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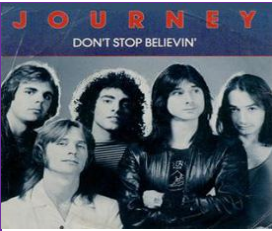
And BOOM 🌟 just like that, in true KnAC Style, we launched into 2025! There was a wonderful New Year and new term buzz in the air as we came together last night. Seeing people's faces light up as they wished each other Happy New Year warmed the room. It was wonderful to see some brand-new faces too as we had a few people on taster sessions. So please let me extend a very warm and joyful Happy New Year to each and every one of you.

Our first rehearsal of the year started with a warm-up and the first line we sang was "I Don't Wanna Sing Today" which couldn't have been further from the truth as we filled the air with joy and sound as we all belted out our voices and warmed up our bodies before singing Happy Birthday to SuSo (Sing Up Speak Out) via video. SuSo is a fantastic choir in Ireland that Craig has worked with and it was their 10th birthday. 

This prompted Craig to reflect on 2024 for KnAC, and he asked for some of our highlights. We all had so many wonderful memories and shouted them out to Craig, "LIMERICK", "YOUR WEDDING" and "MANCHESTER" where we were delighted to be runners up at the Amateur Choir Festival. Craig plans to use the same format to prepare us for both the Harrogate Choral Festival and The North Wales Choir Festival, which takes place in Llandudno. This will be 3 songs.



"Hello"- which is our "tricky" or in Craig's words, show us as "musical magicians"



“Don’t Stop Believing”- this will be our fun and gospel-style song.



“Never Forget”- will be our show-stopper and the trick, according to Craig, to make this one unforgettable is knowing what to sing and when.

We worked hard last night and by the end of the rehearsal had covered the entire song “Never Forget”. Wow and wow!!! Craig's technique of working backwards really worked wonders for us.

So, we now have the challenge of returning next week, having rehearsed “Never Forget” at home and locked in all those fab harmonies and timings, to show off that we can learn a whole song in one rehearsal.... could this be a KnAC first?! I know we will certainly try.

Anyway, I leave you, wishing you a safe and warm week and a very Happy New Year from us all.

A big thanks to Natalie Deeley, well done for stepping in to do this resume of last night for the first time!



Well, what a week it’s been with so much cold weather and lots of ice and snow, I know many of you had been stuck indoors so to get out to choir was lovely. I hoped that when we decided to go ahead with last night's practice you’d all, of course,

make sensible decisions that were right for you and your individual circumstances. I'm hoping those of you who decided to stay home will benefit from the recording of the session and be able to catch up with the work we did on “Never Forget”. I know it was somewhat easier to get there if you lived in Knaresborough as, as always, there was more snow in Harrogate, especially if you were trapped on roads, on estates, that had not been cleared.



Anyway, 60 of you showed up, which was a great number considering!! and somewhat unexpected, it meant we could still have a super session.

It was lovely to see Craig and enjoy his skills as an amazing teacher and MD once again. Thankfully it was lovely and warm in the Hall, and it was so good to see each other.

Christmas Social 13th December

We started the evening with pizza from Tico Tico in Knaresborough, once again they were very tasty. A great night was had by all, the quiz and bingo were great fun, thanks once again to Julie Horsfield for writing the quiz and her son-in-law Stuart for compèring it. We had a good raffle and tombola, the prizes, thanks to your donations, were of high quality. Thanks to Colin Hadley who finished off the evening with a short disco, quite a number of you got up to dance. It was a very successful evening thanks to those of you who bought tickets!!!!



Trinity Concert

We had a wonderful Christmas Concert at Trinity Concert with a very full Church. We raised a total of £1349(after expenses), which we have now donated to Henshaws Arts and Crafts Center.

Henshaws also brought a collection bucket with which they collected a further £370. I'm sure you're all delighted especially when you all played such a big part with your singing, baking, setting up, clearing away etc. Many hands make light work.

The choir and soloists were all wonderful and great fun was had by all.

January Workshop to prepare for Harrogate Choir Festival and the North Wales Choir Festival

We've organised another great Workshop on the 25th January starting at 11am please arrive for 10-30 a.m., it will be held at Christ Church Harrogate where we will have a full day of working on our songs ready for the two Festivals.



A Tartufo buffet lunch and hot beverages will be provided for you in the lunchtime break.

Harrogate Choir Festival Royal Hall

As you know we were initially asked to restrict our numbers to 70 members to take part in the Festival. We decided we were going to have to select people on a first come first serve basis.

On doing our Muzudo survey there were 90 of you who put your names down. I hated that some were going to have to be excluded, so after some discussion and negotiation with the committee and organisers of the event, Stray Notes, we will be allowed more singers in fact a choir of 90, which is everybody who said they wanted to go. We felt this was a really good result and we are very thankful to The Stray Notes for accommodating our large choir.

We have been asked to arrive at the Royal Hall for a warm-up and sound check, this is from 4-30 pm to 5pm, it's essential that you are there for this time and that you are punctual. We will be required to return at 6-30pm to get in our seats ready for the start of the concert at 7pm.

Dress Code - Please wear your formal outfits in black for the concert as you would normally do at Christmas, this can include a little sparkle etc.

New Dates

We have been invited to sing at Newby Hall on two dates in June and July see the dates for 2024/2025 below.

We have also booked the 18th of December for a Trinity Church Christmas Charity Concert again.



Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ Saturday 25th January 2025 Full-day workshop at Christ Church Harrogate so that we can be well prepared for the Harrogate Community Choir Festival and The North Wales Choir Festival.
- ❖ Saturday 8th February 2025 Harrogate Community Choir Festival showcasing local choirs at The Royal Hall Harrogate.
- ❖ Sunday 23rd February 2025 North Wales Choir Festival in Llandudno. This is a competitive choir festival with monetary prizes. We will organise coaches to take us there as the Open Voice class starts at 2pm but if anybody wants to drive and stay over on Saturday night that would make a nice weekend.
- ❖ **** NEW ** 10th April Practice. We will have a week off choir for the Easter Holiday not two as previously said.**
- ❖ Saturday 3rd May St Barnabas Church Weeton tickets sales will be helping to raise funds for The Forget Me Not Children's Hospice in Huddersfield who have been struggling lately.
- ❖ **** NEW** Sunday 15th June we will perform two sets at Newby Hall at 1pm to 1-45 and 2-15pm to 3pm.**
- ❖ **** NEW** Sunday 13th July we will again perform two sets at Newby Hall 1pm to 1-45 and 2-15pm to 3pm**
- ❖ Sunday 7th of September 2025 The Caravan and Motorhome Show at The Yorkshire Showground. Time TBC.
- ❖ 20th September 2025 anniversary concert when we have been invited to perform as special guests of The Dales Pop Choir at Ripon Cathedral.
- ❖ ****NEW** 18th December Christmas Concert at Trinity Church.**

Finally for the New Year.

*Cheers to new beginnings, fresh opportunities, and a year
filled with growth, success, and laughter.
Leave behind what didn't serve you and step into 2025 with
confidence, and unstoppable energy.
Wishing you 12 months of happiness, 52 weeks of positivity,
and 365 days of endless inspiration.*

With Kind Regards Julie