place Car Park HG5 0AD at 8-40, that's opposite Knaresborough swimming pool. Please pay your £5 for the coach on the day. I'm going to presume you're going to travel on the coach unless you tell me otherwise.

*Thank you so much for your patience waiting for further details on the day. Below is everything I think you'll need to know about the format of the day. However, if you have any questions, please do get back to me.*

*Jenna Fann.*

**Harlow Carr Gardens Sunday**  
**12th of July**

We'll perform three short sets in the gardens between 1pm and 4pm. Choir to arrive at 12-30.

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

We will be taking part in this great festival. We will organise a coach to take us to Bridlington.

# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

**Sessions run from 19:45-21:30**  
**If you like a chat come early (19:00 – 19:45)**

## **March**

**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 Concert at Trinity Church, Knaresborough 19:00**

## **April**

Thursday 2: Trinity Church Hall **\*\* (End of Term)**

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**

**Friday 5: The Crown Hotel Harrogate Pride in Diversity Gala Dinner**

**Saturday 13: West Yorkshire Pop Festival, Ossett**

## **July**

*Saturday 4: Barnsley Youth Choir 14:00 and 19:00*

**Sunday 12: Harlow Carr. 12:30**

## **November**

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

## **Make Contact**

Please would you contact me if you can't attend a practice or if you have any questions or suggestions? [jbradburysharp@gmail.com](mailto:jbradburysharp@gmail.com) or ring me on 07926027676. You can also speak to other committee members on practice nights.

## **OTHER EVENTS YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN**

### **Bradford Cathedral Singing Day with Professor Paul Mealor** **14th Mar 2020**

**This event has been postponed.**

Bradford Cathedral are holding a singing day with Professor Paul Mealor, the composer behind the Military Wives Christmas number one single, it is being held at Bradford Cathedral.

Please see <http://singing-day-paul-mealor.eventbrite.co.uk/> for more details and to book a place.

### **Vocalis sings The Food of Love** **21<sup>st</sup> March**

Join Vocalis Chamber Choir and musical director Alexander Kyle for their spring concert The Food of Love in the warm and friendly atmosphere of St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate on Saturday 21 March at 7.30pm.

The inspiration for this programme is Purcell's If Music Be the Food of Love and the many wonderful choral pieces about food and love which musicians have composed through the ages. Refreshments are available during the interval. Tickets are £12 and are available online at [www.harrogatevocalis.org.uk](http://www.harrogatevocalis.org.uk)

### **Collavoce Collective** **5<sup>th</sup> April**

The Collavoce Collective have a License to Sing on Sunday 5th April in The Crown Hotel, Harrogate. To mark the release of the 25th James Bond film, NO TIME TO DIE, Musical Director Catherine Field-Leather (M), invites you to join The Collavoce Collective Singers as they present NOW TIME TO SING. An evening devoted to the music of Bond. Collavoce will be joined by guest band The Radio 58 Collective, plus Eurythmia Ensemble. Begin your evening at 7.00pm with a reception, Prosecco and canapés, followed by the main feature at 7.45pm. All profit from ticket sales will go to Friends of Harrogate Hospital. Tickets £16 (includes a glass of Prosecco and canapés) Seating cabaret style.

Tickets from: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/book/event?eid=10434&>  
or phone: 07375 031507

## **York University Zamar Gospel Choir**

**8<sup>th</sup> May**

Don't miss this! Zamar is a lively gospel choir made up of students from across York University and accompanied by a live band on Friday 8th May at Sir Jack Lyons concert hall, York University @ 19:30 Tickets are available from 01904322439

[boxoffice@york.ac.uk](mailto:boxoffice@york.ac.uk)

## **Barnsley Youth Choir Fundraising Concert**

**4th July**

The amazing Barnsley Youth Choir will welcome the world famous TUKS Camerata from Pretoria, South Africa for 2 very special concerts. This is an incredible opportunity to see them at their very best performing music that they will use in the World Choir Games. BYC will also perform its competition sets too. These will be simply breathtaking concerts and funds raised will go towards them taking part in the World Choir Games - such a worthy cause.

The only place to buy tickets is on their Crowdfunder Project

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/help-byc-take-part-in-the-world-choir-games-2020>

*John and I have a couple of spaces in our car we will be going to the 2pm concert.*

## **FEVA: Knaresborough's Festival Of Visual Arts And Entertainment**

**9 Aug 2020 To 19 Aug 2020**

10-day annual festival of art, entertainment, music, shows, plays, dance performances, children's attractions, a free picnic, exhibitions and other events that turn this market town magenta! See 80 different events, workshops - something for everybody.

