

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

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So, we had a surprise guest tonight! Declan has very kindly stepped in to play for us on Saturday as Holly is unable to be there.

Tonight's rehearsal was about the songs Declan hasn't done with us.

“I wanna Dance with Somebody” - just a couple of points. In the first verse, as the sopranos sing the tune, the Altos and tenors “ooh's”, at the end of the first phrase, should be staccato (short and separate), on the second phrase they should be legato (smooth).

Basses, be strong and confident in the bridge when you sing “somebody”.

In the interlude, if you go wrong and start to sing an extra "don't" in the second phrase, don't wince or pull a face!!

“Happy together”. Tenors and basses please remember you start this song, don't let Craig sing on his own on the first note!! Craig reminded us to sing “Nobody” as if we have a finger in an electric socket and “you” as if we're sneezing! Same wobble on “skies” please.

We went over verse 3a, please note only the sopranos sing “happy together” at the end, all other voices stop after “you for me”, and then go into “oohs” for the outro.

“Run” - I felt so much more confident with this tonight! Verse 3 was the main point Craig raised. Please just make sure you're confident with this section please.

“Something inside so strong”. For new members, be aware that we don't sing this exactly as in the score. Every chorus is in harmony, please.

“Like a prayer” - lots of energy and whooping in the bridge. For those among us with confidence and no inhibitions, please enjoy and go for it!

Those like me stand awkwardly by and just sing!! Be prepared for Craig to hold the last but one note for ages if the mood takes him. 😊

“Never Forget” - please just revisit the instructions on the moves. There was a bit of confusion tonight. On “never forget”, raise your right arm first, then your left. Craig confused us by doing that rather than the mirror image he usually does. I noticed half the choir doing one thing and half doing another!

Reminder on the “invincible” section, we do the actions when the whole choir sings “we're not invincible”, which is the third time of saying it on the first run, and the second time on the second run.

We will be singing “Sing Gently” on Saturday, but to a backing track. Watch Craig like a hawk!

Should be fun on Saturday, please note the new set list.

See you all there!

Lynne

Thank You, Lynne!

I think we were cooking on gas tonight? What a fantastic rehearsal this evening with 90 in attendance! Can we maintain these numbers? I wondered if the fact that Declan was paying us a visit brought some more of you out?

The weather really didn't know what to do today did it? Rain, wind, sunshine – we had it all. I had a few problems with the fire door tonight as it was open to let some air in, and then blew shut again with a sudden gust. Heigh ho – it gave the sops something to smile about with my feeble attempts to achieve a happy medium!

Fundraising

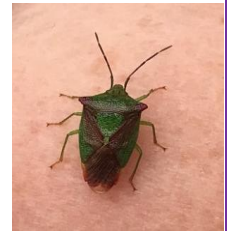
Thank you to those who helped at the market stall in Knaresborough on Wednesday. It was a great day, filled with lots of laughter, chatting, and bumping into old friends. Thanks to a kind few of you who dropped by to say hello and offer your help.



At one point, we thought we had lost John, but he'd gone off on the Knaresborough walking tour. Can anyone blame him for trying to make an escape from so many committee ladies, and half of them called Julie lol!!!



The arrival of a fire engine when somebody on the market accidentally set a bin on fire gave us all something else to talk about. We also had a visit from a beautiful green shield bug, which led us to remember green shield stamps.



The day was a great success as we raised £200. We had some prizes left, so we held a tombola this evening. This added a further £95, thanks to you all for getting involved. The money raised will go towards our expenses for Manchester and other festivals we plan to attend in 2026, allowing us to reduce the cost to all choir members.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed in any way, whether by bringing prizes, making jam, creating baby blankets, or decorating little jars of sweets. We received some lovely things and a few amusing ones too, which we found slightly strange, such as the already opened bottle of wine, some out-of-date biscuits, and a candle that had already been used. When we ask for contributions in future, can we please stipulate that they should be unused and in a "saleable" condition?

