

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

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What an amazing place Knaresborough is! Not only is it home of the award-winning Knot Another Choir but there are many other multitalented individuals and groups in the town who perform all year round. This week Janet (Soprano) and I



joined a group of friends to watch The Knaresborough Players Pantomime 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' It was a fun evening and what a talented group of performers they were. The performance included a nod to our good friend Whitney and the cast finished the show with a rousing rendition of 'Reach for the Stars' - this might be one to keep in mind when we perform at the MACC!! Only 5 more practices and a workshop on the 24th Feb before we meet our most exciting challenge yet!



Thursday Night - This week Gavin joined us once again as our accompanist.

Warm Up:- Craig was his marvellously ebullient self which ensured we were all fully energised. The warmup was -

Hey Everybody.
Are you feelin alright.
Hey Everybody.
Let's groove tonight.

Great hilarity throughout this warmup with some coordination issues when moving arms, legs and claps!!

With a Little Help from My Friends

- Craig explained that there is an issue singing 'Mmm' as the first word because the mouth is closed, and the sound does not carry. Changing it to 'Nnn' means the sound is carried much better.
- each section will now sing 'Nnn' not 'Mmm' at the beginning of the song.

- Altos will sing Ooh in unison with the Sopranos in Bar 2 .
- note the repeat at Bar 22, this takes us back to Bar 9 to sing the second line for Sopranos and at Bar 13 for the Altos.
- some shrugging shoulder movement at the end of the Do do do do section and Jazz hands for the Do wah in Bars 56 & 59. The first Do wah is on the beat and the second is 'pushed'.
- end section is tricky as there is a change of time signature from 4:4 to 3:4 time in bar 66.
- last two bars 81 and 82 is a rall this is the abbreviated word for rallentando which means a gradual decrease in speed. To put it simply it slows down like a train pulling into a station.
- watch Craig for the final word 'friends'.



I Wanna Dance with Somebody

We know how tricky and complex this song is. Last week when we sang through bars 90, 91, 92 and 93 we were, in Craig's words, derailed! Craig went away and looked at this section and came to the conclusion after trying different things that the score and audio parts were correct, just a bit tricky with some interesting clashes, not wrong. Time was spent in the session going through our parts individually in detail in these bars. Homework for the next week is to practice your part in bars 90-93. The Altos have to practice singing their part against the Tenor part. The Sopranos to practice singing their part against the Alto part, the Basses to sing their part against the Tenor part.

One of Craig's top tips is that if you struggle to hear the sound tracks clearly for your section then listen through headphones. This gives a cleaner sound and makes it easier to distinguish your notes. The NHS hearing aids I wear, work in much the same way by cutting out any other sound interference and provide more clarity. It really works!

Linda x

Thank you, Linda.

Its a Dogs Life

Craig and Gemma have planned that they will have their lovely dog Harpo as ring bearer at their wedding on 1st of August. Craig had a special request to make on Thursday, he asked members if somebody would be prepared to take Harpo home for a sleepover on the wedding night.



Dogs are not allowed to stay in the hotel overnight. I saw hands go up and some dashed up to the stage to offer their services. What a generous lot you are. I wonder whether the volunteers will be interviewed by Harpo.

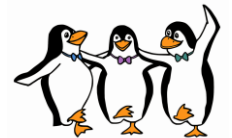


Pizza Quiz and Karaoke Night.

Julie Horsfield had planned the evening; she had purchased decorations in the colours of the Italian flag to go with the theme. We sold 60 tickets; the night was a great success. The pizzas were yummy, and everybody had plenty, the quiz had been very well prepared and Stuart, who is Julie's son in law once again was an excellent quizmaster, thanks and well done to Stuart.



Colin Hadley (bass) brought his karaoke setup, we had some excellent volunteers singing for us including; Sammy Stoney, Natalie Farrell, Liz Connall, Stephen Grey, Ben Meade and Mo Mather. Colin did very well and sang several songs, it was all very entertaining and fun people even got up to dance. Julie did an excellent raffle with all the prizes looking very attractive thanks to those of you who donated prizes the raffle alone raised £290.



The evening raised an amazing £590 this will go towards our Limerick trip well done to those of you who supported what turned into a great evening.

Coming Up

10th February Trinity Church Concert in aid of Asthma and Lung UK.

79 of you have signed up to sing which is amazing! Craig has chosen a very meaningful set it'll be a lovely sing. We hope the concert is a great success, especially for Julie H and her family who has chosen the charity as her husband Paul passed away from lung disease.

We need a good crowd so please send your friends and families to this link to get their tickets. www.fienta.com/knac2

We will, once again, need a team of you to put up staging please. We can access the church for 5pm. It'll be the first time we have put up our own staging at Trinity Church. If you can help please speak to Julie or John.



These are the songs we will be singing at the concert.

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

A cake stall always does wonders for the money we can raise. We have some fabulous bakers in the choir, please offer your services.

The Manchester Annual Choral Competition

Numbers have grown again and there are now an amazing 88 of you travelling to sing in Manchester, 85 of you will go on our coaches. The coaches will be on the York Place Car park for 7-30 a.m. we'd like to leave promptly by 7-45a.m as we'd like to be at the RNCM by 9-30a.m.

When we arrive, we will be allocated time to practice our getting on and off the stage. Our warmup will take place in the Carol Nash Room from 11-00 to 11-20. At 11-20 please go to Studio 8 where we have been given a space to leave our belongings safely. We'll then go to line up backstage in readiness for our performance there will be stewards to send us in the right direction.

