

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

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So nice to be back tonight and rid of the awful covid! Thank you Liz for stepping in last week.

We went through Lovely Day with the support of those people who were able to go last week! Craig reminded us to think of Michael Jackson when we sing, punchy and bouncy on the words (if we can be both!)



We concentrated on the first few pages, making sure that we show the pain in our faces in the second phrase. In the second verse practice the phrases where the emphasis is in what appears to be the wrong place, this spiritual love affair, it will never end.

There are some parts in the alto line that need to be changed. Bar 59, don't sing with me, but alright alright, in time with the other voices. Bar 63, cut gonna to gon to fit all the words in!

Craig reminded the tenors to reserve some strength after their very high parts!!

It's really coming together now, we'll do this and Can't Help Falling In Love next week. We will also cover Brave again for the goldfish among us (if you know, you know!)



So glad to be back! Thank you to everyone who made Limerick so memorable and a massive thank you to Julie and John for all their hard work.

Lynne

Thanks Lynne glad so you're better now,

It was fantastic to be back last night although we're not back to full strength numbers wise yet, we are getting there though with 37 at practice last week and 63 this week, our usual average number is in the mid 80s.

We have a lot to do to prepare for The Castle and Newby Hall performances now and of course Craig and Gemmas wonderful wedding.

Lovely Day is a great song to be working on, please keep up with your homework going over your parts is an essential part of learning new songs and keeping songs we've been doing a while fresh in our minds. Please always do your best to be well prepared for practice nights. As a choir we have all the resources you could possibly ever need to help you keep up with songs and we always know what we need to be working on at any particular time, so if you can set aside a little time each day for your homework you'll be amazed at the difference it will make to your confidence levels.

John and I were very happy to be invited out to the stage last night to receive your thanks for organising the Limerick Trip we were very touched. Even though it was a lot of work we enjoyed the planning and preparation for the trip, we are always very keen that we are well organised. We had really hoped that the trip was very enjoyable for you all, I'm delighted that so many of you were able to go, we were very lucky with the weather and the food and service were excellent. Thanks so much for your kind words, cards, and donations. We will treat ourselves to a nice meal and a night away perhaps. Thanks to the wonderful committee members for their great support and for organising the collection and the purchase of a beautiful painting of the Cliffs of Moher by a local artist. I've photographed the picture and written the beautiful message that the artist wrote at the bottom of the bulletin as my parting words.

Songs for Knaresborough Castle on 30th June with Declan (in no particular order) – *dress code Black and White (KnAC T-shirt if you have one)*

- Don't Stop Believing
- Signed, Sealed, Delivered
- Africa
- Get By With A Little Help From My Friends
- One Day
- Higher Love
- Proud
- Stand By Me
- Wanna Dance with Somebody
- Something Inside So Strong
- Simply the Best
- Brave

Songs for Newby Hall on 20th July with Holly – *dress code Black and White monochrome (KnAC T-shirt if you have one)*.

Set One.

- Don't Stop Believing
- Signed Sealed Delivered
- Africa
- Get By With A little Help.
- Fix You.
- Higher Love.

Set Two.

- Lovely Day
- Stand By Me
- Wanna Dance with Somebody.
- Sing
- Beautiful Day.
- Brave.

Craig will be taking the Contemporary Choir to compete in “How Sweet The Sound”, which will display some of Europe’s most gifted gospel artists at The Royal Albert Hall London. “How Sweet The Sound” will showcase a host of top choirs and spoken word artists, competing across three prize categories. Grammy Award-winning composer Donald Lawrence will host the event, with judges from the world of gospel: Kingdon Choir founder Karen Gibson MBE, The London Community Gospel Choir’s Bazil Meade, and singer, songwriter and Premier Gospel radio presenter, Muyiwa Olarewaju OBE. There will also be performances from some very special guests.

The show starts at 6pm so John and I will leave Knaresborough or Harrogate sometime after lunchtime as we’ll be going by train. [Our seats at the Royal Albert Hall are in Arena F Row 5 seats 23 and 24.](#) I know others who are going and sitting in that same area too. We haven’t booked a hotel yet but we’ll let you know where we’ve booked nearer the time, it would be good if some of us could meet up and possibly travel together. Tickets are available from

<https://tickets.royalalberthall.com/syos/performance/86442>

We are planning a busy time in 2025, we have the opportunity to take part in two excellent choral competitions one in Llandudno North Wales on the 2nd March 2025

www.northwaleschoirfestival.secure.conwy.gov.uk

and the other in Hull on the 3rd 4th of May 2025

[Hull International Choir Competition 2025 \(interkultur.com\)](http://interkultur.com)



**Dates for your 2024 Diary
SOME CHANGES PLEASE NOTE**

New events are in red. Cancellations are in purple.

- ❖ Thursday 27th Practice
- ❖ Sunday 30th of June 2p.m. Singing at Knaresborough Castle accompanied by Declan .
- ❖ Thursday 4th July Practice.
- ❖ Thursday 11th July practice as usual.
- ❖ Thursday 18th July. Last practice before our summer break.
- ❖ Saturday 20th July Singing at Newby Hall accompanied by Holly.
- ❖ **Tuesday 23rd July 19.15 – for those singing at Craig’s wedding a rehearsal at Allerton Castle.**
- ❖ Thursday 1st August 2024 Craig and Gemma’s wedding day, Knot Another Choir will be singing with Craigs Contemporary Choir!!! What a sound we’ll make. The wedding will take place at Allerton Castle Knaresborough. Times to be confirmed.
- ❖ Thursday 12th September – Return to choir 1st free night for any potential new members.
- ❖ Thursday 19th September 2nd free night for new members.
- ❖ Saturday 9th November –Preparation for Christmas all day 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 Centre Knaresborough.**
- ❖ **NEW** Sunday 23rd February 2025 North Wales Choir Festival Llandudno.**
- ❖ **NEW** May 4th/5th 2025 The Hull International Choir Competition.**
- ❖ **NEW** Sunday 7th of September 2025 The Caravan and Motorhome Show at The Yorkshire Showground. Time TBC.**

And Finally.

Message from the artist.

This is a painting of O'Brien's Tower at The Cliffs of Moher and painted in remembrance of my dad. He used to busk at the Cliffs. Playing



traditional Irish music. I painted this after he passed. I can still hear his music on the bitter wind that is always present at the cliffs. I hope you enjoy this print as much as I did making it. - Níci.

Looking forward to seeing you all next week - Julie