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ANOTHER CHOIR

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Another lovely evening, so nice to sing with the doors open and look out at that gorgeous view!

We started with our "Let's talk about it" segment and Lovely Day part 2! Lots of energy and punch in the opening, and some real emphasis on the "Oh" at the end of "Rain".

Verse 2 lots of confidence on "Jesus you're the lover of my soul", sing it like you believe it, and pout on the "yeah yeahs" (or Michael MacDonald for those who remember him!) The altos were back in favour again for the confidence in "This spiritual love affair" phrase!

When the energy is up in this song it's so joyous! We then went on to "With or Without you".

In Verse 1, just sopranos and altos please, watch the rests in bars 13 and 14. Verse 2 has altos with the tune and all the other voices move together, please be confident here, you are right on the notes but hesitant.

Chorus 1, don't over complicate it. Sops and alto sing with or without you, tenors and basses echo and then all voices together.

Verse 3, more "oohs" from the 3 voices together and again more confidence please. Altos the really low note in bar 31 isn't a strong note just bounce off it onto give it all. And it's "give" not "gave", the score is right even if Craig isn't!

Refrain 1 is in unison until bar 50 when we move into harmony at the end of the bar. Please make sure you know your own part.

Verse 4, sops and altos together, echoed by tenors and basses, all together on "my body bruised" (body not body's) bar 57 and 58 need to be sure how voices fit together so please look at it.

Refrain 2 is in harmony and different to Refrain 1, please practice. In the bridge, tenors please note an error in the score. At bar 81 on "oh", this should be f# not e.

Craig will be sunning himself in Rome next week and soaking up the aperol (sorry culture!) so please practice for Holly who will be taking our practice next week, hopefully we can finish this song off.

See you all on Sunday at Nidd Hall, and Craig remember your sun cream!!!



Lynne

Thank You, Lynne!

How many times and in how many ways can one say how amazing the rehearsal was? This once again applies, with 82 attending, nice to be back in the 80's, always do what you can to be at practices and make contact with Julie BS if you can't be there. Craig was, once again, on top form – probably looking forward to some free time with Gemma in Rome next week.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraising activities this week. As we have a tombola coming up at Knaresborough Market a week on Wednesday, we will need lots of little prizes, bars of chocolate, sweeties, soap, bric-a-brac, etc if we are going to be running it throughout the day. Any unused odds and ends that you have or can purchase will be gratefully received. At the present time, we do not have many prizes that have been brought in by members (usually, it's the same few people you know who you are), so please try to help us out with this. Did anybody manage to do anything crafty as requested? We have been given lots of books, please don't bring any more. The money raised will go towards our expenses for Manchester so that we will be able to reduce the cost to choir members and provide a coach.

Gentle Reminder - AGAIN!!!

Craig asked us to support each other by telling the people next to us that we were more than capable of some of the trickier parts in our songs. However, once again, there was some degree of chatter during learning time. If everyone thinks it won't matter if they have a quick chat, before we know it, there is a real background hum going on; this can be very distracting, so please, please, please save your voices for the singing. By all means, chat before and after practice. Some of our members enjoy meeting up for a drink and chat at one of the local hostelrys after practice's.

Thank You

Thank you, and well done to those of you who entered last week's Knot Another Strange Quiz.

The winner of the fabulous fruit hamper, generously donated by committee member Linda Hardy, was another committee member, Liz Connall.

For those of you who were flummoxed by some of the clues, the answers are included below.

Thanks, Julie Horsfield, for your very entertaining, strange quiz. It kept John and me very amused over quite a few evenings. JBS.

		<u>CLUE</u>	<u>ANSWER</u>
1	LBBB	To forgive and forget	Let bygones be bygones
2	TW	What the superstitious do	Touch wood
3	SCW	European conflict of 1938 - 1939	Spanish Civil War
4	SOL	At some time or another	Sooner or later
5	NE	Money saved up	Nest egg
6	PAC	Advantages and disadvantages	Pros and cons

