

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

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It was so good to see everyone and to get back in the swing again after a relaxing Easter break. What a busy and exciting time we have coming up. It's going to be fantastic to share our award-winning Whitney tribute with a wider audience at the Harrogate Community Choir Festival. Last year's inaugural event was so enjoyable and this year it's going 'posh' in the beautiful Royal Hall in Harrogate. We also have a fundraising concert on the 11th of May and, of course, our eagerly anticipated visit to Ireland for the Limerick Sings Festival. Limerick is another wonderful opportunity to share our joy of singing.



Thursday Night Practice

Wow, what a busy night it was with lots going on! We had much to-ing and fro-ing at the back of the hall with members ordering T-shirts for the Limerick trip. Everyone wearing black and white with our logo on the T-shirts ensures we will be easily identified as KnAC. I'm happy because it makes packing easier with fewer decisions about what to wear!!

FYI After receiving a number of kind comments from some of you not going to Limerick, we are happy to roll out the T-shirts to the whole choir. More information further down the page.

Craig is giving a presentation in Hamburg about the joy that singing brings to people's lives. He arranged that his photographer would take photos of individual member faces to produce a pictorial collage showing individual expressions before and after practice. It was hard not to chuckle at the antics and interpretation of what the photographer wanted! Tricky keeping it normal and authentic without laughing!! What fun we have!



We began as usual with a couple of warm up songs accompanied by our lovely Tom. We then went immediately into the main body of the practice; -

Higher Love:- Although we know this song really well we will be performing it at the Harrogate Festival, so time was spent detailing and refining the lyrics and choreography.

- **Choreography of shaping clap & arm lift on final chorus.** When we get to the final time we sing 'thinking of' and we plant our feet firmly and keep hands

down by sides, relax shoulders, lift head and look out, wait for the 'ye' on the last rendition of 'Bring me a hi-**ye** love'. On the 'ye' we bring elbows back and punch fist into the air, hold it there while looking up to the cheap seats and watch Craig for his notice to slowly lower arm down as we follow him.

- Main focus was on refining the shaping of words through each verse. E.g. Think about ii....no 't' on the end of 'it'. Make the voice break on the word 'heart' to emphasise this. Tenors and Basses singing 'things look so bad everywhere' emphasise the sound of words, soft on the word 'fair', smile on 'try to see'. As always there is lots to work on, remember and refine. The video of the practice on the website is there to revisit and really get to grips with remembering the shaping of the words in each verse, for each section of the choir.

Can't help Falling in Love: - Time was spent going through the part for each section and then singing in harmony together. It's good to be able to go back to the video recording on the website to work away at our part but also to hear how we sound. It's difficult to hear this when we are all singing together in our different sections. I have to say we sound amazing and it's a real pleasure and confidence boost to hear how we continue to improve.

Next week: - Holly Rogers, who is a member of the Contemporary Choir in Leeds, will be our accompanist for the Harrogate Community Choir Festival 2024 as Tom can't be with us on that date. We will run through all the songs for this festival with Holly. It'll be a first having a young lady accompanist play for us.

Homework: - Here is the set list for the concert on the 11th of May please go through songs.

And finally: - We finished the practice by singing Steal Away. Wow! Goosebump time! And in Craigs words "What a wonderful end to a wonderful rehearsal".

Linda x

Special Request

Would anybody like to have a go at writing this intro piece for our bulletin for a little while, in place of Linda and until Maria is feeling 100% and ready to return to her writing. Many thanks and well done to Linda for standing in thus far.

Hi All

As you all know, we have a very busy time ahead of us this term. I am looking for your help in fundraising activities over the next few weeks.

On the 20th April we will be part of the Knaresborough Community Festival at St John's School. This is not a performance but a community event where we have the opportunity to promote our choir by giving out leaflets, selling our merchandise and having a really good tombola.

On Wednesday 8th May, I have also arranged for us to have a charity stall on Knaresborough Market which is very exciting doing the same as above, letting the people of Knaresborough know who we are and what we do we'll be able to encourage people to attend our concert on the Saturday the 11th May too. Obviously, we wouldn't expect anyone to do all day but if a few of you would like to do a 'short shift' that would be brilliant.



On Saturday 11th May we will be holding our Spring Concert at Holy Trinity Church. We will have a raffle; the number board and a cake stall to raise money for the choir.

I am looking for people who can help man the stalls, bake cakes and donate prizes. As you can imagine, with two tombola's and a raffle in a very short time frame we will need lots of prizes, so if you can dig out the unused gifts you got for Christmas that would be brilliant. We'll need lots of more modest prizes for the tombola's, bags of sweets, bars of chocolate, soap etc.

If you can help with any or all of these, please see me next Thursday where I will have a signup sheet. Any support would be very much appreciated.

Thanking you all in advance

Julie Horsfield.
Trustee (Fundraising)

A note from Judith -

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the people who helped me to push my car out of the mud on Thursday. I hope you didn't get too wet and muddy in the process.

Craig, Tom and Lisa were the first people to help, then when more muscle was needed, several other people came to my rescue, but I don't know who they were to say a personal thank you. I also need to apologise to anyone who was delayed getting out of the car park because I was stuck in the way.

