

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

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Another productive rehearsal and just over a week to go to our next outing to The Valley Gardens on the 25th of May.



We started this evening on another fabulous piece “Happy Together” – “Cos that’s what we are!”

Bar 21 – a little role play looking intently at our neighbour and expressing with feeling (as if you really mean it) “I can’t see me loving no-body but you – For All My Life.



BASS’S – *Raise one eyebrow (We’ll see who has Botox) on this line.*

ALTO’S – *Craig has been kind to us so don’t abuse this. Your part is similar to the melody so DO NOT STRAY – this would be wrong – Go over your parts on the sound file to lock it into your memory!*

ALL – *Some may be real, but YOU bar 23 – Sneeze it out “Choo”.*

Everybody again, Craig recalled his mis-spent youth touching electric fences!! Bar 27 Lovin no Body – Choo – Then over to California for a twangy “All My Life”- Remember “Electric – Sneeze – Time of your Life”!



Then we moved on to work from Bar 4.

BASS AND TENOR to note that there is a lack of slurs and gaps between notes. This needs to be staccato – Think snare drum and a drum roll on the last one at bar 6 on “Together”.

Bars 7/8/10 – NO T'S on Night/Right/Tight – Short and Snappy.

BASS – Bar 13 Note the dotted minims – Think Strings, Regal particularly “Very Fine” in Bar 18 – Luxuriate in these bars.



ALTOS – Bar 19 into 29 Crescendo all on same note – F sharp – **SOPS** – in same bar go up from F sharp to G.

We left Happy Together there but will do as a warmup next week and looking at Bar 29 “Me ‘n’ You”. This is not in the next gig but will be from then on.

Next, we went over “Take on Me” – As well we did as we were a tad all over the place!

SOPS – Entry to Bar 5 – Lots of drama and energy – **KEEP IT UP ALL THE WAY TO BAR 12.**

BASS'S – Punchy – think snare drum again.



ALTOS – “Talking away.....” Go for it – Sing out at Bar 13, Verse 1. Some of us got caught out (I think I may have been one) **STOP HARMONIZING** on Bar 25/26 and again in Bar 86. In Bar 26 to up to G then A in bars 27 and 28. It's a bit of a jump from bar 25 to 26 so go over it to fix it in your mind.

ALL – Bar 49 “Say after Me” – **IN UNISON.**

Finally, back to Run which we began work on last week. We will be singing off copy at Valley Gardens.

ALTOS – Own the last note, “Done” in bar 11 - though it is low – channel your inner Barry White – Breathe it out. **DO NOT** tuck your chin in – if you do it will doubtless be caught on film!. “Breath” “Breath” “Breath”.

Keep the same reverence through Bar 12 onwards “But I can barely look at you”



Watch out bar 15 into 16 "I do is on the same note", Sops go up. Purse lips when singing "Do".

Bar 18 through 21 – "Away from here Woah-ah – make it smooth from Woah through ah.

NO BREATH BETWEEN BARS 18-21.

Verse 3 – Bar 32

ALTOS – "Cry, Cry, Cry" – *Link with legato.*

Timing on bars 34/35/36 a little tricky:

TENORS come in first in bar 34 with "I nearly", **BASS'S** come in with "I nearly in bar 35 then **SOPS and ALTOS** together after Bass's have sung "do" in bar 35. Then split parts for **ALL** in Bar 36 "Woah-ah" – Smooth into "ah" in bar 37.

Bar 53 – "LIGHT IT UP" – a reminder from last week's bulletin – Not "Ba da dap".

Bars 54 through 55 – SOPS and ALTOS "ah" – These are long notes, minims – 2 beats then breath and Light it up again.

ALL – Bar 59 – "Oh" is at the end of the bar following a rest – then rest at beginning of bar 60 before "you gotta run" then straight to "woah" in bar 61.

TENORS – Bars 38 into 39 – syncopated against everyone else – Hold "Have" for 3 beats.

The "Louder, Louder as if we have no choice" – Tenors are good but everyone else is moving towards their part, "Choice" ends slightly later for other parts – Should be "Choice" "s" "s".

I hope you can make sense of that, but I can't extol enough the benefit of using the sound files at every opportunity, whilst going about our everyday lives to help fix things in the grey matter – repeat the tricky bits till they stick.

Liz

Thank You Liz!

Just when we thought summer had finally arrived – it's out with the coats yet again. Where has the sunshine gone this time? Apparently, to Bedford and Dumfries where my sisters live!

We were so pleased to see that those of you who were unwell last week were back with us. Tonight, we had another amazing session with 81 in attendance. We were rather depleted in the bass section for many different reasons, but hopefully we'll see a mass return of the gentlemen next week.

I think that Craig must have had four Weetabix today as he was absolutely buzzing and that was obviously infectious as we sang "Happy Together" and "Run" with great gusto. They are going to be fabulous additions to our, already extensive repertoire. Personally speaking "Run" is already rating as one of my absolute favourites.

