

BULLETIN #38 2020

This week

Zoom next week – Thursday 19 November – a reminder that the session next Thursday and the remaining 4 sessions this half term will **all start at 7.30 pm.**



Songs this term – With 5 weeks until we finish for Christmas, we've got a lot to pack in. The 3 songs we'll be doing are:

- ❖ Merry Christmas Everyone
- ❖ Last Christmas
- ❖ High

Scores and audio tracks for all parts are on the KAC Members section under "Christmas 2020". My favourite rehearsal space is my car, mainly because I can sing the same thing over and over again, very loudly, without annoying anyone too much, although I do get some funny looks from other drivers. The shower cubicle, the dog walk and the garden shed are equally good?

Don't Stop Me Now video recording – Craig gave an extension until Sunday 15 November at 23.59pm to do our recording, so if you haven't done your recording yet you still have today and tomorrow to do it. Craig said he realised just how challenging making a recording can be, but he felt that we had really moved up a level with our voice recordings since our last recording, this was really great to hear and made it even more worthwhile.

The premiere of the video will be shown in the Zoom session before Christmas i.e. Thursday 17 December, so make sure that date is in your diary.



last

The video will then be released to the world – is it ready? We have been promised a real treat. Andy Atherton has apparently outdone himself with his guitar “solo” – you heard it here first!

Natasha found this You Tube recording of BBC’s Fast & Loose featuring *Don’t Stop Me Now* – it made me laugh out loud so take a look. The people guessing look pretty clueless but it’s so obvious when you know the answer 😊

<https://youtu.be/bkzsoJf-UsA> Thanks for sharing that Natasha.

Zoom Thursday 12 November – There were 44 people who signed into the session on Thursday. It was fantastic to see some more “newbies” joining us - Jacki (my lovely sister), Mark & Annette from the Ilkley choir Moornotes and John & Vasoulla from the Middletones in Leeds. Welcome back to Elaine from the USA who has kindly done her profile for the bulletin this week, the girls from Edinburgh, and Jo and Roger from Berkshire (where was Roger?!) and of course our own, very own, Knot Another Choirees. Craig was right when he said it was amazing that, 9 months on, we are still getting together every week, doing some great singing and sharing lots of smiles 😊. If you know anyone who would still like to join us for the sessions up to Christmas, then just get in touch with Julie jbradburysharp@gmail.com she’ll be able to give them all the details about joining, accessing sound files etc.

This is a special term and one that would normally be jam packed with concerts and festivals in the build up to Christmas. However even if we cannot share our singing in the normal way, we’ll have to make do with raising the roof of our houses and “entertaining” those we live with. Craig pointed out that last year he and Declan sang *Last Christmas* 42 times with different choirs, but it’s still an old favourite so we’ll be doing it again this term.

However, this week we kicked off with ...

Merry Christmas Everyone – Who remembers singing along to Shakin’ Stevens when this first came out? Many of us I suspect. This is the first song for this half term so get your scores printed off and start listening to your audio tracks – all on the KAC website as usual.



All

❖ Bar 34 “Middle 8” – Craig wants us to imagine we’re Danny or Sandie at the Burger Diner in Grease for the *Shoo Be Doo Wops*.



❖ Craig says this a relatively easy song, the chorus is the same each time, verses mostly in unison but with a slightly tricky key change at the end of the song

Basses

- Bar 1 – best line ever according to Craig – *Ding Dong Ding* – ably demonstrated by Craig, with Dec singing Soprano and peeping into screen right 😊
- Bar 34 - *Shoo Be Doo* with real enthusiasm!
- Bar 42 – a very special part you lucky people – lovely grand “*Woah*” please

Tenors

- Bar 42 – have a party with the 3-part harmony – lots of big smiles

Altos

- Bar 1 – a sexy, sassy line – Craig’s words!
- Bar 42 – watch the “near” melody here – listen to the track carefully

Sopranos

- Bar 1 – poutiest posh Knaresborough “*oooh*” please

Quarantunes – Jeremy’s friend Alan made another special appearance tonight, although he sounded a bit reluctant at first (Jeremy didn’t take no for an answer though). Alan’s poem was all about hair and Tresemme products got a few mentions, which was very funny, and the voice was Alan Bennett to a tee. Thanks Jeremy – you made us all smile! 😊



*"When will I sing with you again, When will we share precious moments, Will I have to wait forever **Maybe** not! We've all heard the news this week about a possible vaccine being rolled out in the coming months. Of course, we don't want to get ahead of ourselves but for now let's just celebrate the *possibility* that this might mean being able to get together for live rehearsals in 2021. Maybe we can be back to in person rehearsals at the Crown before long if LD2 is not extended. **No promises of course but it feels as if there may finally be some light at the end of the tunnel** and personally this makes my smile a little bit brighter. Watch this space because you can guarantee the Committee will be doing everything we can to get us back to live singing as soon as is humanely possible, as long as it's safe to do so of course 😊*



Finally this week – This says it all really



***"There is a light at the end of every tunnel. Some tunnels just happen to be longer than others."** – Ada Adams*

Be safe everyone
Sue x

Profile



Elaine Winston- Turoff.

