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ANOTHER CHOIR

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A damp and grey evening outside, but a cheery atmosphere inside tonight!

We started tonight with something a bit off piste. A few in the choir had spotted the new score on the website, but we started on "With or Without You" off copy. We put together the chorus with different endings. Very very hard to describe for this bulletin, so, for those who missed it, best to watch the video!!



Craig then introduced what is to become a new part of our rehearsals. The "let's talk about it" segment! The choral equivalent of Ronnie Corbett in his armchair!! As Craig said, we are lucky now to have a very big repertoire of songs that we can pull out at short notice. However, we do get into some bad habits or lose confidence in some sections. That's what this segment is for. Tonight, we looked at "Signed, sealed, delivered" and the bass and tenors' entry into the second verse. "Seen a lot of things in this whole world", where there is quite a lot of hesitation during performances before everyone realises where we are! Craig denied the request not to sing the "Hey" at the end of the previous phrase, but did say that it didn't have to be a specific note if that helps. Lady tenors, sing this up the octave as it's quite low. Please be aware of the syncopation here; that's what can make this phrase hard. There is a quaver rest at the start of the bar before "seen", so breathe here. Sing out with lots of confidence!



Finally, we worked on "Happy Together". Key points really here, for me, from Craig is to enjoy this and give it some "welly" when you have the tune! In the bridge and the outro, remember that really, we are using voices to replicate brass instruments, so plenty of punch to the "ba bops".



Verse 3a is new for sopranos and altos, as we don't sing this the first time around, but don't be tempted to go into "so happy together" at the end; that's just for sopranos. Everyone but sops sing the four-note phrase on "ooh" twice before we start the 7 "ba bap" phrases that take us to the end of the song. Now there is some dispute here about how many 7's there actually are, but for the avoidance of doubt, it's as many as Craig says it is, and if that's 6 or 19, we just do as we're told and finish on the major chord when he tells us to! I do hope that helps!



We will work on "With or Without You" again next week, so please download the track and start listening, especially those of you who weren't there; it doesn't take long to get behind!

Let's hope it's sunny again next week!

See you then

Lynne

Thank You, Lynne!

We all know that around the world, the British are known for their obsession with the weather! Too hot, too cold, we need some rain. When will it stop raining? Of course, this week has been a prime example of half-term weather – rain, rain, and more rain. But as I used to say to my girls, 'Get your wellies out and crack on!' That is exactly what we did this evening, with an attendance of 79 (although I didn't actually see any wellies).

New material came along in the form of "With Or Without You". I think it's really nice to occasionally start learning the basis of a song by rote, although copies of the score and sound files are now available in the members' section of the choir website.

Gentle reminder

I would like to emphasise the importance of maintaining silence during rehearsals when other sections are working on their parts with Craig. This evening, there were several occasions when Craig

had to remind people to be quieter during the learning process. It is crucial that we show respect and consideration for Craig and all members of the choir. Adhering to choir etiquette is essential.

Thank you in advance.

Julie H.

Fundraising

Gosh, there was some hilarity going on with tonight's game of Cup Catch!! We had balls flying all over! We now officially have a Cup Catch champion as John BS managed to get three balls in the cups on his first attempt. We are wondering if there's anyone out there who can steal his crown by getting all three in one cup?



We have quite a few games that you can participate in now with Number Board, Card Game, Star Ball Game, Raffle, Tombola and now Cup Catch. Every single penny that we raise goes to choir funds for the benefit of all choir members. We really appreciate those of you who continue to take part in these fundraising efforts, and those who bring in prizes. If anyone has any ideas for any other games that we might try, please come and have a word, and we'll try to add them to our fundraising programme.

Our collection at the Valley Gardens performance raised an amazing £135.24, thanks to Claire Lenighan (Alex's mum) for going round with the collection bucket.

Many thanks

Julie H.

Staging Helpers WhatsApp group

Following an excellent suggestion by Kit (Bass), we are setting up a WhatsApp group for all individuals willing to help with staging at the relevant performances. This would mean that, should we need extra help, we could quickly contact those on the list for assistance; it will also help us better coordinate 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 that this appeal for support isn't limited to choir members; it is open to any partners, sons, friends, and others who are willing to help.



Many thanks to all of you who have already volunteered.

[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.

Knaresborough Market

In addition to the weekly fundraising, we will once again be having a charity stall at the Knaresborough Wednesday Market, which 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, 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, please speak with a member of the committee. It's 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.



Dates for your 2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ 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. Tickets available from www.fienta.com/urc2025
- ❖ Saturday 5th July at Roundhay Park Leeds @ 5pm 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 men 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 @ 7:30pm, where we will perform as the special guests of The Dales Pop Choir at Ripon Cathedral.
- ❖ **** New **Saturday 4th of October TBC still in the planning process, an exciting event you won't want to miss, but please save this date to your diary, more to follow.**
- ❖ 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 @ 7pm Christmas Concert at URC.**
- ❖ **Thursday 18th December 2025 @ 7pm Christmas Concert at Trinity Church.**

Once again, on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank everyone 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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