**West Yorkshire Choirs Pop Festival**

**13th June 2020**

## Information for the day

Thank you for participating in the West Yorkshire Choirs Pop Festival. I want to make sure that everything runs as smoothly as possible on the day so everyone gets the most out of the experience so I've collected here everything I think you will need to know. If you need anything or have any questions on the day please speak to a steward who will be happy to help.

## How to find Ossett Town Hall

Ossett is just off Junction 40 of the M1. It is about 20 minutes from Leeds.

Please put **Ossett Town Hall, Market Place, WF5 8BE** into your sat nav. Ossett Town Hall is at the very centre of Ossett.

## Parking in Ossett

There are various council car parks around the town centre or on street parking if you don't mind a bit of a walk. Please do not park in the supermarket car parks as you will get a ticket and be careful with town centre street parking or car park time limits or permit areas.

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/car-parks-across-the-district/car-parks-in-ossett>

Unlimited street parking can be found on Station Road or West Wells Road (5-10 minute walk to Town Hall).

**If you intend to arrive by coach, you may be able to drop off/pick up opposite Ossett Bus Station next to Ossett United football ground. This is a two-minute walk from the Town Hall.**

## Upon Arrival

When you arrive at the Town Hall please come to the front doors from 9:30am and register in the main hall. There will be a desk with a name list for each choir. Please tell the steward who you are and which choir you belong to. They will sign you in, stamp your hand, give you your pack and direct you to the allocated seats for your choir. You will need to show your stamped hand to gain re-entry during the event if you leave at any point.

## Seating

Each choir has been allocated the right number of seats for the event and choirs have all their members sat together. Please arrange yourselves in your seating block by parts (SATB) because when we sing for the finale, you will simply turn around in your seats to face the audience to sing and you may wish to have others singing the same parts around you.

Each choir seat will have a reserved sign on it. Please ensure you keep your reserved sign on your seat for when the public arrive in the evening to prevent any confusion.

## Breaks

Each group will have a break during the morning as there are four groups and three workshops. Tea and coffee will be available to buy throughout the day. After the morning workshops we will have a 30-minute break for lunch. You may prefer to bring a packed lunch as we are short on time although the Coop is just across the road if you need to nip out for something. We will take 2 short comfort breaks during the afternoon. There will also be a longer third break at teatime for people to get something to eat between the afternoon event and the evening Finale Concert.

## Teatime

Cinta will once again be catering for us at teatime. They will be serving food 'street food style' and drinks for choir members outside the Town Hall (weather permitting - inside if the weather is poor). Live music is also going to be provided for your entertainment outside at the street food stall so there should be a great atmosphere. The food will be ready straight after the afternoon session finishes and is reasonably priced and quick to eat. The menu and information about how to order will follow.

You are welcome to stay in the Town Hall to eat any food you bring with you at teatime but please ensure that any rubbish is cleared away before the Finale Concert.

## Running Order and Format

This is the planned running order - correct at time of distribution. Please refer to the copy you are given on the day for the most up to date version.

<a href="#"><u>9:30am</u></a>	Doors open for arrival of choirs
<a href="#"><u>10:00am</u></a>	Welcome, warm up and housekeeping
<a href="#"><u>10:10am</u></a>	Session 1
<a href="#"><u>10:50:am</u></a>	Session 2
<a href="#"><u>11:30am</u></a>	Session 3
<a href="#"><u>12:10pm</u></a>	Session 4
<a href="#"><u>12:50pm</u></a>	Lunch break
<a href="#"><u>1:20pm</u></a>	Introduction to panel
<a href="#"><u>1:30pm</u></a>	Holme Valley Singers
<a href="#"><u>1:45pm</u></a>	Singing Mums
<a href="#"><u>2:00pm</u></a>	Local Vocals
<a href="#"><u>2:15pm</u></a>	BAYC
<a href="#"><u>2:30pm</u></a>	Harmonix
<a href="#"><u>2:45pm</u></a>	10 minute comfort break
<a href="#"><u>2:55pm</u></a>	KNOT Another Choir
<a href="#"><u>3:05pm</u></a>	Holme Valley Youth
<a href="#"><u>3:20pm</u></a>	Caravanettes
<a href="#"><u>3:35pm</u></a>	Free Range Choir
<a href="#"><u>3:50pm</u></a>	Do Your Thing
<a href="#"><u>4:05pm</u></a>	10 minute break
<a href="#"><u>4:15pm</u></a>	Prizes for choirs
<a href="#"><u>4:30pm</u></a>	Performance from H.U.M Gospel Choir
<a href="#"><u>4:50pm</u></a>	Rehearsal of finale song and walk through of stage entry/exit for choirs in Finale Concert
<a href="#"><u>5:15pm</u></a>	End of afternoon event Food and drink available to buy with live music outside town hall (by Cinta)
<a href="#"><u>6:00pm</u></a>	Doors open for evening Finale Concert
<a href="#"><u>6:30pm</u></a>	Finale Concert
<a href="#"><u>9:30pm</u></a>	Finale Concert finishes - latest