7	TDE	Horse trials testing all round ability	Three-day eventing
8	BC	Starting point of an artist's masterpiece	Blank canvas
9	OT	In suspense	On tenterhooks
10	LL	A country with no sea borders	Land locked
11	DB	A survey of England carried out in 1086	Domesday Book
12	HGL	To be carefree	Happy go lucky
13	KP	Between Pakistan and Afghanistan	Khyber Pass
14	HCA	Who wrote The Ugly Duckling	Hans Christian Andersen
15	TJIO	A decision is yet to be made	The jury is out
16	AOTA	The fifth book of the New Testament	Acts of the Apostles
17	GTH	To become annoyed or sulky	Get the hump
18	WTSC	To make a fresh start	Wipe the slate clean
19	JOTB	Join in an already popular activity	Jump on the bandwagon
20	SM	Wrote 'Where Have All the Bullets Gone?'	Spike Milligan
21	ED	A fabled land of gold	El Dorado
22	JL	A batch of articles sold together	Job lot
23	AH	A small but fatal weakness	Achilles Heel
24	CJ	An area of ugly buildings	Concrete jungle
25	TAOB	Something supposedly indestructible	Tough as old boots
26	MD	29 th September	Michaelmas Day
27	BB	Incredible	Beyond belief
28	KOE	Secondary indirect result	Knock-on effect
29	POTB	You get this for a job well done	Pat on the back
30	NOS	Tennis player thought to be the one to beat	Number one seed
31	KPOW	The epitome of elegance and dignity	Katherine (Kate), Princess of Wales
32	WOTW	Iconic novel	War of the Worlds

33	SOTM	The first of five discourses (Gospel of Matthew)	Sermon on the Mount
34	ALS	At the end of one year and the beginning of another	Auld Lang Syne
35	LIME	As the hypnotist said!	Look into my eyes
36	WH	One of the world's greatest divas	Whitney Houston
37	BDTH	Preparation for difficulty or crisis	Batten down the hatches
38	HOTB	Support from Watson	Hound of the Baskervilles
39	AT	Trouble in space	Apollo Thirteen
40	BT	Not quite the same as in Paris	Blackpool Tower
41	PT	A gardener from back in the day	Percy Thrower
42	TPOMJB	Miss Sparks' greatest novel	The Prime of Miss Jean Brody
43	TWNY	The full extent of something	The whole nine yards
44	HIO	Celebratory drinks following this	Hole in one
45	CJ	Famous western gal	Calamity Jane
46	TTNBC	Leading up to festivities	'Twas the night before Christmas
47	BTB	Decide to do something challenging	Bite the bullet
48	BUTWT	Pursuing a misguided line of thought	Barking up the wrong tree
49	WYHAS	Understand something complicated	Wrap your head around something
50	JBS	Responding quickly	Just be sharp/swift

Basses Required

We lost a couple of basses this term, we are therefore looking for experienced basses to start in September, and a couple more tenors would be very welcome too, although it isn't essential, it does help when people have previous experience of singing in choirs. If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining

our choir and giving a real commitment, please speak to Julie BS. Don't forget we do offer free places to 18-25 year olds.

Newby Hall

A really good number! 75 of you have signed up to sing this Sunday, 15th at Newby Hall, please arrive for 12-30 pm and meet by the cafe. You can wear anything with a black and white summery theme. Lunch can be purchased there, or you can bring a picnic. You can have access to the beautiful gardens, etc, either before or after singing. Newby Hall is a lovely place, enjoy the day, and a really good sing. Julie BS.

Roundhay Park

After a debate at our committee meeting on Monday evening, our charity trustees and committee members made the decision to cancel our appearance at Roundhay Park on the 5th of July, as we only received 48 positive responses on Muzudo (this is less than half the choir, which currently stands at 105).

We have, however, donated to St Gemma's; here is the reply we received from them. We will also, at some point in the future, do our own fundraiser for St Gemma's. Julie BS.

Good afternoon, Mr. Bradbury-Sharp,

I hope that you are well.

Thank you so much for the generous online donation of £400.00 from the Knot Another Choir.

The money you have donated will make a really big difference to the lives of people in Leeds. Every penny helps us provide expert end-of-life care, including helping to reduce people's pain and supporting them emotionally. We're here for the

whole family too, offering bereavement counselling to adults and children affected by the loss of a loved one. All our services are free for people to access, but only because of the generosity of people like you and the members of the choir.

Thank you so much to Knot Another Choir for helping us be there for more people when they need us.

Kind wishes

Maria



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. Please arrive for 12-30.
- ❖ ****Thursday 19th June** Craig on holiday, Holly will be taking practice.**
- ❖ Saturday 28th June 2pm Afternoon concert at the URC Knaresborough. Tickets available from www.fienta.com/urc2025
- ❖ **Saturday 5th July at Roundhay Park Leeds CANCELLED**
- ❖ 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, please save this date to your diary, more information 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 Knaresborough 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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