And a special thank you to Julie who smoothed things over with the church warden with her usual charm.

Thanks to everyone.

Little Reminders.

Parking is very difficult on Thursday nights around the Church Hall. If you are able enough, please leave the spaces available for those who really need them e.g. older members and those who struggle with mobility, in addition with all the rain the area surrounding the church is very muddy and potholed. Leave space for Craig and John please as they have equipment to carry in, so don't park in the spaces closest to the door. There are many good parking spaces in the town in car parks and on the road outside and opposite.

Please remember it isn't good manners to be looking at your phone during practice unless you're using your phone to read the scores from the website of course.

T-Shirts

We have now decided that it would be nice for the whole choir to have T-shirts with the KnAC logo, as there'll be opportunities to wear them at our outdoor gigs in the summer at Newby Hall and Knaresborough Castle. These will be available as a pack of one black and one white T-shirt and can be worn with anything with a black and white theme as we've done before as a summer uniform, that can be stripes, spots, patterns, floral or plain. The package of two T-shirts is only £20

Gents Fruit of the Loom T-shirts are available in sizes from Small through to 5XL

Ladies Fruit of the Loom T-shirts, that have a V neck, are available in sizes from 8 to 18 you might need to purchase a size up as these are a small fitting.

Ladies who need a larger size, you will be pleased to know we have sourced the same style T-shirt in sizes 18 to 24

If any ladies would prefer a standard T-shirt style, please order a gentleman's T-shirt.

If you'd prefer to choose your own style of T-Shirt you can get your own, any style - long/medium or short sleeved, V neck round neck square neck, and we will get them printed with the KnAC logo for you for just £4.00 each. If you bring T-shirts into choir to be printed, please make sure they are labelled in some way so they don't go astray.

Committee members Lynn Welsh, Liz Connell and Linda Hardy will be taking orders again on Thursday. Could you order and pay asap as we need to get the order in as soon as possible. We will accept cash or card.



Ladies T-Shirt



Gents T-Shirt

T-shirts are also in black.

EVENTS

13th April - Harrogate Community Choir Festival at the Royal Hall.

This festival has been organised by Liz Linfoot of the The Stray Notes Choir and even though this is a non competitive festival, It'll be great to show others what we can do. We will sing the set of Whitney Houston songs we performed in Manchester it'll be great to perform the songs again and especially good for those of you who weren't able to be at MACC to sing them on the 3rd of March.

Do encourage your loved ones to support you.

Here is the link to get [TICKETS](#)

We'll wear the same as we did in Manchester that's your black choir jackets with a black outfit but do take them off to perform please ?

11th May - Trinity Church Spring Concert 7-30 pm



This will be our Spring Concert, please could I make a special request that we all work very hard to pull in a good crowd. At our last concert our audience numbers were somewhat down, even though we raised a fantastic £875 for Asthma and Lung UK. Julie Horsfield received this certificate this week, to thank us for our generous donation.

Now we're an award winning choir and have had some great publicity on social media and local press, I'm sure everybody will want to see what we've been doing, with over 100 in the choir we should be able to attract a really big crowd, so please start asking around now, you could ask your friends at the WI, your fitness group, your church, old pals, or ask your friends that you know are in other choirs. On this occasion we'll be raising money for KnAC for our Limerick Fund. I'll have more posters ready next week. I've already put a lot out but I'd still appreciate you getting more out maybe in places I haven't thought about.

I spend a lot of time promoting events and our achievements on social media. it would be good if I could get a bit more help with this if this is your thing please offer to help.



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

- ❖ Saturday April 13th 2024 Harrogate Community Choir Festival at The Royal Hall. We will sing our Whitney Houston set.
- ❖ Saturday 20th April Knaresborough Connectors Community Festival at St John's School. - **THIS IS NOT A PERFORMANCE, it is a Knaresborough Connectors event to show the general public what is going on in Knaresborough, we will give out leaflets, do a tombola and tell everybody about KnAC.**
- ❖ Tuesday 23rd April change from normal choir night.
- ❖ Thursday 25th April NO CHOIR
- ❖ **Wednesday May 8th KnAC stall at Knaresborough market**
- ❖ Saturday May 11th 7pm for 7.30pm at Trinity Church Spring Concert to raise funds for our Limerick Trip.
- ❖ Thursday June 6th 2024 NO choir practice as our coach departs from York Place Knaresborough for the Limerick Sings Festival.
- ❖ Sunday 30th of June 2p.m. Singing at Knaresborough Castle.
- ❖ **NEW**Saturday 13th July Concert in aid of helping to raise funds towards the repair of The Holy trinity Car Park.**
- ❖ 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. Times to be confirmed.
- ❖ Thursday 12th September - Return to choir this gives you time to take a holiday after NYCC schools have gone back on the 2nd September.
- ❖ Saturday 9th November - All day preparation for Christmas Workshop @ Christ Church Harrogate.
- ❖ 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,

*Once you've sung in a choir,
Or played in a band or
orchestra, or played in any
musical ensemble, you're
never the same again. Your
ears, your eyes, and your heart are opened up in ways not
possible by any other means. Music feeds
Us, It nourishes us, and it
brings us great joy.*

**See you on Thursday.
Julie.**