

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

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Well, that was unexpected!!! With Craig delayed, a huge thank you to Emma for taking centre stage for the first half an hour, well and truly Julie'd there, but she did a great job!!

We sang through some songs to get us started, Lovely Day really sounding joyful! Africa is still our Achilles heel; I'll be singing it all day tomorrow so I'm confident on Saturday!

Craig arrived as we were singing Lovely Day again and we worked on the final section to elevate it to another level! On "lovely day yeah", sopranos to sound angry and altos sad that we've been chucked out after the wedding! Bringing all the voices together on that sounded amazing! Remember to really enunciate the words throughout the song.

We ran through Higher Love, in the middle section where everyone but the sopranos have ba dap doo waps, more Disney style voices please and remember it's the soprano's moment, so light and bouncy, don't drown them out.

Can't Help Falling in Love needed a bit of fine tuning. This needs a confident start on "Wise", be ready for it and start clearly. The whole song is to be sung in a very measured way, timing and enunciation should be strict.

Then we went through the alto section where it deviates from the tune. Need to try and do the whole line without breathing on "only fools rush in, for I can't help". Try not to expire, it's bad form at a wedding! We went through the last phrase, concentrating on the unusual ending for the sop 2's.

We will get a chance to go through these again on Tuesday at the castle and on Wednesday at our extra practice at Trinity Hall and keep practicing at home too please!!

Looking forward to singing on Saturday, praying that the rain holds off until we've finished!!! See you all there!

Lynne

Tonight

Thanks everybody for your good naturedness and patience tonight, not one of you moaned or complained, I think it must have been very stressful for Craig rushing to get to practice from Leeds station. Emma Higgins agreed to conduct while we waited for Craig and she was absolutely fantastic, even bringing the different parts in at the right moments. Thanks so very much Emma.

New Songs for Next Term

Craig has sent us a couple of new songs to start in September, we want to be quick off the mark in getting on with our Christmassy songs this autumn, so, if you have time over the summer holiday, perhaps you could have a look at them, John has already put them on the members section of the website .

Staging Loan

Recently we loaned out our staging for the first time to Harrogate Choir The Stray Notes, this was a great success, they all enjoyed being able to see their MD, Liz, better.

We wanted that our staging was a useful community facility and we will be delighted to share with other choirs/groups. It'll be used at The Community Choir Festival on February 8th 2025 at The Royal Hall.

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

Tuesday 23rd of July at Allerton Castle

This is especially 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 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 for KnAC and Craig's Contemporary Choir to sing together for the first time, there will be in excess of 100 of us singing at the wedding.

Craig has asked that on the day of the wedding, Thursday 1st of August, that we are there for 9-15 prompt, for rehearsal to start at 9-30. Dress code for the performance is to wear something weddingy, no black or black and white necessary on this occasion.

Wednesday 24th of July

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our extra practice and gift presentation night on Wednesday 24th of July. We now have 75 of you who have said you can be there. Craig and Gemma will be buying us a drink to say thank you to us all, we'll have this at the end of practice. We'll raise our glasses to the bride and groom who'll both be there.

Newby Hall Saturday 20th July

Dress code is monochrome, please wear your choir T-Shirts. Arrive for 12-40 and wear your lanyards to prove that you're singing with the choir.

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 Saturday is good it's now not due to rain until later in the afternoon. Why not take a picnic to have before or after our performance and plan a walk round the grounds. Newby Hall and Gardens is stunning.

Barnsley Youth Choir (Review)

I had no idea when Julie and John invited me to join them in attending a performance of the Barnsley youth choir, just what an amazing evening I was going to have. I jumped at the chance because I knew a couple of the students in Leeds Contemporary choir sing with this choir and I'd heard good reports about them..... my goodness, that was the understatement of the year!

I'm rarely lost for words but the experience left me breathless! The gamut of emotions I felt as I listened to their_wonderfully varied and exceptionally engaging repertoire was extensive. The hairs on my neck stood on end, I had goosebumps and was moved to tears more than once. The confidence, hardwork and perfection of both the choir as a whole and the soloists was admirable. The clarity, control and purity of sound was so thrilling, you just couldn't look away. I was held spellbound until the very end. Barnsley under their leader Matt Wright is a beacon of excellence for choral music. The culture of nurturing young voices and singing has been embraced and supported by the whole town. Immersion in music is encouraged and offered to all children from pre~school upwards~ this is outstanding!

We had the extra thrill of the Singapore Voices singing also that evening as they were on a UK tour. A very magical experience with such excellence, such commitment and such quality. Their director Darius Lim showed what beauty can be found working with young voices. It was such a delight to be there.

Linda

The Dales Pop Choir and Dixon County (Review)

Last Sunday myself and four other KnAC choir members travelled to Masham Town Hall to see The Dales Pop Choir perform with Dixon County.

