

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

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Practicing on a Tuesday night felt a little strange this week, how many of you thought it was Friday when you woke up Wednesday morning. Craig made the comment that we were seeing rather a lot of each other and that he felt he almost lived here after seeing us on Thursday, Saturday and then Tuesday.



Thanks for being so accommodating in accepting a change of evening, this only happens occasionally but it's appreciated that you can be so flexible. We had a fantastic turnout, thanks to those of you who changed your normal Tuesday arrangements to be there.



We started to learn Sing by Gary Barlow and Andrew Lloyd Webber, which was written for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and by the end of the practice we were singing it in four parts, if you listen to the recording it sounds good. Craig said it's a song that he will make part of our repertoire.

Craig kindly commented on how much quicker we can pick up a song nowadays, he is delighted just how much we've come on as a choir. I think we can put some of that down to the fact that many of you work so hard at home between practices and that we are just so very lucky to have Craig as our MD.



So, thank you all for your efforts and for your interest in singing and your dedication to our lovely choir.

Sunday 3rd March The Manchester Annual Choral Competition.

There are 88 of you attending Manchester, a quite unbelievable number, if between now and the 3rd of March you decide not to attend, for whatever reason, please let me know, this also applies when we're doing a concert a practice or any other event.

We have just 3 practices left now before Manchester, that's 2 Thursday nights and the all-day workshop. **As we have said before; Craig would like everybody who is taking part at the MACC to be at the workshop.** The day will give us the chance to spend longer on each of our three songs, we'll be able to work really hard on the finer details that day.

Please arrive at 7-30am to meet the coaches at York Place Car Park Knaresborough. You can park for the day there for just £1-60, there is nobody monitoring the car park after 6pm so if we get back a little late, we'll be fine, the only thing that is stipulated is that our cars are not parked overnight. Although we knew this would be fine, we have nevertheless confirmed this with North Yorkshire Council Parking Services.

At 7-45am we'll leave for Manchester in our two coaches.

When we arrive at the RNCM, 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 11-00am to 11-20am. At 11-20am we will 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 11-30am to 11-45 am. I think this is great as once we have sung, we can relax to watch everybody else's performances and thoroughly enjoy the day.

Do take drinks and food if you wish to cut down costs. There will be food available at the RNCM and in the City Centre.

Dress Code

Ladies

Wear anything black that makes you feel good but comfortable, as it's a long day, a bit of sparkle is lovely, Ladies if you are wearing a skirt or dress, please wear black opaque tights. Please could you all wear your choir jackets except when we sing as they are rather warm.

Gentlemen

Please wear black trousers and shoes, a black shirt, and your choir jacket. Like the ladies, please remove your choir jacket before going on stage.

Please would you all mark your jackets, so they don't get mixed up, or bring a bag to pop them in for when we leave them in the dressing room.



Dates for your 2024 Diary SOME CHANGES PLEASE NOTE *New events are in red ink.*

- ❖ 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. If you haven't got your ticket yet this is the link. www.fienta.com/macc
- ❖ 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 Living North 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 is a limit of 70 of us who can take part as space is needed to accommodate a big audience.
- ❖ **NEW Saturday 20th April Knaresborough Community Festival at St John's School.**
- ❖ Tuesday 23rd April change from normal choir night.
- ❖ Thursday 25th April NO CHOIR
- ❖ Saturday May 11th 7pm for 7.30pm at Trinity Church Spring Concert to raise funds for our Limerick Trip.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **NEW Saturday 9th November - All day preparation for Christmas Workshop.**
- ❖ 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 in aid of Henshaw's Arts and Crafts.

And Finally,

Music is a moral law.

It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and everything.

See you all on Thursday.

Love Julie