

# KNOT

## ANOTHER CHOIR

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Waking up this week to bright blue skies and sunshine after weeks of grey skies and rain was such a relief. The downside was the bitter cold and icy roads and paths. Thank you to everyone for braving the bitter weather to come out to practice tonight.



*'Whether the weather be fine, or whether the weather be not, whether the weather be cold or whether the weather be hot, we'll weather the weather whatever the weather, whether we like it or not!'*

Watching everyone arrive relaxed and smiling made me realise the joyous connection we all have as members of the KnAC family. It also brought to mind the late great Sir Ken Robinson (Global authority on Creativity, Education & Human Potential) who spoke about finding your "element", your "tribe" your passion, and how this can transform your life and become a formula for happiness.



### **Thursday Night**

We all said hello to Gavin who was with us this week in Toms absence.

Another fun warm up where 'we got to move it, move it, we got to groove it, groove it' by singing the Wabba doo dai dai song! Craig set himself the challenge of getting all the choir members coats off ! It worked!



We then went into the focus of today's session 'I Wanna Dance with Somebody'. This is such a beautifully crafted arrangement, our most challenging song to date. Craig has already told us that there are a number of tricky bits and pieces within it. Some of these were visited during the practice.

Here are one or two pointers: -

- Craig emphasised the importance of feeling the joy in the words and singing with passion.
- the bass section has some really cool parts to lean into in the song. They have some lovely runs ending with 'somebody', each run comes after a quaver and in this choir, it means we get excited! Make sure to take a breath on the quaver to ensure there's no coming in too soon or too late. The basses gave us goosebumps when they sang.
- the lyric 'Yeah' is used twice in each chorus. Each part needs to look carefully to know clearly when they sing a straight or moved 'Yeah'.
- The altos track on the website of bar 50 is slightly out of sync but they join in to sing 'wind up feeling down' at the same place as the sopranos.
- the first refrain of 'When the night falls' in Pre-Chorus 1 is followed by 'the loneliness calls.' Whenever this is repeated later in the song it becomes ' my lonely heart calls'
- Craig will check out the Tenor part in bar 93 so don't practice this as it's been written, as there's a good possibility it'll be changed.
- everyone to please look at their part for 'Get by with a little help from our friends' for next week.

This gorgeous song has so many intricate and tricky bits that it is really important to practice again via the recorded video on the website.

And finally, from Craig: 'A good practice, very part heavy but the more we practice our parts, the more it will come together, and we will have the freedom to sing it and enjoy it.'

Linda

Thank you Linda.

### **Coming Up**

Our KnAC fundraising Social Evening on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January with quiz, pizza and karaoke night, there's 51 of you coming now which is a fantastic number, thanks to you all, your support is greatly appreciated. There are still some tickets left if more of you would like to come. The link for tickets is <https://fienta.com/karaoke>

For the brave among you, do start having a think about what your karaoke performance piece will be?



If you have any goodies left over from Christmas, please bring them along on Thursday evening as Julie H and her team need raffle prizes for the social and the concert.



## **10<sup>th</sup> February Trinity Church Concert in aid of Asthma and Lung UK.**

I hope you'll all give your support to this fabulous event, Craig has chosen a lovely set to sing. We hope the concert is well attended and a great success, especially for Julie H who has been generously supporting this charity since her husband Paul passed away from lung disease.

FYI, even if each of you bring just one or two people with 78 of you singing, we could have a fantastic church full, we love it when this happens. Tickets are still available from [www.fienta.com/knac2](http://www.fienta.com/knac2)



These are the songs we will be singing for you to practice.

### **SET ONE (40mins):**

1. Don't Stop Believing
2. Proud
3. Deep River
4. Steal Away
5. Hello
6. Fix You
7. Stand By Me
8. Something Inside So Strong

### **SET TWO (40mins):**

1. Simply The Best
2. Signed, Sealed, Delivered
3. Wanna Dance With Somebody
4. How Will I Know
5. One Day
6. Get By With A Little Help from My Friends
7. Brave
8. Higher Love

## Cake Stall

We need your help again, a cake stall always does wonders for the amount of money we raise. We have some fabulous bakers in the choir, please offer your services.

## MACC on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March Updates.

I'm delighted that 86 of you have now signed up to sing in Manchester, we weren't expecting anywhere near as many of you would want to come. As a result of these fantastic numbers, we've now got two coaches ordered rather than a coach and a minibus, these will seat a total of 88.

