



BULLETIN #41 2020

This week



The first snow of winter 2020 and it is definitely time to light those log burners and hunker down in the evenings. A year ago, Knot Anther Choir performed in the Candlelit Concert at St John's church. Sadly, I missed it (spending Saturday evening on the Zeebrugge-Hull ferry being tossed around in some pretty wild storms after a trip to the Christmas markets in Belgium) and was looking forward to being there in 2020. Being there in our memories and imagination will have to do for 2020 but as Craig said on Thursday, Christmas 2021 WILL be very special indeed – only 385 sleeps to go.

Thursday Zoom – 42 of us this week and we made a good crowd. We warmed up with the Breakfast song - Toast & Marmalade, Cup of Tea and Eggs & Bacon – take your pick!



Last Christmas – This week we started to look again at one of the favourites from last year (memories of the Trinity Centre anyone?). Although we sang this many times last year, it was good to get a reminder about some of the pointers for making it extra special. We also have quite a few “guests” in our Zoom sessions, so it is a good introduction for them.



Bar 8 – 1st chorus – we sing this all together, in unison

Bar 32 – 2nd & 3rd chorus – a nice bit of harmony here!

- **Altos & Basses** – on the melody (Basses an octave down so get out your best Barry White crooning for this very resonant section)

- **Tenors** – note the “morse code” in Bar 38 - “*give it to someone special*” which is all on one note

Bar 56 – **THE *Shu Du Wah’s***

- **Sopranos** have a very special part here with the “*Do do do...*”
- **All parts** – note that the “*whoa*” at the end of the *Shu Du Wah’s* is only sung on the first run through not on the 2nd repeat.

Next week – we’ll look at the verses, so take a listen to the parts on the KAC website if you need to refresh your memory.

Christmas Covers 19 – Craig & Dec chose *Santa Baby* for this week. It seems to me that we all enjoy listening, singing along with the odd sway thrown in, even when things go off course a little 😊



Quarantunes – Gary Blandford gave a fabulous performance of *Choir on a Thursday Night*, based on the song *Music of the Night* from the Phantom of the Opera. It was brilliantly entertaining and with some really clever words seamlessly woven into the original version and of course the singing was pretty special too PLUS the penguin suit! I loved every minute and wanted it to start all over again. A standing ovation and a really fantastic way to round off the Zoom. Thanks Gary 😊



Gary’s wonderful performance is now available on Youtube as a “Karaoke” version so you can all sing along. <https://youtu.be/gE29A0Cv1wQ>

Next Steps – Just a reminder that the Committee are meeting on Monday night to discuss next steps and what might be possible under the current Tier system. John & Julie as always, have been hard at it, scouring the various guidance including Making Music and Dept of Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS), to see what we are/not allowed to do whilst keeping safe and enjoying a good sing. **Please watch out for e mails in your inbox so that you are up to date on any plans and offers that we might be putting to you. We don’t want you to miss out if we do decide to go for some live sessions before Christmas. Nothing is certain & absolutely no promises being made, but we know how much singing together means to people.**

Thought for this week – this says it all really



Stay safe everyone
Sue xx

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Christmas Tree Festival - St John's Church, Knaresborough.

Janet Davis has very kindly decorated the Knot Another Choir tree. Our tree is number 16 and is called "Sing, choirs of angels", it will be displayed in St John's Church



Free tickets are now available for the Christmas Tree Festival.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lighten-the-darkness-st-johns-christmas-tree-festival-2020-tickets-129465682341>

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

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