

# KNOT

## ANOTHER CHOIR

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Welcome back everyone! Not much of a summer, but so lovely to be singing again. I'll start by welcoming all our new members, this is a fabulous choir and so friendly, you will have such a great time with us!!

After an energetic warm up, we started on Santa Tell Me (not Santa baby!!), given the temperature lately it felt quite seasonal! We start this piece in a unison chorus,

Craig would like us to make it sexy on Santa and there, lean into the words. For the sopranos and altos, in the second phrase it's meh rather than me and light on the in, as they're high notes (particularly for us poor altos).

**Verse 1** - A lot of words for the sopranos, but this is their moment. The rest of the choir are the backing singers here and make the rests very clear between the Ba<sup>l</sup>s!

In the pre-chorus, Craig told the basses not to be scared by the Altos in bar 22, where they sing together. Lean into the "all alone", it's a sad phrase.

**Second chorus** there is harmony, and Craig asked the altos to stop being so polite (polite and scary in one week!) At the end of this, only the lower voices sing year.

**Verse 2** - Sops and altos very Waitrose on the lala<sup>l</sup>s, as if you're shopping for champagne and brie! I'm paraphrasing, but a bit smug please!! Tenors and basses have a lot of words to fit in, Lady tenors can take it up the octave as its very low here.

In the next chorus, only the tenors finish with "year", other voices start the bridge. All will be revealed next week!

We finished with Lovely Day which was, well, lovely!!

Thanks to Craig and Holly for a great rehearsal!!

See you next week, when I'm reliably informed it will be warmer!!

Lynne

Many thanks Lynne.

### **Craig and Gemma's Wedding**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of August we were all invited to share the joy and dress up and sing for Craig and Gemma at their beautiful wedding at Allerton Castle near Knaresborough. It was a real pleasure to be invited to sing for them, I know you all thoroughly enjoyed yourselves. Didn't Craig and Gemma look absolutely wonderful, Wasn't Gemma's gold dress was simply stunning. Once again many congratulations to them both and we as a choir all wish them a lifetime of love and happiness.

[Link to Wedding Video](#)

[Link to their first dance](#)



## **Tonight**

Welcome back everybody, it felt so lovely to see you all tonight, I hope you've had a good summer, I know many of you missed your Thursday nights and were delighted to be returning. Well done with your first practice singing "Santa Tell Me", you all did very well with it, try and practice at home this week especially the wordy bits. Next week we'll also have another sing of "Lovely Day", please would everybody have a look at it.

As you'll have noticed we're over the moon to have been able to invite some new singers, in all parts, to have a couple of tasters with the choir. If those trying out the choir tonight and next week love what we do and decide to join us, this will bring our membership up to 120, which is what we've had before. Three of these new people have previously sung with the KnAC, it's lovely when old friends want to return. What a lovely group of people the new people seem to be too, a huge welcome to you all, all have been in other choirs. This term especially there'll be a lot to learn, but I'm sure you'll pick up things very quickly, Craig is an excellent teacher. It's always nice to join a choir and be met with warmth and friendliness, I think you'll get that at Knot Another Choir. We'll look forward to seeing you next week.

In the meantime last night was recorded and is on the Members section now, also the sound files are there to help you.

## **CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT**

**Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October's practice will be brought forward to Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> October. We hope this doesn't cause too much inconvenience for anybody.**

## **Staging Loan**

Recently we loaned out our tiered staging for the first time, to our friends at 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 resource and we will be delighted to share it with other choirs/groups. It'll be used at our

Christmas Concerts and at The Community Choir Festival on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 at The Royal Hall.

If you know of anybody 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)

## **Johns Boys Male Voice Choir at Leeds Grand Theatre on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>**



*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 on 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 7-30. I'm sure it'll be a fabulous evening if you want to get tickets please follow the link.

