

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

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After we'd introduced our newer members to the Knot Another Choir anthem then we went straight into our songs for the festival.

We started with "Don't Stop Believing". Just to be aware that it's a longer intro than we usually do with the piano, so watch Holly on the night! We ran through it and then heard those immortal words "Let's talk"! We need to start energetically; this is our opening song. The section we all seemed hesitant in is the bridge (bar 53), basses lots of power please and other voices don't forget to sing!! Please practice this section. At bar 89 there should be a guitar solo, but we go straight into the chorus. Please again practice this to start with confidence.

We then ran through "Never Forget" (with moves!) This is available on the website thanks to John, with the moves, if you haven't watched it, please do!



There were 2 sections where we seemed a bit less than confident! Verse 2, we seem confused as to where we do our move! The lower voices sing "we're not invincible" first, then Kimberley, then it's all of us. Bring your arms up on we're not, then the cross move on "invincible". Second time through, sops and altos sing it first, then all of us again and same moves.

Chorus 3, where we do the clap clap raise was also a bit hesitant!! We sing the chorus through twice then move into. "Never, everybody sing" and the clap clap raise. Leave your arms up in the air on "some day" so we can do the dreams move.



Kimberley and Boyce were amazing!

We finished with "Hello". A few points to watch. Verse 2 for the lower voices and altos, check the notes please.

At bar 90, tenors please note you sing “hello” after the basses not with them. On the final note, all voices that sing apart, please drop the “t”.

I want to say on behalf of all of us, Holly....wow!!! You were really easy to follow and so confident! Thank you also to Emma for her fabulous accompanying, what a great job you did too!

See you all next week for more arm waving!!

Lynne

Thanks very much Lynne.

Thanks to you all for your attendance and your help at the Workshop at Christ Church Harrogate on Saturday. Thanks to those of you who came early to help and those of you who stayed late to clear up, things go so much more smoothly when members help.

The day was great fun especially learning the dance moves for “Never Forget”. Thanks to all those of you who auditioned for the solo parts you were all amazing. In the end though Craig and Holly chose Kimberley Lawton to do the female solo and Boyce Jackson to do the male solo. Neither of these have done a solo with Knot Another Choir before, so it’ll be exciting for both of them.

Well done to new members, Alex and Rosemary who joined us after Christmas; both have worked hard so now feel ready to sing at The Royal Hall next week.

Sunday March 16th 3pm - Spring Charity Concert at Trinity Church

This will give us something to look forward to in March and hopefully be something of a replacement after the disappointment of The North Wales Festival being cancelled. On this occasion we’ll raise money for local charities. We’ll have 5 weeks of practices after The Harrogate Choir Festival at the Royal Hall when we’ll have plenty of time to work on a really nice set.



Last time we did a Concert at Trinity Church we raised just under £2000 for Henshaw's Arts and Crafts Centre, and we had a wonderful audience. Hopefully we'll get a lively audience again as we did last time. Perhaps you'd like to start rounding up your friends and families.

Emerging Voices.



Would you consider becoming a trustee?

Emerging Voices is a North Yorkshire charity that delivers music sessions for adults with lived experience of mental ill-health. We provide choirs, music recording, tuition and song writing including in Harrogate. It's not onerous, can be quite fun and it's a chance to give back. If you are interested, please see our advert on reach volunteering:

<https://reachvolunteering.org.uk/opp/trustee-music-and-mental-health-charity-0>

The closing date is 16th February.

Many thanks everybody

Simon - Husband of Jenny (alto)

Harrogate Choir Festival 8th February

Please arrive at the Royal Hall for our warm-up and sound check from 4-30 pm to 5pm. Please be there for 4-20. It's essential that you are there on time and that we're all there.

We will be allocated seats when we've done our warm up so if you want to hang about and chat at the Royal Hall or you could possibly go for a bite to eat in town, there are lots of choices close by.

We are required to be in our seats for 6-30 pm in readiness 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, add a little sparkle etc. When not singing could you also wear you KnAC jackets please.

You can buy tickets for your friends and family from <https://www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk/events/harrogate-community-choir-festival/#book>

IMPORTANT

I have started planning your standing positions on stage, as we get nearer the time please let me know if for any reason you won't be able to be there, please don't leave it to the last minute.



Dates for your 2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ Saturday 8th February 2025 Harrogate Community Choir Festival showcasing local choirs at The Royal Hall Harrogate.
- ❖ **** Cancelled Sunday 23rd Feb 2025 North Wales Choir Festival.**
- ❖ **** New ** Sunday 16th March 3pm Spring local Charity Concert at Trinity Church.**
- ❖ Wednesday 19th March practice
- ❖ Thursday 20th March no practice.
- ❖ Thursday 27th March no practice.
- ❖ 10th April Practice.
- ❖ 17th April no choir practice.
- ❖ Saturday 3rd May St Barnabas Church Weeton tickets sales will be helping to raise funds for The Forget Me Not Hospice for children.
- ❖ Sunday 15th June we will perform two sets at Newby Hall at 1pm to 1-45 and 2-15pm to 3pm.
- ❖ Saturday 28th June 2pm Afternoon concert at URC Knaresborough.
- ❖ Sunday 13th July we will again perform two sets at Newby Hall 1pm to 1-45 and 2-15pm to 3pm.
- ❖ Saturday 20th September 2025 anniversary concert when we will perform as the special guests of The Dales Pop Choir at Ripon Cathedral.

- ❖ Sunday 12th October 2025 Afternoon concert at Starbeck Methodist Church.
- ❖ ****NEW** Saturday 8th November Pre Christmas Workshop.**
- ❖ ****NEW **Saturday 22nd November Christmas Food and Gift Fair Ripon Cathedral.**
- ❖ Saturday 6th December 2025 Christmas Concert at URC.
- ❖ Thursday 18th December 2025 Christmas Concert at Trinity Church.

And Finally.

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They're helpful and supportive,

They're the first with words of praise.

You know that they'll be there for you whatever knocks life sends,

They're funny, kind and thoughtful

And They're known

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With Kind Regards Julie