Gentle Reminder

Here she goes again, I hear you say, but I have a different gentle reminder this week. It has been pointed out by several people that members of our choir with mobility issues are having to go to the town centre car parks to find spaces and then walk back to the hall, as the designated areas around the church are being used by those of you who would have no difficulty, especially walking a short distance. Therefore, please be mindful of other choir members and use one of the nearby public car parks. Thank you.

Health & Safety

Earlier this week, an email was sent to all choir members regarding the updated or newly written risk assessments and health and safety (H&S) policies. Following feedback, we are currently revising them, and the Muzodo survey will be sent within the next week or so for your acceptance of the policies.

Newby Hall

Maria Cameron (Soprano) has kindly shared that a half-price voucher for Newby Hall is available on the Your Harrogate website. It might be worth looking into for the summer holidays, as the vouchers are valid until September 28, 2025. [Half Price Voucher](#)

For our next performance at Newby Hall on July 13th, family members of the choir can gain admission for £5 per person.

URC – Saturday 28th June

For Saturday's concert at the URC, please wear black and white as it's an afternoon concert, we do not need to be quite so formal. Please stick to black and white, whether that be floral, stripes, plain, or any other monochrome pattern.

Julie BS will send out the staging plan later. If you've been missed off it, or are on it and not coming, please let us know, as some of you haven't yet mastered Muzudo.

The staging is being put up in the morning. We have a small crew of willing stage helpers coming along, but we would be grateful for a few more to help, please. If you can help, please arrive at 10:45 a.m.

Could choir members please arrive at 1 pm and head for the back room, where we'll do our warmup and line up. Could committee members be there at 12-45p.m.

SET ONE (2:00 - 2:45pm)

Don't Stop Believing
Happy Together
Wanna Dance with Somebody
Run
Can't Help Falling in Love
Like A Prayer
Proud
Higher Love

SET TWO (3:10 - 3:50pm)

Never Forget
Take On Me
Hello
Fix You
Sing Gently
Deep River
Steal Away
Something Inside So Strong
Signed Sealed Delivered.

Have you purchased tickets for your friends and family yet? It will be an excellent concert. Here is the link
www.fienta.com/urc2025

Basses Required

We already have numerous enquiries from ladies who would like to join our choir. We would, however, like more basses and tenors for September. Do you know anybody? Perhaps you know someone with whom you've sung before in another choir.

Julie Horsfield.

It is Julie's birthday on Sunday, so I would like to take the opportunity to wish her many happy returns and thank her for all her efforts as a committee member and trustee of the charity. Julie is selfless and very hardworking, a quiet and modest lady; she spends a lot of time thinking about how money can be raised and what we can do. As a result of her efforts, she has raised many thousands of pounds for KnAC by organising quizzes, tombolas, social evenings, and raffles.

It was Julie who decided that we should update our health and safety policies; she works tirelessly behind the scenes. Julie loves the choir and her role; she has a natural modesty about the work she does with Knot Another Choir, though.

Thanks for everything Julie and Happy Birthday.



Dates for your 2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ **Saturday 28th June 2pm Afternoon concert at the URC
Knaresborough. Tickets available from
www.fienta.com/urc2025**

- ❖ Thursday 3rd July Practice.
- ❖ Thursday 10th July Final Practice.
- ❖ Sunday 13th July, we will again perform two complete sets at Newby Hall, 1 pm to 1:45 pm and 2-15 pm to 3 pm.
- ❖ Thursday 4th September, start of our new term.
- ❖ Saturday 20th September 2025 @ 7:30 pm, where we will perform as the special guests of The Dales Pop Choir at Ripon Cathedral.
- ❖ ****New** Saturday 4th of October – an all-day event at King James’s School, Knaresborough. Although it is still in the early planning stages, it will be an event you won’t want to miss. Please save this date in your diary; more details 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 @ 7 pm Christmas Concert at URC.
- ❖ Thursday 18th December 2025 @ 7 pm 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