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ANOTHER CHOIR

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How can I start without a HUGE thank you to Holly! Is this the same shy girl who started accompanying us just before last year's festival?? You were brilliant.

We went through our three songs in order.

Don't stop believing - a nice strong start, Michael Jackson on the "took a midnight train", cover Holly in spit please!! On "people" make it peepul, and wading not waiting, no Waitrose here! Remember the bridge, we still hesitate a bit!

Hello - massive thank you to Emma for the piano playing (including twiddly bits!). Holly wants us to be sorry, almost not sorry! We're Adele who's probably never sorry! Main thing to note here was the big chord before the final chorus. The order is basses, tenors then altos and sopranos on the third beat. Strong into the last chorus.

Never Forget- have fun here! If you go wrong, do it with confidence! Don't try to correct yourself, that will be even more obvious. We know this better than we think, the issue is we're a bit nervous of it! Watch Holly for the moves, she's really good at giving us the cues. On the last note do a Julie and turn to the left and raise your right arm. Julie demonstrated it beautifully! Thank you to our wonderful soloists, Boyce the voice and Kimberly, never saw that as a Romeo and Juliet (without the dying) tableau, but I will now Holly.

I'm looking forward to Saturday, it's going to be fun!!

See you there!!

Lynne

Thanks Lynne!

A great night was had by all, we'll miss Craig leading us but I'm sure Holly will be absolutely fabulous tomorrow.

Details for Harrogate Choir Festival 8th February

Please arrive at the Royal Hall for our warm-up and sound check at 4-20 our allocated time on stage is from 4-30 pm to 5pm. It's essential that you **all** arrive on time and we get the balance of voices right.

We will be given seats when we've done our warm up, if you want to hang about and chat at the Royal Hall after the warm up or you could possibly go for a quick bite to eat in town, there are lots of choices close by, alternatively take a bit of a pack up and stay there to wait, perhaps relax a little. Please can I ask that if you go to town for food and drink that you don't consume alcohol before we've performed please. Of course if you'd like a drink after we have sung that's entirely up to you.

We have been asked to be in our seats for 6-30 pm in readiness for the start of the concert at 7pm.

Dress Code - Please wear black formal outfits for the concert, add a little sparkle if you want. Please wear your choir jackets except when you are on stage to perform, make sure you have some sort of identification on your jacket if you are leaving it on a chair.

Getting On And Off Stage

We will walk onto the stage in number order starting with the top tier row led on by Julie Dodsworth, I am sending out the standing order that has your number on, so that you know when you get on to the stage. Please walk on in an orderly non chatty way.

We will leave the stage in reverse order, the main thing is to stay facing forward until you feel the person next to you turn to leave.

When we perform please keep smiling, be animated in your gestures and movements. I hope you all thoroughly enjoy yourselves.

You can buy tickets for your friends and family from

<https://www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk/events/harrogate-community-choir-festival/#book>

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)



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.
- ❖ ****NEW** Saturday 5th July at Roundhay Park Leeds we will sing at a Sunset Walk in aid of St Gemmas Hospice Leeds timings to follow.**
- ❖ Sunday 13th July we will again perform two sets at Newby Hall 1pm to 1-45 and 2-15pm to 3pm.
- ❖ ****NEW** Cancellation Sunday 14th September The Caravan and Motorhome Show.**
- ❖ 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 already booked.**
- ❖ ****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.

Life is amazing

And then it's awful.

And then it's awful again.

And in between the amazing and awful its ordinary and mundane and routine.

Breathe in the amazing,

hold on through the awful, and relax and exhale during the ordinary life.

And its breathtakingly beautiful.

L. R Knost

Kindest Regards

Julie