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ANOTHER CHOIR

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Oh my! What a night! Fab singing and the Northern lights on the way home!!

We started with “Can't Help Falling in Love”. We sang through it and then Craig said those words we all dread, “let's talk about it”! !



We started at **Section A** - all voices singing in unison, allow the phrases to grow like a flower from the roots, starting low and filling out on the last word. All voices but altos watch the two beat rest (even if Craig doesn't!!) Focus on the “ng” in “things” rather than the “i”, which makes it sound harsh. Rounder on “be”. “You” to sound like “ewe”, wider rather than longer apparently!! Sopranos sing out as if you're annoyed that the altos think they have the tune!! Altos enjoy this moment; it doesn't happen often! At bar 21, we sing “you” not “ooh”.



Section B - altos have a twiddly bit, don't miss it! Tenors need to work as a team here, it's high for the low tenors and low for the high tenors.

Section D - sop2 and altos have a beats rest at the start, “take my hand”. The altos then have a bit of embellishment on “whole life too”. At bar 42 watch Craig take a side dip for all voices on the same note to repeat as altos and basses change note. In the final phrase where it's unison. Focus on consonants in the words rather than vowels. Basses good luck, it's very low!! Everyone to ignore the other voices and focus on your own note.

Back to the beginning. Altos have some confidence; we start on A and end on A in that first phrase.

I've probably missed a lot here, but we covered so much!! Watch the video!!

Hark the Herald

We started the note bashing on this. Please note that the tracks are unusual, if you listen with only one ear bud in your right ear, you will hear your part, otherwise all the parts are on the track too.

We started on page 3. Best advice is to pretend you don't know this song at all, it doesn't always do what you expect! The score says, "with angelic hosts", Craig asked us to add a short "the" in front of "angelic", so "with th' angelic hosts" instead. All voices be aware of the "Oh" at the end of bar 40. It's certainly a challenging part for the basses, testing your range gentlemen!

To be continued.....

This term is going so fast, but we've done such a lot! See you all next week!

Lynne

Thanks so much Lynne

Last Nights Practice

We made a fantastic start on the Mark De Lisser arrangement of Hark The Herald Angels Sing. We've done so well with the learning of new Christmas songs this term its been fantastic, a huge thanks as always goes to Craig for his hard work with us. Well done to you all too, you've obviously been working hard practising at home.

Hull International Choir Competition

We have made the decision not to apply to attend this International Competition in Hull. When everything was added up it came out at as being a very expensive trip for us, especially when we don't sing for very long at all. We hope you understand and respect our decision which was very carefully thought over.

Ripon Cathedral Saturday 23rd November

We love our sing at Ripon Cathedral in November each year. As well as our two performance sets we get the chance to have really good look around the beautiful stalls and have lunch either in the town or at one of the stalls in the Cathedral. We're lucky enough to get two full sets to sing, It'll be fun to sing the new Christmas songs we've been working hard on this term. Please would you all wear black with your black choir jackets.

These are the songs we'll be singing, please start revising them. If you're new to the choir please take the opportunity to learn these songs in readiness for Christmas, if that seems too much to fit in around work study and family life, then perhaps you could focus on doing one set.

SET ONE - 10-30am until 11am

1. Higher Love
2. One More Sleep
3. Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas
4. Can't Help Falling In Love
5. Hark The Herald Angels Sing
6. Wanna Dance With Somebody
7. Winter Wonderland
8. Last Christmas
9. Merry Christmas Everyone

SET TWO - 12.30pm until 1pm

1. Lovely Day
2. Santa Tell Me
3. Winter Wonderland
4. Silent Night
5. Deep River
6. Steal Away
7. Total Praise
8. Merry Christmas Everyone

Thula Mama

Thula Mama is a beautiful singing group who meet at Gracious Methodist Church, Knaresborough, it's led by Jenny Cook who used to sing with KnAC,

The group is aimed at mums and their babies in arms and expectant mums.

So, if you have friends, relations or know of anybody who likes to sing and has young babies please let them know about this lovely group. All details as to how to get in touch with Jenny can be seen opposite.



Thursday mornings
10:30 -11:30am
An informal singing group
for mothers and babies
from bump to crawling



Sing beautiful songs and lullabies from around the globe in a friendly community of mamas. Includes bottomless brews and bickies. All voices are welcome, whether you think you can't sing or if you have the voice of an angel.

More information on our facebook page

Knaresborough Methodist Church Centre on Gracious Street, Forest Room

First session is free! Thereafter £7 per session.

Text Jenny on 07971200801 to book



www.thulamama.co.uk

Absences

If, for any reason, you are not going to be able to attend a practice please contact me on julie@knotanotherchoir.co.uk

Following any absence please make sure you catch up on things by watching the video recording. At the moment we are going through a really busy period of learning new songs, it's important to keep up for the benefit of those who are always there.

