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ANOTHER CHOIR

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Lovely to see everyone again after my holiday! Canada was amazing, thank you to everyone who asked!



We started with “Happy together”, going through the chorus:- more of the electrocution wobble and choo please, and scoop up into the note on “life”. At the end of verse two please be confident and strong on “together” and be sure of your notes.

Verse 3, tenors and basses please ignore the sopranos and altos who are singing something completely different. You have the tune so enjoy it.

At the bridge the voices are imitating instruments. Sopranos and altos, mentally stamp your foot on the first beat of bars 45 and 49, starting on the 2nd beat of the bar with the “ba bops”. Make it more of a skat sound. Tenors you're the trumpets, toot away! Basses you're on your own at bar 48, make sure we can hear you.



We'll finish this next week but please take some time to familiarise yourself with your own part this week.

We sang through “Take on Me” and then went through “Sing Gently”. This is sounding really good, still needs some fine tuning but the key for now is to get confident with the notes and the words! We ran over from bar 49 to the end. Tenors watch the timing at bar 50 when you move out of synch with other voices. As with most of this song, all the voices are doing their own thing

so the only thing to do is get confident with your own part. Also watch the strange timing on “sing gently” at bar 63/64.

We finished with Run, I've watched the videos and listened to the tracks, but this was my first time singing it at choir! Sounds great and as Craig has said about “Sing Gently”, we can fine tune this as we go, but we do know it! Sing with confidence and make sure you hold the longer notes to keep the harmonies going, particularly as we go into the choruses. “Whoah” becomes “oh” on the first beat of the chorus, while the tenors sing “light up”. On the last 3 bars, slow it down on the last raise your voice, and a quick break before the final note on “ooh”.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday at Valley Gardens, Craig said he'll decide on the day when and if we sing “Sing Gently” but still practice it, you can bring your copies of this if you still need to!

I'm off to put the bins out!!

Lynne



Thank You Lynne!

Tonight, we had yet another amazing session with 79 in attendance.

I think that Craig has upped his Weetabix consumption even more as he was absolutely buzzing yet again! I love the fact that we keep getting little insights into his married life – I think all the ladies within the choir will recognise the angst that the dreaded bins can cause!! Then suddenly, with a flick of a cerebral switch, he's back in M.D. mode and we are absolutely on fire with some of the newer additions to our repertoire. I'm sure you will all agree that we are taking on some amazing and increasingly more challenging new material.



We had a little hint about what we may be covering over the next few months and I was thrilled when he mentioned some great songs: Ain't Nobody, With or Without You, Sweet Child of Mine and Hallelujah.



If you weren't able to be there tonight, please watch tonight's recording paying particular attention to "Run" and "Sing Gently".

The set list for the Valley Gardens will be from the list below and will be decided on the day based on the weather and the level of input from the audience.

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

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.

Julie H.

Thank You

A huge thank you to those of you who came down to Henshaws on Sunday to raise the profile of the choir within the community, and to those who, week in – week out, continue to support our fundraising efforts by participating in the weekly games. This week's tombola was well supported and it would be fabulous if we could keep that level up each week.

Julie Day

As an unlikely aside, apparently it is National Julie Day today. I think it's quite moving for the nation to hold a specific day for the four Julies in the choir. Julie Bradbury-Sharp, Julie Dodson, Julie Dodsworth and Julie Horsfield.

Really?

What's that all about?

Wonder who's day it will be tomorrow?

Valley Gardens Sunday 25th May

Please wear anything on a black and white theme as it's going to be a lovely sunny afternoon. Would you arrive at the stage for 1-30 pm. We don't use our own staging at the Valley Gardens nor do we have 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 so and I'll move you.

[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, Stephen Gray and Stephen Green, 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.

One of our lovely altos has been offered a job in Manchester and is leaving us with immediate notice.

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 can knit, perhaps small items e.g. baby clothes, socks, beanie hats etc. or do any other crafts, greetings cards etc 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. Its good fun serving on the stall and telling the general public about the choir.

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.



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 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.**
- ❖ Thursday 10th July - Last Practice
- ❖ Sunday 13th July - we will again perform two sets at Newby Hall 1pm to 1-45 and 2-15pm to 3pm.
- ❖ Thursday 4th September - return to choir
- ❖ Saturday 20th September when we will perform as the special guests of The Dales Pop Choir at Ripon Cathedral.
- ❖ Sunday 12th October 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 Christmas Concert at URC.**
- ❖ **Thursday 18th December 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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