

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

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It was a pleasant change to have choir on a Tuesday evening and much easier to park than it is on a Thursday!

Lovely to have Declan with us again tonight, as we ran through “Don't Stop Believing” again just to make sure we remembered what we did last week! And it seems we did.



Africa

Where do I even start to summarise this??? A new song for some of us and a revisit for others. Lots of oohs aahs and doo's! Despite being a complicated score, Craig pointed out it's verse, chorus, verse, chorus and some oohs and aahs and doo's to finish (roughly speaking!)

Craig tried to summarise the whole song, but I confess to getting lost somewhere down page 2, when he said does that make sense, I just nodded I'm afraid.

We have to learn our parts this week to run through it next Thursday.

A little help from my friends

Another one to go over this week.



It's not too long since we revisited this but not sung it since Christmas, so a quick refresh is needed. Craig did have remind us to do the shoulder shrugs and jazz hands!



Next week we will also revisit Sing (which I really like!) and get back to Can't help falling in love if we have time then hopefully if we all practice our parts, we'll get to do this on the 11th of May.

I'm off to dream of the Ser-en-get-i!

See you next week.

Lynne



Thanks Lynne

Even though we had to have choir on different night, numbers were fantastic with 84 of you there, thanks everybody for such a good show.

Limerick Sings International Choir Festival 6th -10th June.

We have a spare place for the trip due to an unexpected cancellation, we would love to fill this place so if you have had a change of mind about joining us that would be brilliant. If somebody who is already booked to go would like to bring a friend, partner or adult child that'd be great too. Do get in touch ASAP if you are interested.

Knaresborough Market Wednesday 8th May.

As you know we've managed to get a charity stall for the day. We will be looking for donations of good books to sell, we can also sell soft toys in good, washed condition, and homemade jam, marmalade, pickles etc. We'll need lots of tombola prizes please bring your contributions to practice, thanks as always for your amazing support.

11th May - Trinity Church Spring Concert

Could we ask for people to help build the staging, move furniture, set up the cake stall and raffle table at 6pm if you can make it. We especially need people for the heavier jobs as we haven't had any volunteers yet.

If you haven't filled in Muzudo please do so as we need to know final numbers of singers.

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

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 23rd 2025.



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

- ❖ 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 Craigs Contemporary Choir!!! The wedding will take place at Allerton Castle Knaresborough. Times to be confirmed.
- ❖ Thursday 12th September – Return to choir.
- ❖ Saturday 9th November –Prep 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.
- ❖ **NEW**Sunday 23rd February 2025 North Wales Choir Festival Llandudno.**
- ❖ **NEW** Sunday 7th of September 2025 The Caravan and Motorhome Show at The Yorkshire Showground. Time TBC.**

And Finally,

*The day that I joined the choir,
I satisfied my singing desire.
Music is such a magical gift.
My sleepy soul, it awakes and lifts.*

*Its heaven to listen to the four voice parts.
Singing together with all their hearts.
The four parts all twist and entwine,
Sending shivers down my spine.*

*They come together and are heard as one.
It sounds beautiful and I'm totally stunned.
Its wonderful being part of it all.
I really am having a magical ball.*

*When I leave home sometimes, I may feel down,
But when I get to practice, it soon lifts my frown.
My face feels as though it's always ready to smile
And I am enjoying myself all the while.*

*Craig keeps the mood light,
But, of his aims, he doesn't lose sight.
He sings a short phrase until it is just so,
Then and only then, onwards he'll go.*

*A single finger placed in front of his lips,
Indicating it's time to sing softer, so our volume dips.
Seeing him drawing his hands slowly apart, we know,
Indicates that he wants the sound to rise and grow.*

*Not everyone in the choir can read music, so
His hands indicate whether to sing high or low.
During practice, we're given much praise,*

To motivate us for our performance days.

*When he's pleased, we're rewarded with a smile,
Making it seem all the more worthwhile.*

*When it's all over and I head back home,
Traces of a smile, on my face, still remain.*

*When I get in, I'm still on a high,
And it's hard to wind down and shut my eyes.
Eventually, over me, tiredness creeps,
And, feeling content, I drift off to sleep.*

(Angela Wybrow)

See you all next Thursday

Julie