Resetting Your Password to the Members Section.

Due to an issue with the website the "Lost your password" function is currently not working. If you have forgotten your password please email me at admin@knotanotherchoir.co.uk and I will reset your password, you will then be able to login with the password I've given you. At the bottom of the members page is a new option "Change Password", click on this to change your password.

Thanks John.

Games

Julie Horsfield (Trustee) has, once again, come up with some great fundraising ideas. Bring your pound coins each week – every penny goes towards choir funds. Julie is looking for small gifts to give as prizes sweets, chocolate, toiletries etc are all acceptable.

The Royal Albert Hall London

A competition for some of Europe's most gifted gospel artists will be held on the 20th October. We're delighted that Craig and his fantastic Conservatoire Contemporary Choir are taking part in "How Sweet the Sound". On Sunday 20th October a group of KnAC members will be travelling down to London to support The Contemporary Choir I hope those of you who are going all have a lovely time.

"How Sweet The Sound" will showcase a host of top choirs and spoken word artists, competing in three prize categories. Grammy Award-winning composer Donald Lawrence will host the event, with internationally known 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, Muiyiwa Olarewaju OBE. There will also be performances from some very special guests.

The show starts at 6pm, we're going down on the train. Tickets for the concert are still available from this link. John and I are staying at The Queens Gate Hotel.

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

Nidderdale Messiah 24th November

This event is the day after our Ripon performance, so to do both would make a really hectic weekend. It's for a great cause and if you've sung Handel's Messiah before you won't want to miss it.

To be held at Trinity Church Knaresborough on 24th November, this is a once a year treat for singers to come together to perform Handel's amazing music & raise money for a very worthy local charity.

"The money we raise will be used to combat loneliness and social isolation in Nidderdale. We're all so fortunate because we sing we have friends, many people do not. Nidderdale Plus will use your money on a fantastic befriending project." - Jane Burniston, Chair of Nidderdale Messiah

Schedule for the day

13:00 Rehearsal starts

14:45 - 15:30 Refreshments

16:00 Performance starts

18:30 Performance finishes

Costs

Sing & Meal £25

Sing Only £17.50

Audience £10

Under 16's Free

<https://www.nidderdalemessiah.org.uk/>

calendar



Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ Thursday 31st October practice followed by auditions for soloists. Craig will explain nearer the time.
- ❖ Saturday 9th November 2024–Preparation for Christmas all day Workshop @ Christ Church Harrogate with lunch provided.
- ❖ Saturday 23rd November 2024 – Ripon Cathedral Christmas Fare – one of the choir favourites of the year, it's a great sing and a good opportunity to get your quality Christmas shopping too. Times are 10-30am until 11am and then 12.30pm until 1pm.
- ❖ **Wednesday 4th December practice night----- time and place same as always.**
- ❖ **Thursday 5th December no practice but there'll be a Contemporary Choir Concert at The Attic which is at 3 Sheaf Street Leeds LS10 1HD Tickets available from <https://www.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/visit-us/whats-on/cpc-051224/>**
- ❖ **Friday 6th December Conservatoire Concert at Leeds Minster with the Contemporary Choir when the Musical Theatre Department Choir from the Conservatoire join forces. Tickets are available from <https://www.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/visit-us/whats-on/christmas-concert-a-celebration-of-christmas/>**
- ❖ Saturday 7th December 7pm 2024- We are delighted to be singing at Knaresborough United Reformed Church (URC) once again, we were made so very welcome by their parishioners last year.
- ❖ Thursday 19th December 7pm for 7.30pm 2024 Christmas Concert at Trinity Church Knaresborough.

- ❖ **Saturday 8th February 2025 Harrogate Community Choir Festival a showcase of local choirs at The Royal Hall Harrogate.**
- ❖ **Sunday 23rd February 2025 North Wales Choir Festival in Llandudno. We'll do this in the day, The mixed choir class starts at 2pm but if anybody wants to drive and stay over on Saturday night that would make a nice weekend.**
- ❖ **3rd 4th May The committee have made the decision not to apply to take part in The Hull International Choral Competition.**
- ❖ **Sunday 7th of September 2025 The Caravan and Motorhome Show at The Yorkshire Showground. Time TBC.**
- ❖ **20th September 2025 anniversary concert when we'll join forces with The Dales Pop Choir at Ripon Cathedral.**

And Finally.

*A laugh is like sunshine,
It freshens up the day.
It tips the peak of life with light
And drives the clouds away.
The soul grows glad that hears it
And feels its courage strong:
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering folks along.*

*A laugh is just like music,
It lingers in the heart.
And where its melody is heard,
The ills of life depart:
And happy thoughts come crowding
Its joyful notes to greet.
A laugh is just like music
For making living sweet.*

Poet Ripley Dunlap Saunders.

Kind Regards -Have a good weekend keep practising.

Love Julie