### **Morning Workshops**

Group A: Caravanettes, Do Your Thing

Group B: Local Vocals, Singing Mums, Holme Valley Youth

Group C: Free Range Choir, Harmonix, Bradford and Airedale Youth Choir  
 Group D: KNOT Another Choir, Holme Valley Singers

	Craig Lees Vocal Coach	Alison George Vocal Coach	HUM Gospel Choir	Break in foyer
Session 1 <a href="#">10:10-10:50</a>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B</b>
Session 2 <a href="#">10:50-11:30</a>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>
Session 3 <a href="#">11:30-12:10</a>	<b>C</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>
Session 4 <a href="#">12:10-12:50</a>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>

### Afternoon Event

Each choir will have a ten-minute performance slot on the stage after which they will receive feedback from the panel. There is a short time between acts so please be prompt getting on and off the stage and organised for your performance. Your choir will be called up when it is your turn, please don't move until then. Please be careful on the stage steps and use the handrail as they are quite steep. It would be helpful if you can lead onto the stage in the right order to save time once you are up there. You will be introduced and are then ready to start your performance. If you have given backing tracks to us, then the sound engineers will play your music when your MD gives them a nod.

After each choir finishes their set, they will receive feedback from the panel of industry experts. Please wait on the stage while you receive your feedback.

After all the choirs have performed a number of certificates will be given out to choirs. A representative from each winning choir should be ready to come out to accept the certificate. Remember that these awards are meant to be fun, the event is not a competition.

As a treat for the participating choirs H.U.M Gospel Choir will perform a short set exclusively for us before the evening show. This will be followed by a rehearsal of the massed choir finale song. We only have a short time available, but this time is very important as it will be the only chance all the choirs get to practise together as a Massed Choir and to get used to what the track and our voices sound like together in the space. After we've finished singing all choirs should remain to practise getting on and off the stage for their evening performance - we will do this in the same order as the afternoon performances. Please be back in the Hall and in your seats for around 6:15pm.

### Evening Finale Concert

The running order of the Finale is as follows - correct at time of distribution. Please refer to the copy you are given on the day for the most up to date version.

6:30pm start

H.U.M 5 minutes

Choir #1 6 mins (2x 3 minute songs)

Choir #2 6 mins (2x 3 minute songs) H.U.M 25 mins

Choir #3 6 mins (2x 3 minute songs)

Choir #4 6 mins (2x 3 minute songs) Choir #5 6 mins (2x 3 minute songs) Song with audience led by

H.U.M INTERVAL H.U.M 5 minutes Choir #6 6 mins (2x 3 minute songs)

Choir #7 6 mins (2x 3 minute songs)

Choir #8 6 mins (2x 3 minute songs) H.U.M 25 mins

Choir #9 6 mins (2x 3 minute songs) Choir #10 6 mins (2x 3 minute songs) Thanks

Finale song

The choirs will wait in the wings (stage right where there is more room) while H.U.M or another choir do the set before theirs. Please wait silently and have yourselves in the correct order to lead onto the stage for your set when I call you. After you have finished your set please lead off the stage using the steps down to the floor on BOTH SIDES and return to

your seats in the stalls as quickly and quietly as possible. We will rehearse these movements during the afternoon - including getting backstage which involves a route through back rooms in the Town Hall (led by a steward).

For the finale song I will be conducting the massed choir. You will sing standing from your seat positions in the stalls, but turned around to face the audience. The house lights will remain switched off so it will be quite difficult to see. Please try to ensure you can see me enough to follow direction. H.U.M will be singing on the stage to lead the finale songs. I hope you enjoy the experience of singing with around 250 other singers. It was an exciting finish to the evening last year.

The Finale Concert should be finished by 9:30pm. The bar will be open in the interval.

### **Next Year**

The West Yorkshire Choirs Pop Festival 2021 will be on Saturday 12th June 2021 - I hope you'll have such a good time this year that you want to join us again next year!

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