We are second to take part, our slot is 11-30 to 11-45 a.m. I think this is great as once we have sung, we can relax to watch everybody else's

performances and enjoy the day, have a mooch into the city perhaps, a meal etc etc.

Craig would like everybody who is taking part in the competition to attend our all-day workshop on Saturday the 24th February, this will be held at Chain Lane Community Hub, Knaresborough. The cost will be the same as usual, which is £25, we can as always offer concessions, please email me or have a quiet word on Thursday evenings. If you are not taking part in the competition, you do not have to attend the workshop. This is the link to pay for your place <https://fienta.com/macc>

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

These are the full details of the MACC day and who else is taking part

40 mins before stage Choir meets MACC volunteer at registration desk (main entrance atrium)	30 mins before stage Warm-up (Carol Nash Room)	10 minutes before stage Drop bags (Studio 8) and line up backstage	RNCM Stage Time	
			11:00 - 11:15	Welcome and Intro
10:20	10:30	10:50	11:15 - 11:30	Xavarian College Concert Choir (80)
10:35	10:45	11:05	11:30 - 11:45	Knot Another Choir (85)
10:50	11:00	11:20	11:45 - 12:00	Insole Community Choir (35)
11:05	11:15	11:35	12:00 - 12:15	Vocal Highs (40)
11:20	11:30	11:50	12:15 - 12:30	Fab Choir (40)
11:35	11:45	12:05	12:30 - 12:45	Break
11:50	12:00	12:20	12:45 - 13:00	Cheshire Acapella (30)
12:05	12:15	12:35	13:00 - 13:15	Manchester University Barbershop Singers (32)
12:20	12:20	12:50	13:15 - 13:30	Lux Acapella (47)
12:35	12:45	13:05	13:30 - 13:45	Dales Community Pop Choir (50)
12:50	13:00	13:20	13:45 - 14:00	Break
13:05	13:15	13:35	14:00 - 14:15	Break
13:20	13:30	13:50	14:15 - 14:30	Break
13:35	13:45	14:05	14:30 - 14:45	Cor Dewi Sant
13:50	14:00	14:20	14:45 - 15:00	Rainbow Connection (45)
14:05	14:15	14:35	15:00 - 15:15	Lodge Moor Children's Choir (50)
14:20	14:30	14:50	15:15 - 15:30	Gem Connection (40)
14:35	14:45	15:05	15:30 - 15:45	Break
14:50	15:00	15:20	15:45 - 16:00	Beaconsfield High Chamber Choir (17)
15:05	15:15	15:35	16:00 - 16:15	SC Choirs - Dynamic Voices (40)
15:20	15:30	15:50	16:15 - 16:30	Harris Academy Chobham Junior Choir (40)
15:35	15:45	16:05		

15:50	16:00	16:20	16:30 - 16:45	Brighton Gay Men's Chorus
16:05	16:15	16:35	16:45 - 17:00	Break (Judges confer & extra seats put out)
16:20	16:30	16:50	17:00 - 17:15	Performance (Cor Ysgol y Strade)
16:35	16:45	17:05	17:15 - 17:30	Thanks & results
16:50	17:00	17:20	17:30 - 17:45	Winners performance & close

The following choirs are doing an informal sing at the Manchester Museum (M13 9PL), only a 5-10 minute walk from the RNCM. Please check with the information desk for the performance times.

Cor Ysgol y Strade
 Gem Connection
 Harris Academy Chobham
 Cor Dewi Sant
 Beaconsfield High
 Lux Acapella
 Vocal Highs
 Dales Community Pop Choir
 Fab Choir

The staging and the auditorium are fantastic, we'll have plenty of room to move. I'll do a plan as always, I've already started work on this.

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.

The Coming Year

We have performances planned for nearly every month in 2024 which is fantastic. Put them in your diaries or on your calendars.



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

- ❖ Saturday 10th February 2024 7pm for 7.30pm start Charity Concert at Trinity Church in aid of Asthma + British Lung UK
- ❖ Saturday 24th 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 3rd 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 RNCM.
- ❖ Thursday 21st March NO CHOIR
- ❖ Sunday 24th March 2024 We have been invited to sing at York Racecourse again at the York Live Show. We will sing two sets at 10-30 a.m. and 1-00 p.m.
- ❖ Thursday 28th March NO CHOIR
- ❖ Saturday April 13th 2024 Harrogate Community Choir Festival at The Royal Hall. There has to be a limit of 70 of us who can take part as space is needed to accommodate a big audience.
- ❖ Tuesday 23rd April change from normal choir night.
- ❖ Thursday 25th April NO CHOIR
- ❖ Saturday May 11th 7pm for 7.30pm Spring Concert in aid of our Limerick Trip Trinity Church.
- ❖ Thursday June 6th 2024 our coach departs from York Place Knaresborough for the Limerick Sings Festival.
- ❖ Sunday 30th of June 2p.m. Singing at Knaresborough Castle.
- ❖ Thursday 18th July Last practice before our summer break.

- ❖ Saturday 20th July Singing at Newby Hall.
- ❖ Thursday 1st 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 23rd November – Ripon Cathedral Christmas Fare
- ❖ **NEW Saturday 7th December 7pm We are delighted to be returning to sing at Knaresborough United Reformed Church (URC).**
- ❖ Thursday 19th December 7pm for 7.30pm Christmas Concert at the Church of St Johns Knaresborough more info to follow.

And Finally

It has the power to make us
smile,
and bring us to all types of
tears.

It can carry us back in time,
and inspire us to
dance in the moment.

For all our happiest days,
there is music.

Have a good week.

Julie