



## **BULLETIN #17 2020**

Hi Choir,

How's your week been I hope you're all keeping safe and well? I hope you're managing to keep amused with crafts, volunteering or fund raising or enjoying television and radio programmes. Maybe you've got into doing quizzes, my family do these it keeps us connected even with my son who is living in Stanley in the Falkland Islands, my children are very competitive with each other, John and I have lost every week so far, we fail miserably on the pop music round.

If you've any recipes you've tried, a new skill you've picked up recently or a walk in the area you'd like to recommend, please send me the details and I'll put it in the bulletin for others to read about. Do send me an email if you're doing community projects of any sort, I'm sure your fellow choir members would live to hear about it.

Our Zoom session was popular again this week, with over 40 joining in the session, it's good to see you all on Thursday evenings. Our practice started with a good warm up followed by our "I don't want to sing today round". We got all the way through "Simply The Best" this week, just imagine how wonderful it will be to sing together again.

This week I took my turn to perform at the end of our Zoom session, I played Somewhere Over The Rainbow on the piano, I hope you sang along at home and enjoyed my choice. We have three people lined up for the next three weeks to perform for you.

Thanks to Craig and Declan for keeping us amused on Thursday evenings we really appreciate their efforts and as I've said before, the sessions keep us connected.

If you'd still like to join these Zoom sessions but are being put off by the technology, please just give John a ring and he'll be happy to help you just ring this number 07926027676. The meeting ID is **905298015**

I hope you liked the idea of me getting members to tell you a little bit about themselves. I have two more members for you to meet and two already lined up for next week.

### **Ruth Moore**



*It was lovely to get a call from Julie the other day and to have a chat until the point when it became clear that she was after a mini-bio for the newsletter! Normally I'd be one of the very last to volunteer information about myself - and those in the choir who do know me will be surprised to see that I've taken the plunge - but I've done so in the sure knowledge that Julie has you all in her sights!*

*I have been singing in choirs locally for the past few years but wanted a change and some excitement and joined Knot Another Choir last October seduced by the posters showing the new musical director - Craig. I love the challenge and vitality of KAC and as a Knaresborian adoptee it's very special to be part of such an enthusiastic and welcoming local community choir. At the same time it's wonderful to experience the quality of musical leadership normally available only to professional choirs. As a soprano, at choir practices you'll find me out on the left wing with the top sops.*

*I've bent the rules with the picture and included two non-choir members (although one has already shown undoubted promise, especially with the theme from Frozen which I'm sure is ripe for a Craig & Dec arrangement!). These are the two youngest of my four grandchildren - two each from two daughters - who I've included here because being a Granny is a big part of who I am and because, no doubt like many of you, I'm missing them terribly during the lockdown. As many of us know from Thursday Zoom sessions, video contact is a welcome but poor substitute for the real thing.*

*Prior to retiring several years ago I was a mental health and general nurse for over forty years. I trained in London and worked there, in Kent, Dorset and in Yorkshire, latterly as a senior practice nurse in Boroughbridge. As*

*varied and satisfying a career as it was, I'm now thoroughly enjoying retirement and can't quite believe there was ever time to study, work and raise a family.*

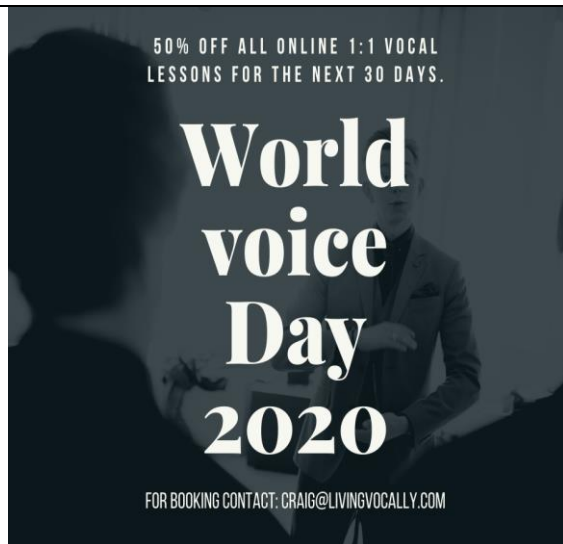
*We came to North Yorkshire 25 years ago and although my daughters and their families are now geographically spread, my husband and I are firmly rooted in lovely Knaresborough with all its history and quirks - Knot to mention Another Choir!*

### **Rachael Bolton**



*I have been coming to Knot Another Choir for around 7 years. I absolutely love singing with other people in harmony and listening to and learning how the parts of a piece of music fit together to create a whole sound. I grew up in a musical family with lots of singers around me and I was a member of school choirs in primary and*

*secondary school – I was lucky to have a great music teacher who gave us the chance to sing a really wide variety of styles from classical to spirituals to musical numbers to ABBA and Queen! Now I also have 2 young children, Luke and Emily, and we sing a lot together too – coming to choir gives me a break from nursery rhymes! I work for Harrogate and Knaresborough Toy Library where we run play sessions for preschool children in the area, and also have a toy lending service. Working with small children and watching and learning how they grow and develop is fascinating and inspiring and it's amazing to see the wonder and enjoyment with which they approach the world. Music is a big part of this as well as we always have singing time at the end of our sessions and you can see the little ones learning and developing as they join in. I joined the choir's committee a few years ago as I wanted to support the choir going forward – we meet about once a month and, fuelled by tea and biscuits, we work hard to make sure that choir is a fun and rewarding experience for all that attend and to organise concerts and events for everyone to be involved in. I'm looking forward to getting to know more of you through the bulletin in the weeks.*



While we're all at home Craig has very generously given choir members and their friends and families the offer of 1:1 lessons with him at a reduced rate of £35 per hour. I'm very pleased that a good number of you have taken Craig up on this fantastic offer. Craig will conduct his sessions via Zoom and will take payment via Paypal and BACS. If you haven't responded to this offer yet Craig's email address is on this World Voice Day advert.

### **Appeal for Maggies Yorkshire**

As many of you know Sarah Blood is a volunteer for and keen supporter of Maggies Yorkshire. She is currently baking like crazy and raising money for Maggies during what is a particularly challenging time for charities. This is your opportunity to make a donation to a wonderful charity in return for some goodies.

Please email Sarah on [blomin10@gmail.com](mailto:blomin10@gmail.com) or message her on messenger for further details. Do take a look at Sarah's just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-s-2-6-challenge1721>

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