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This week



Tiers used to be all about wedding cakes and seats at concerts or football matches. Now they tell us how big our “bubble” can be, whether pubs can open or how many people we can take a walk in the park with, socially distanced of course. What bizarre times.

So, here’s some really great news to bring a smile to the faces of KAC members. Committee member Jeremy Walsh-Harrington has been busy behind the scenes trying to get a grant from the St James Place Foundation. Maybe he got his mate Alan to help him write the words? Anyway, he worked his magic! The foundation must have been impressed with the things Jeremy told them about Knot Another Choir and what we have been doing during the pandemic. So we’re happy to tell you that we have been successful in our appeal. We will use the money to help the choir in the transition back to normality post Covid.



Zoom on Thursday – 45 of us this week, not bad for a cold November evening. We warmed up and then did the old chestnut “I don’t want to sing today”, including a new jazz version alongside posh Knaresborough, grumpy teenager and the KAC best of the best.

Merry Christmas Everyone – here are a few pointers from Craig.

Bar 33 – “*spend the year*” – sung in harmony unless you are a Tenor who are on the melody. Nice big smiles all round please! Basses watch out for the 2 notes on the word “way”.

Bar 52 – “*Merry Christmas, Everyone*” sung 3 times but note the “***Oh***” on the

final time in Bar 56

Bar 59 – Same “Oooohs” as at the start of the song. Then watch out for that key change – the key change eyebrow raise from Craig gives it away. Make sure you look for it because perfecting it has apparently added years to the lines on his forehead – now there’s dedication to his craft!

- Sopranos & Altos – on the melody
- Tenors & Basses – have a “right old laugh” with their *Hark the herald angels sing & Deck the halls with boughs of holly*
- Tenors note that Bar 70 goes super high!

Bar 72 – Nearly there. Basses can have great fun with the *merry Christmas, everyone*. Sopranos can really go for this right up the scale, even though the score doesn’t show it. some welly 😊. **Give this song a really big ending everyone**



“Oh
and go
Give it



Covers 19 – Craig & Dec do Mariah Carey “*All I Want for Christmas*” – not something you could necessarily have imagined but it was a great version, with their usual enthusiasm and fun, not to mention talent. We all sang along and did our best with those high notes.

Quarantunes – Sammy sang the lovely “*Somewhere Only We Know*” by Keane – really beautiful and had everyone swaying and smiling. Gorgeous voice! Thanks, Sammy, for that real treat. It really is less frightening than it looks and is always the highlight of the session.

What Next? – The committee are meeting on the 7th December to talk about next steps. So please watch your emails for any announcements.



This time last year we were well into our Christmas rehearsals, perfecting Last Christmas to within an inch of its life. I remember coming off the “stage” at the Christmas Tree festival in St John’s Church and speaking to a lady who was absolutely gushing about KAC – “best of the lot by far” according to her. What really struck home was that she said she could tell how much we were all enjoying singing together. That memory always makes me smile and makes me look forward to choir Christmases’ to come. KAC is a very special community and gives so much pleasure to so many. We’ve probably all experienced that feeling of “can I really be bothered to go to choir

tonight?", have done it anyway and been so very glad that we did. It's a bit like a magic potion and has certainly helped keep so many of us get through the last 9 months, we've really appreciated you all supporting us.

I searched for a while to find a suitable quote – somehow this fits the bill.

***"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life."
– Amy Poehler***

Stay safe everyone and see you on Zoom next week

Sue x

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Virtual Raffle



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our virtual Raffle, we are delighted to announce that we have sent the £242 raised to **Yorkshire Cancer Research**.

Christmas Tree Festival - St John's Church, Knaresborough



An update from Janet Davis on the Christmas Tree Festival. – Many thanks Janet for all your efforts making the decorations.

The tree has been allocated a space and I'm to go on the afternoon of 8th December to put it up.

The angel decorations are finished now, and I've shut up the workshop. The festival organisers will release details of how to get tickets in early December. The Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church Knaresborough, is running from 12th December until the first week in January.

If the Coronavirus situation prevents people booking via Eventbrite and visiting the church to view the trees, a film will be made and a "Virtual Festival" made available for all to enjoy on-line.

Details will be posted on social media and in the church.

The ones I've done are not like the photo I sent you earlier I had to go for an easier option with being more or less single handed and there being quite a few to do! I really enjoy doing them though.

Janet

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

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.