Under the expert direction of the lovely Debbie Allenby, the choir sounded amazing. They brought us lots of different genres and styles of music with songs from Grace Kelly by Mika to Fix You by Coldplay to Jolene by Dolly Parton, and everything in between. A great mix of music to suit all tastes.

The second half featured the Country band Dixon County and they entertained us with some excellent country music. The choir were invited

to join the band for the last two numbers finishing off with Shania Twains 'Man I Feel Like A Woman', which got everybody moving.

This truly was a great show and a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Colin

Johns Boys Male Voice Choir at Leeds Grand Theatre on Saturday September 14th



Johns Boys Male chorus is one of the most decorated British male choirs in history. In 2019 they became only the third male voice choir to win the prestigious Choir of the World at The Llangollen International Eisteddfod. They are in great demand on the concert platform performing in prestigious theatres throughout Britain, and the lads are proud to regularly sing at the Principality Stadium for Welsh Rugby home international games.

They have had numerous TV appearances, including The Last Night of The Proms and following a national search the choir was chosen to appear on the Netflix blockbuster drama Stay Close. Many new fans will be more familiar with Johns' Boys from their recent exploits of Britains Got Talent. Performing Calum Scotts Biblical they entranced the judges with their virtuosic vocals, eliciting a standing ovation from both the judges and audience. Johns' Boys received a resounding "Yes!" from each judge. Their appearance in the semi-finals brought further praise, and Simon Cowell describing their performance as "quite beautiful!" He went on to declare: This was a moment. It was a brilliant song choice, and you are a brilliant choir. I loved it!"

The choir has been inundated with concert requests from all over the world and is very much looking forward to their 2024 British Tour and the release of their much-awaited EP Biblical. The choir will perform music of all styles and genres including, opera, musicals, hymns and current chart singles.

The choir will be appearing at Leeds Grand Theatre on Saturday September the 14th at 7-30

I'm sure it'll be a fabulous evening if you want to get tickets please follow the link.

<https://leedsheritagetheatres.com/whats-on/johns-boys-2024/>

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 20th 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 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, we'll be going on the 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 20th July. Tickets for the concert are still available from this link.

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

Competitions in 2025

We are planning to enter more competitions in 2025, we have the opportunity to take part in two excellent choral competitions if you feel you can give the commitment to the practices in the run up to these Festivals I hope you'll sign up: one in Llandudno North Wales on the 23rd February 2025 and one in Hull on the 3rd or 4th of May. We'll use the same coach companies as we did before when we went to The Manchester Annual Choral Competition.

North Wales Festival

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

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

calendar



Dates for your 2024 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events are in red.

- ❖ **Saturday 20th July** We'll be singing at the beautiful Newby Hall again at 1pm please be there for 12-40 pm 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 23rd 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 24th 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 little gift too, we'll have a toast to their future happiness.
- ❖ **Thursday 1st August 2024** Knot Another Choir will be singing with Craigs Contemporary Choir! The wedding is at Allerton Castle. Please be there for 9-15a.m. to rehearse at 9-30.a.m.
- ❖ **Summer Break time** - have a relaxing time, we'll look forward to seeing you in September there's a couple of new songs on the members section and there'll be more to follow.
- ❖ **Thursday 12th September** - Return to choir, 1st free night for any potential new members. Please look after them.
- ❖ **Thursday 19th September**, 2nd free night for potential new members.
- ❖ **Thursday 31st October** practice followed by soloists' auditions. Craig will explain nearer the time.
- ❖ **Saturday 9th November** -Preparation for Christmas all day Workshop @ Christ Church Harrogate.
- ❖ **Saturday 23rd November** - Ripon Cathedral Christmas Fare - one of our favourites of the year.

- ❖ **Saturday 7th December 7pm - We are delighted to be singing at Knaresborough United Reformed Church (URC) once again.**
- ❖ **Thursday 19th December 7pm for 7.30pm Christmas Concert at the Church of St Johns Knaresborough.**
- ❖ **Saturday 8th February Harrogate Community Choir Festival at The Royal Hall Harrogate.**
- ❖ **Sunday 23rd February 2025 North Wales Choir Festival Llandudno.**
- ❖ **Sunday 6th April Possible concert with The Dales Pop Choir, venue and times to be arranged.**
- ❖ **Sat/Sun 3rd/4th May 2025 The Hull International Choir Competition.**
- ❖ **Sunday 7th of September 2025 The Caravan and Motorhome Show at The Yorkshire Showground. Time TBC.**

And Finally

As we're coming to the end of another choir year. I just wanted to say a big thank you to you all for your hard work and commitment to Knot Another Choir.

Thanks for all the good times we've had together, we have done some beautiful performances and enjoyed socialising together too.

Thank you for the love and kindness you've shown each other, we've become such a close-knit choir and I for one will miss you all over the summer.

Thanks to our wonderful committee for always keeping things running smoothly, and thanks to those of you who are always so willing to help.

Good luck to Craig and Gemma on their wedding day. We wish you both all the love in the world.

Thanks Julie