

# KNOT

## ANOTHER CHOIR

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**Next weeks practice will be on Tue April 23<sup>rd</sup> **NOT** Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April.**

Lovely to see everyone after our fun evening at The Royal Hall. As Craig said it was a great night and much better all round than last year at the theatre, and we all got to sit down!

In the warmup there was some confusion as to what we've done before in our Knaresborough Anthem. Obviously, the lower voices can remember their words; There's a big viaduct over there (even though nobody is quite sure where there is!) but Craig couldn't remember who extolled the virtues of the Bebra Gardens. The Altos could have told him, it was us!!



We welcomed Declan back for tonight's rehearsal and Craig said he would be focusing on songs for the Spring concert, polishing up songs we know very well but haven't sung for a while.

### **Don't stop Believing.**

Some of us may remember our performance at York racecourse when Craig leaned forward after we'd finished and said, "we'll talk about this on Thursday!" Well, we certainly did this Thursday!

Key points to note were to soften the t's to d's in night, the basses to remember to sing when Craig looks expectantly at them and raise our right arms at the end on Stop!! If we want to continue to please Dec, don't anticipate and don't wait for everyone else to do it!



### **Stand By Me**

Craig pointed out that this is the alto's big moment, and we should enjoy it! Be aware of the lilting beat in the piano throughout.

The ending is quiet for this song, and Craig gave us a demonstration of how to pronounce "Me" for the warmest sound. I'd love to describe it, but I can't!

We will revisit some more oldies but goodies on Tuesday, not Thursday.

See you then!

Lynne

Thanks Lynne

Hi All,

It was a fun practice last night, its always so beneficial to us all when Craig does the fine tuning of songs in our repertoire that he is so brilliant at, aren't we just so lucky to have Craig as our MD. It's always great to see Declan and last night he introduced us Tia. For those of you coming to Limerick Declan has asked if Tia can come with us, luckily, we had a spare room available. Tia sings in Craigs Contemporary Choir so she will sing with the choir when we perform in Ireland.

Just to reiterate what Lynne has said it was wonderful to sing at the Royal Hall last Saturday and so nice to collaborate with other fantastic local choirs.

The choir takes up a lot of time and organisation, so I just wanted to take the opportunity to say thanks to all of you who have helped by donating raffle and tombola prizes and to Julie H and her team for organising.

Thanks also to the team of committee ladies who've been coordinating the sale of the T-shirts.

Thanks to those of you who are always at choir practice early to put out the chairs.

Thanks to Boyce Jackson who has recently scored Lovely Day for Craig.

Thanks to Becca who has said she'll help me with social media, focusing more on Instagram.

Thanks to Lynne Sharp who continues to write fantastic appeals on behalf of the choir.

## FYI Good News

*KnAC are sometimes offered gigs where a mains power supply is not available. What we needed for this is a battery mains power pack to power the keyboard and amplifier. We had a very kind offer from Milena Vjestica (soprano) a while ago, she was keen to buy a useful piece of equipment for the choir. We are delighted to announce that we have now purchased a*

*BLUETTI EB70 portable power station. It's a great piece of equipment as it is very portable, we'll use it for our outdoor performances in Ireland and at home this summer.*



*Thanks Milena from us all.*

## **Knaresborough Community Festival**

Tomorrow, 20<sup>th</sup> April, we have a stall at the Knaresborough Community Festival at St John's School Knaresborough. This community event will give us the opportunity to promote our choir by giving out leaflets, selling our merchandise and doing a tombola, there are loads of prizes thanks to you all for your generous donations. It also gives us chance to meet other local groups.

## **Knaresborough Market Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May,**

Julie Horsfield has arranged for us to have a charity stall on Knaresborough Market. We'll be talking to the people of Knaresborough. We'll be able to encourage people to attend our concert on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> May, by giving out leaflets. If a few of you would like to do a few hours either on the stall or giving out leaflets and chatting to people that would be brilliant.

We will be looking to get more donations of good books to sell, we can also sell cakes, buns and biscuits, and homemade jam, marmalade etc as well as doing another tombola.

## **11<sup>th</sup> May - Trinity Church Spring Concert**

**We'll need people to help build the staging, move furniture, set up the cake stall and raffle table at 6pm if you can make it, please let us know. If you are not helping, please arrive for 6-45 pm we'll line up**

**according to the plan in our rehearsal room and walk across to Church. We'll send out instructions nearer the time.**

**Dress Code: Black formal outfits please with a bit of sparkle.**

Since our success at Manchester we've had some great publicity. 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 good crowd. 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 of before.

**SET ONE (40mins):**

1. Don't Stop Believing
2. Africa
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. Can't Help Falling In Love With You
5. How Will I know
6. Sing
7. Get By With A Little Help from My Friends
8. Higher Love

## **KnAC T-Shirts**

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 £20.

Committee members Lynn Welsh, Liz Connell and Linda Hardy will be taking orders again on Tuesday. **Could you order and pay quickly as we need to get the order in as soon as possible as it's only 7 weeks until the Limerick trip.** We will accept cash or card.

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, of 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.**



T-shirts are also in black.

## **DETAIL OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Please put dates in your diary on your calendar or in your phone. You'd be surprised just how many of you say they forgot or didn't see things.**

**FYI We won't enter The Manchester Annual Choral Competition next year as they said its hard to get in two years on the trot and we did so well as runners-up would we do that again? So, we'll apply in 2026 for MACC.**



**So next year we will apply to The North Wales Choir Festival in Llandudno, which is very civilised as it takes place on a Sunday afternoon. I've already had communication with the organisers, and they seem keen to have us. We'll try and fund a coach or coaches again. Get this date in your diary. Sunday February the 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025.**



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

- ❖ Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April Knaresborough Connectors Community Festival at St John's School.
- ❖ Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April change from normal choir night.
- ❖ Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April NO CHOIR
- ❖ **Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> KnAC stall at Knaresborough market**
- ❖ Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm for 7.30pm at Trinity Church Spring Concert to raise funds for our Limerick Trip.
- ❖ Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 NO choir practice as 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.
- ❖ **NEW\*\*Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July Concert in aid of helping to raise funds towards the repair of The Holy Trinity Car Park.**
- ❖ 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 Craigs Contemporary Choir!!! The wedding will take place at Allerton Castle Knaresborough. Times to be confirmed.
- ❖ Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Return to choir.
- ❖ Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November –Prep for Christmas Workshop @ Christ Church Harrogate.
- ❖ Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Ripon Cathedral Christmas Fare.
- ❖ NEW Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7pm - We are delighted to be returning 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 in aid of Henshaw's Arts and Crafts.
- ❖ **NEW\*\*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 North Wales Choir Festival Llandudno.**

❖ **NEW\*\* Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 The Caravan and Motorhome Show at The Yorkshire Showground. Time TBC.**

*And Finally,*

*Music drowns my sorrows.  
Music calms me when I am stressed.  
Music heals me when I'm ill.  
Music always makes  
things better.*

*Julie.*