Hello Choir. I was born in New York City. I live on Long Island, on a canal off the Great South Bay. My husband is a surgeon. We live with Bonnie, our pretty girl. She is a 4 year old rough collie. I have three children.

Growing up, I listened to my mom play classical piano every day. My mom's cousin was a musical director and arranger on Broadway. He taught my mom piano. I did learn to play piano. However, as a teenager I loved the sound of the rock n' roll guitar. My mom found me a classical guitar teacher. I danced ballet and on pointe.

In school I majored in accounting and statistics and earned my Ph.D. from the City University of NY. I am a Professor at a local university. My research area is on the use of technology in healthcare organizations and on medical analytics.

My hobbies have always been a journey of love. For many years I lived with my 2 horses, Boomer and Zoe (they lived in the barn). I showed at equitation, jumping and dressage.

On lockdown, I began to write poetry and joined a songwriter's circle at the Westhampton Theatre. I enjoy writing song lyrics. Then, I discovered that folk singers want to sing their own songs, not those written by others. I have set out to relearn how to play the guitar and sing. I was introduced to Knot Another Choir through a music teacher. I am very happy to be able to join you weekly. This is a silver lining in the thunder cloud.

One to one session with Craig & Dec – Many of us have already taken advantage of the one to one sessions offered by Craig and Declan. They put their usual enthusiasm and fun approach into these sessions, you can learn something new at the same time and maybe just forget about the world for a while. What's not to like? These lessons are open to those joining us as guests as well as members.

- If you would like some help with breathing or hitting those difficult notes or maybe you just want to work on a particular song to sing as a Quarantune, then Craig is offering 1-hour sessions for 50% of his usual rate. They are a bargain at £35. Make your bookings by emailing craig@livingvocally.com
- How about having a go at song writing or piano with Declan. He played a song he had written at the last live session in the Crown and it was fantastic. They can be taken Monday-Sunday 9:00am – 8:00pm. Declan's lessons are just £30. To book please email Declandaviesmusic@gmail.com

Raffle – Jane’s virtual raffle will close on **Thursday the 19th November** so you’ve still time to get involved if you haven’t already. This is a great idea and just shows that we can still do things, even though it must be done in a different way. There are some great prizes that might come in useful as Christmas presents and more importantly, we will raise much needed funds for Yorkshire Cancer Care.



To enter the draw please donate a minimum amount of £2 and no maximum!

Please pay your donation into the KAC bank account (details below) and reference with your name and the word RAFFLE.

Account Name: Knot Another Choir CIO
Account Number: 52537397
Sort code: 40-23-12

If you don’t have access to on-line banking, then please send a cheque to:

Knot Another Choir
125 Manor Road
Knaresborough
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Everyone who donates will have their name put into a hat which will then be drawn, each name drawn will be assigned a number between 1 and 30 until all 30 prizes have been allocated. The list of successful draws will be put on the members’ section of the KAC website.

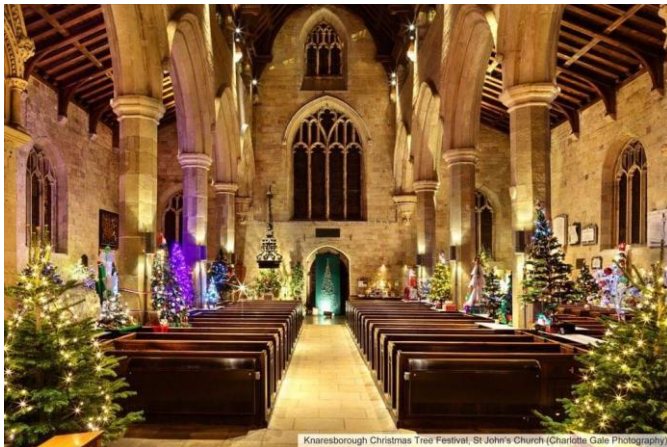
Christmas Tree Festival - St John’s Church, Knaresborough

Can I put out a last call for photos of members who joined since the start of November 2019 and would like to go on the tree as a singing angel. Passport size to me janet_davis@hotmail.com please. Don’t stress about sizing as I can adjust.

Due to Covid restrictions this year the Tree Festival runs from Saturday 12th December 2020 RIGHT THROUGH until Wednesday 6th January 2021 (excluding 25th, 26th Dec & 1st Jan)

The Festival will be open from 12noon until 4pm daily

The Festival will be free, but access will be exclusively through advance booking with **EVENTBRITE**



Thanks – Janet Davis

KAC Needs YOU - Request for Profiles

We have been putting profiles of our lovely members in the bulletin each week for some time now. It has been a great way to get to know more about fellow members, especially as we can't meet up. It's a snapshot of you and there's no right answer to what to include – just tell us about yourself. Please send any profiles to Julie Bradbury-Sharp or have a chat with her first if you are not sure what to write.

Get in touch

If you've any questions, queries or comments please feel free to get in touch I love to hear from you. I will always respond very promptly. My email is jbradburysharp@gmail.com or ring me on 07926027676.