Craig is expecting that everybody who is taking part in the competition will attend the all-day workshop on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> February, this will be held at Chain Lane Community Hub, Knaresborough. The cost will be the same as usual, which is £25, we can offer concessions, please email me or have a quiet word on Thursday. This is the link to pay

<https://fienta.com/macc>

Craig also wants all of us taking part to be at all the practices in February, the dates are the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, hopefully then we'll be able to give the most powerful performance we've ever given.

There will be 15 of the best amateur choirs in the country taking part in the competition, if you look on the MACC website, you'll see videos of some entrants from previous years. There will be University Choirs, Pop Choirs, Childrens Choirs, Barbershop Choirs and Acapella Choirs.

We will be second on stage, our slot is 11-30 to 11-45 a.m. I think this is good as once we have sung, we can relax to watch everybody else's performances, have a mooch, a meal etc etc.

Our warmup will take place in the Carol Nash Room from 11-00 to 11-20. At 11-20 we can drop of our bags and belongings in Studio 8. We'll then go to line up backstage in readiness for our performance.

The staging and the auditorium are fantastic, we'll have plenty of room to move and spread out, I'll do a plan as always.

We are singing a shortened version of "Steal Away", "I Want to Dance With Somebody" and "Higher Love", these will form a gorgeous medley of Whitney Houston songs.

Keep practicing hard everybody, please go over the recordings and sound files etc!!

Our lovely friends from the Dales Community Pop Choir are taking part in the competition too, they'll be singing after lunch at 1-30 p.m.

There is a café serving sandwiches, pizzas, cakes and snacks and a coffee shop available all day.

If you have friends and family in the North West, tickets are available to spend the day at the event from [Tickets for Manchester Amateur Choral Competition 2024](#)

## *The Coming Year*

*We have something on now nearly every month in 2024 which is fantastic. The last one that came in was for the 7<sup>th</sup> of December when we will be returning to sing at Knaresborough United Reformed Church.*



Dates for your 2024 Diary  
SOME CHANGES PLEASE NOTE  
The dates are always up to date  
keep checking all the information.

- ❖ **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 7pm, social evening for choir and guests quiz with Tico Toco pizza and Karaoke. The choir needs the support of its members from events like this. This means that we can continue to improve and develop and purchase and subsidise things for the choir e.g. jackets, staging, etc.**
- ❖ **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 7pm for 7.30pm start Charity Concert at Trinity Church in aid of Asthma + British Lung UK**
- ❖ **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 11am- 4pm at Chain Lane Community Hub Knaresborough we will have an all-day workshop for those of you who are taking part in the Manchester Annual Choral Competition.**
- ❖ **Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 We will be competing in the The Manchester Annual Choral Competition MACC. We will leave York place Car Park at 7.45 a.m. We'll have the opportunity to**

give our best performance and be judged by a prestigious team of adjudicators at the Royal Northern College of Music RNCM.

- ❖ Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March NO CHOIR
- ❖ Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 We have been invited to sing at York Racecourse again at the York Live Show. We will sing two sets at 11-00 a.m. and 1-00 p.m.
- ❖ Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March NO CHOIR
- ❖ Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 Harrogate Community Choir Festival at The Royal Hall. There has to be a limit of 70 of us who can take part at the request of the organisers Stray Notes.
- ❖ Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April change from normal choir night.
- ❖ Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April NO CHOIR
- ❖ Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm for 7.30pm Spring Concert in aid of our Limerick Trip Trinity Church.
- ❖ Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 our coach departs from York Place Knaresborough for the Limerick Sings Festival.
- ❖ Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2p.m. Singing at Knaresborough Castle.
- ❖ Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July Last practice before our summer break.
- ❖ Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July Singing at Newby Hall.
- ❖ Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 Craig and Gemma's wedding day, Knot Another Choir will be singing with the Conservatoire Contemporary Choir!!! The wedding will take place at Allerton Castle Knaresborough.
- ❖ Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Ripon Cathedral Christmas Fare
- ❖ **NEW Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7pm We will be delighted to return to sing at Knaresborough United Reformed Church (URC).**
- ❖ Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7pm for 7.30pm Christmas Concert at the Church of St Johns Knaresborough more info to follow.

*And Finally*

*Singing in a choir is cheaper than therapy,  
Healthier than drinking,  
And more fun than working out.*



*Have a good week. Julie*