[Link to Tickets](#)

## **Barnsley Youth Choir Concert**

### **[Link to Tickets](#)**

Barnsley Youth Choir will be performing with the Drakensberg Boys Choir from South Africa on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. Having seen both choirs before it'll be a fabulous night and its only an hour down the motorway. There's two showings 2-30p.m. and 7pm.



## **The Royal Albert Hall London**

“How Sweet The Sound” is a competition for some of Europe's most gifted gospel artists it will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October, Craig and his fantastic Conservatoire Contemporary Choir are delighted to be taking part. It would be amazing if available members were able to travel to London 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 on the train. it would be really good if some of us could meet up and possibly travel together. Tickets for the concert are still available from this link.

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

## **Volunteers Needed**

I am writing to you from Emerging Voices, a charity based in North Yorks that offers music opportunities to adults with lived experience of mental ill health.

Emerging Voices run the Harrogate Wellbeing Choir, an inclusive community singing group for those with experience of mental ill health in the Harrogate area.

The choir are in need of volunteers to act as 'choir supporters', to help out at rehearsals, support current members and welcome newcomer. Primarily the role would involve singing with the choir and giving social and practical support to the group. No specific skills or qualifications are required, though suitable volunteers would be sociable and sensitive to the needs of members and crucially, enjoy singing!

The choir rehearse every Wednesday afternoon in term time, 1-30 – 3-00 at Wesley Chapel on Oxford Street, in central Harrogate.

A full advert for the volunteer role can be found here:

<https://hadca.org.uk/volunteer/result/20138>

More information about Emerging Voices and the Harrogate Wellbeing Choir can be found here:

<https://emergingvoicescharity.co.uk/>

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer and would like more information, please contact Laura at [admin@emergingvoicescharity.co.uk](mailto:admin@emergingvoicescharity.co.uk)

Many thanks for sharing the above, and good luck with a new term of singing.

### **More Competitions for 2025**

After our great success, when we were runners up at the Manchester Annual Choral Competition Manchester at the RNCM in March 2024. We are planning to enter more competitions in 2025, we have the opportunity to take part in two more excellent choral competitions, if you feel you can give the necessary commitment to the practices in the run up to these Festivals, I hope you'll sign up when we send out the Muzudo survey: One is in Llandudno North Wales on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 and the other, a larger event in Hull, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> of May. We'll provide transport using the same coach companies as we did before when we went to The Manchester Annual Choral Competition.

For anybody new to the choir these competitions are a great opportunity to sing as we only do a short set of songs at competitions, which are much easier to learn than performing a full set for a concert.

### [North Wales Festival](#)

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

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



Collecting our trophy at Manchester.

calendar



## Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

*New events and changes are in red.*

- ❖ Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, a 2nd free night for potential new members.
- ❖ **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October change of practice night from the 10<sup>th</sup> October**
- ❖ Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October practice followed by auditions for soloists. Craig will explain nearer the time.
- ❖ Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024-Preparation for Christmas all day Workshop @ Christ Church Harrogate with lunch provided.
- ❖ Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 - Ripon Cathedral Christmas Fare - one of our favourites of the year a great sing and a good opportunity to get your Christmas shopping too.
- ❖ Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7pm 2024- We are delighted to be singing at Knaresborough United Reformed Church (URC) once again, we were made so very welcome last year.
- ❖ **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7pm for 7.30pm 2024 Christmas Concert at Trinity Church Knaresborough.**
- ❖ Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Harrogate Community Choir Festival a showcase of local choirs at The Royal Hall Harrogate.
- ❖ Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 North Wales Choir Festival in Llandudno. We'll do this in the day, but if anybody wants to drive and stay over on Saturday that would be nice too.
- ❖ 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*

*Welcome back to our existing members, and to those of you wanting to join us, some of whom are returning members, you'll be made very welcome in our lovely choir and make great friends.*

*Its wonderful to see Craig and Gemma back from their honeymoon in Japan, we're delighted that Gemma is joining the choir. We're also lucky to have Holly back as our accompanist.*

*I'm sure we'll all enjoy another fantastic year as a choir.*

*Thanks Julie*