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## ANOTHER CHOIR

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A great rehearsal tonight, I for one feel far more confident with “Can't Help” and “Lovely day”!

We were directed tonight by Declan and Tia, who will be conducting at Craig's wedding.

We started with **“Can't help falling in love”**. Declan said that this will be sung in strict time, and it's important we enunciate clearly throughout the song, it's currently starting well but fading as we move through the song.

We went over the alto part, section D, where the altos move away from the tune. For the run of notes on "in" should feel like bumping down the stairs! All sections to feel that bounce. Altos, please note that there is a crotchet rest at the start of that section, joining in a note after the other voices. Don't rush into it though.

Declan showed us how well we can work together by asking us to sing with our eyes closed, it was interesting how much I became aware of the other voices when we did that! Declan said that we should have confidence, we know this and we're a good choir. Thank you from all of us for that, it means a lot!

#### **Lovely day**

This song is very different from “Can't help”, it's about energy, fun and syncopation!!! We went over “Jesus you're the lover of my soul”, giving it the emphasis on the syncopation, makes it feel more energetic and joyful.

We then sang through “Higher Love” and “Total Praise”, just to keep them fresh.

Big thank you to both and a well done to Tia who said she was nervous; she didn't need to be!!

See you all next week! Lynne

Thanks Lynne that's great.

Can I just add that the solos on page 6 of Higher Love have changed to give more oomph. All tenors sing "OH YES I WILL WAIT FOR IT". Then altos sing "I'LL WAIT FOR IT", lastly the sops sing "I'LL SING MY SONG" please would you practice this at home in readiness for next Thursdays practice.

I had correspondence with Jennifer Flewett, Programming and Business Development Manager from Limerick University this week, she said they are all now settled down after a wonderful festival weekend. She sent a great selection of photos, below are a few but the majority are on the website in the Limerick section.



## **Staging Loan**

This week we loaned out our staging for the first time to Harrogate Choir The Stray Notes, this was a great success.

We wanted that our staging was a useful community facility and we will be delighted to do this for other choirs and bands.

If you know of any who would like to loan it please ask them to get in touch with us at [admin@knotanotherchoir.co.uk](mailto:admin@knotanotherchoir.co.uk)

## **Wedding Plans - Special Request.**

**Thanks for your prompt response to our Muzudo survey inviting you all to come to the extra practice and presentation night on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of July. An amazing 74 of you have said you'll be there. Craig will be buying us a drink to say thank you to us all, we'll have this at the end of practice, we'll all have the chance to raise our glasses to the bride and groom and wish them well for their future happiness as Gemma will be at the rehearsal. There will also be non-alcoholic drinks available for those of you who don't partake of alcohol or who are driving.**

**Don't forget the practice on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of July at Allerton Castle, as this is for those of you who are singing at the wedding. It's important to be there as this is when you'll be given your places to sing and get the lie of the land parking wise etc.**

I'm sure you're all very excited about singing at Allerton Castle for Craig and Gemmas wonderful wedding, it'll be great fun both for KnAC and Craig's Contemporary Choir to sing together for the first time, there will be in excess of 100 of us singing.

Craig has asked that on the day of the wedding, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of August, that we are there for 9 a.m for rehearsal. Dress code for the performance is to wear something weddingy, no black or black and white.

## **Newby Hall**

Songs for Newby Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

The weather forecast for the day is excellent. Why not take a picnic to have before or after our performance and plan a walk round the grounds.

### **The Royal Albert Hall London.**

Craig will be competing in “How Sweet The Sound” a competition for some of Europe's most gifted gospel artists on the 20<sup>th</sup> October with the Contemporary Choir. It will be fantastic to support them.

“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 Basil 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, we'll be going by train. it would be really good if some of us could meet up and possibly travel together, the train times/tickets will be available from 20<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets for the concert are still available from this link.

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

### **Competitions in 2025**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 and one in Hull on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> of May. We'll use the same coach companies as we did when we went to The Manchester Annual Choral Competition.

#### **[North Wales Festival](#)**

#### **[Hull International Choir Competition 2025 \(interkultur.com\)](#)**

We will do a survey soon to see how many of you would like to take part in these two competitive festivals.

## **POP & COUNTRY CONCERT.**

Our friends from the Dales Community Pop Choir will be performing this coming Sunday afternoon at Masham Town Hall. All the details are on the poster re getting tickets, quite a number of you seem to be going. If anybody can make it I know they are doing some great songs and because its early, you'll still be home in time for the football.



## **Dates for your 2024 Diary**

**PLEASE NOTE**

***New events are in red.***

- ❖ **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Practice night with Craig.**
- ❖ **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July We'll be singing at the beautiful Newby Hall again at 1pm please be there in good time to be in your places, we'll be accompanied by Holly, After we've sung you can access the grounds have a walk round, a train ride, etc it's a great place to meet up with people.**
- ❖ **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 19.15 – This is specifically for those members singing at Craig's wedding. The rehearsal will be at Allerton Castle (The wedding venue) this is when we'll be given places so, please be there in good time.**

- ❖ Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 7-30pm we're having an extra practice at Craigs request. We will have a drink at the end of the evening courtesy of Craig and Gemma to thank us. We'll present them with a gift too, we'll have a toast to their future happiness.
- ❖ Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 The big day!!!!Knot Another Choir will be singing with Craigs Contemporary Choir!!! What a huge sound we'll make. The wedding is at Allerton Castle just outside Knaresborough. Please be there for 9a.m.
- ❖ Summer Break time - have a relaxing time, we'll look forward to seeing you in September.
- ❖ Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Return to choir, 1st free night for any potential new members.
- ❖ Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2nd free night for potential new members.
- ❖ Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October practice followed by soloists' auditions. Craig will explain nearer the time.
- ❖ Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November –Preparation for Christmas all day Workshop @ Christ Church Harrogate.
- ❖ Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Ripon Cathedral Christmas Fare – one of our favourites.
- ❖ Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7pm - We will be delighted to be singing at Knaresborough United Reformed Church (URC) once again.
- ❖ Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7pm for 7.30pm Christmas Concert at the Church of St Johns Knaresborough.
- ❖ **NEW\*\*Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February Harrogate Community Choir Festival at The Royal Hall Harrogate.**
- ❖ Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 North Wales Choir Festival Llandudno.
- ❖ **NEW\*\*Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April Possible concert with The Dales Pop Choir, venue and times to be arranged.**
- ❖ Sat/Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 The Hull International Choir Competition.
- ❖ Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 The Caravan and Motorhome Show at The Yorkshire Showground. Time TBC.

*And Finally*

*In September we will have the capacity to take a few new members. We would especially like tenors', basses and younger members.*

*If you have friends/acquaintances who you think would enjoy a busy programme of performances and competitive festivals, could offer the real commitment a choir like ours demands, and who have the necessary time and skills to learn our repertoire quickly.*

*Please ask them to get in touch asap.*

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*Thanks Julie*