If you weren't able to be there tonight, please would you watch and sing along with the recording as Craig wants "Run" to be off copy for next week's practice, ready for its inclusion in our next performance at the Valley Gardens. The set list for that event will be the same as when we sang at St Barnabas Weeton with the addition of Run.

SET ONE

- Like A Prayer
- Higher Love
- Signed, Sealed, Delivered
- Can't Help Falling In Love
- Sing Gently
- Hello
- Fix You
- Wanna Dance With Somebody
- Don't Stop Believing

SET TWO

- Never Forget
- Take On Me
- Proud
- Run
- How Will I Know
- Deep River
- Steal Away
- Something Inside So Strong
- Lovely Day

Craig will make decisions on the day as to the sound that can be generated in an open space. Potentially, the spirituals may not work as well outdoors . If we are secure with all the above songs, then we will be just fine and dandy!

John has created a playlist of all the songs in our current repertoire. Go to the members section – Set List for Performances, to find the link for your voice part.



I don't usually do this, but a huge Happy Birthday to our eldest member, Valerie, who is an absolute inspiration to us all.

Have a great day Valerie!

Julie H.

Thank You

A huge thank you to all of you who brought tombola prizes this evening and to those of you who, week in – week out, continue to support our fundraising efforts by participating in the weekly games thanks for sharing the fun. Come on people have a go!

Julie H.

Valley Gardens Sunday 25th May

Please wear anything on a black and white theme as it's going to be a lovely sunny day. Would you arrive at the stage for 1-30 pm. We don't use our staging at the Valley Gardens nor do a stage plan, so please stand roughly where you do normally, please make sure

that people behind you can see, especially if you're a slightly taller person and if you can't see Craig please say.

Julie BS

Staging Helpers WhatsApp group

After an excellent suggestion made by Kit (Bass) we are setting up a WhatsApp group for all people willing to help with the staging at the relevant performances. This would mean that should we need extra hands we could quickly contact those on the list for help; it will also help us better co-ordinate who is available to build the staging before our concerts, this isn't a massive commitment as we only use our staging about 5 times a year. If you are interested in helping with the staging and joining the WhatsApp group, please email John at admin@knotanotherchoir.co.uk and he will add you to the group. Please note this appeal for support isn't limited to choir members it is open to any partners, sons', friends etc who would be willing to help.



John BS

Basses Required

We have lost a couple of basses recently due to other commitments, we are therefore looking for a couple of new, experienced basses to start in September. If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining our wonderful bass section, please speak to Julie BS.

Knaresborough Market

In addition to the weekly fundraising, we will once again have a charity stall at the Knaresborough Wednesday Market, this has now been booked for Wednesday 25th June.

We'll do our usual tombola and, if you anybody can knit, perhaps small items e.g. baby clothes, socks, beanie hats etc. or do any

other crafts that we would be able to sell on the stall, please have a word with Julie H, or any other member of the committee. If you can help on the day, even for a short period of time, please speak to a member of the committee.

Any contributions for a tombola would be greatly appreciated, we can also sell books and bric a brac. Thank you to those of you who have already brought in donations.

Manchester MACC

This week I completed the long process of doing the application for Manchester. I heard back and we'll know by September if we have been successful, keep your fingers crossed.

Knarborough Connectors Community Festival

The Knarborough Community Festival, run by Knarborough Connectors of which we are members, is being held this weekend that's Sunday the 18th May at Henshaw's Arts and Crafts Centre.

The day gives us the opportunity to meet up with other community and charity groups from our wonderful Knarborough community, whilst doing some fundraising for the choir, as well as some networking and talking about our lovely choir and the forthcoming events we have arranged. I hope loads of you will come again to help on our stall or just come to the event to look round the stalls, have a cuppa, etc Thanks so much.



Eric Whitacre will be the musician in residence at The Ryedale Festival in July. Perhaps you'd like to take part in one or all of the events below.

Here is a link to the program for the whole festival.

<https://ryedalefestival.com/brochure-2025/>



Dates for your 2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ Sunday 18th May Knaresborough Community Festival to be held at Henshaw's Arts and Crafts. Please come and help if you have time. Wear your choir jackets or t-shirts. Come and tell people why you love being in Knot Another Choir and ask if people have seen our performances.
- ❖ Sunday 25th May Valley Gardens Harrogate 2pm to 4pm.
- ❖ Sunday 15th June we will perform two sets at Newby Hall at 1pm to 1-45 and 2-15pm to 3pm. You have free entry for the day.
- ❖ Saturday 28th June 2pm Afternoon concert at the URC Knaresborough.
- ❖ Saturday 5th July at Roundhay Park Leeds please note we will be singing at a Sunset Walk in aid of St Gemma's Hospice Leeds, timings to follow. We could do with a few more basses singing at this event, please fill in Muzudo for this if you have availability.
- ❖ 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 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.
- ❖ Saturday 8th November Pre Christmas-Workshop Christ Church Harrogate.
- ❖ 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.

Once again, on behalf of the committee, may I thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support and commitment to our fabulous choir.

Have a good week and be kind to yourselves and each other.

Julie H

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