

# KNOT

## ANOTHER CHOIR

### BULLETIN No 24 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

It was quiet tonight, with just 72 present after last week's 90. I wondered if I was missing some big event in Knaresborough!

Having sung "Happy Together" just for fun, we went into "*let's talk about it*" and started on "Like a Prayer". Starting with the opening, where we seemed a bit hesitant on Saturday. For all parts, in bar 3 please make that semibreve into a dotted minim (hold for 3 beats not 4) to allow us to breathe. All parts must do this so that it sounds deliberate. Be aware of the dynamics in this section; they give the opening the energy to push through, Crescendo through the long note from bar 10, this will help with the breathing.

Note that we have removed chorus 4, so at the end of chorus 3 be aware that the end of the section is not as the score. "You know I'll take you there" the last two notes are the same. This is an A for sops, F for altos, D or tenors and A for basses. Into the reprise, lots of emotion on the "woahs" please. And bags of energy in the bridge, and the whooping, etc, if the mood takes you!

We then moved onto "With or Without you". At the start of verse 2, all parts except Alto move together. At bar 20, watch the timing on "She makes me wait". A quaver rest of the first beat of the bar, and then the time is made up on "makes". Please practice that. Chorus 1 is sops and altos first, echoed by tenors and basses and then all voices together.

Refrain 1 is all voices singing in unison until bar 50 when we introduce harmony, worth going over your own part to get confident with it. We went over the outro for all voices, the notes

are not difficult but it's important we're accurate and keep the energy moving through this section. Craig wants to overlay some improvisation over this, anyone who fancies having a go please volunteer!

We obviously did a lot more on this song (for those who weren't there) but essentially what we did was go over the sections to build the confidence that comes from singing it all together.

“With or without you” **WILL** be in the set for Newby Hall so if you missed tonight, please make sure you watch the video and practice as much as you can.

See you all next week for our end-of-term celebrations.

Lynne

Thank You, Lynne!

### **URC Concert**

Craig thanked us for a great concert. He said we sang very well, and we received a warm reception from church members, our friends, and family who came to see us.

Thanks to those of you who picked up the van and staging from Harrogate and took it to the URC to build. We were met by more of you when we arrived. Your help was so appreciated. Thanks to those of you who always help with the dismantling of the staging, too.

We were very thankful for the support of Alistair Forsyth, who was there from first thing to set up the sound gear. The committee sent him a thank-you card and a £25 voucher on behalf of the choir.

The concert raised £634.24 for the Charity Compassion. The URC donated £100 to KnAC to help with our expenses.

## **Next Weeks Practice**

Next week will be the last practice of the year, and as such, we'll be saying goodbye to Holly before she heads off to start her MA in Edinburgh in the new term. We'll have a good sing and then we'll have a cuppa and etc at the end of the evening.

If anybody would be prepared to bake a few buns, tray bake or biscuits, we'd be most appreciative. See you all on Thursday.



Could we start the evening with the tenors arriving a bit earlier than usual at 7:20 p.m. Craig would like to go over the tenor part of "Sing Gently" with us, which we will be singing at Newby Hall.

## **Trinity Church Entry Gate**

We have been waiting for some time for the entry gate into the church to be activated. This will occur while we are on holiday from choir and will be active when we return to choir on September 4th. One of the committee members will be responsible for opening the gate, allowing all of you to enter. The gate will remain open for the duration of our practice, in case anyone arrives a little late or needs to leave early.

## **Health & Safety**

Recently, an email was sent out to all choir members regarding the updated or newly written risk assessments and health and safety (H&S) policies. Following some feedback, we are currently reviewing them. We should have everything in place for our return in September.

## **First Aid**

Would anybody, suitably qualified, or a few of you in case of absence, please consider taking on the role of first aider. This is another aspect of our health and safety policy that we need to manage just in case of an accident or illness.



## Newby Hall 13<sup>th</sup> July

The forecast is good and warm again. Please arrive in good time to sing at 1 pm. You can come early or stay a little later to have a good look round and maybe have some food, which is of an excellent standard there.

Please wear black and white again, I must say this looked so smart at our concert at URC.

A concession is available on the day, allowing your family and friends to visit for just £5 per person. They simply need to say that they are friends or family of the choir when purchasing their tickets at the entrance. I hope this will make it more accessible for your loved ones.

## Basses and Tenors Required for September

We've been thrilled to receive a flood of enquiries from ladies excited to join our choir. We understand that life can be a whirlwind of responsibilities—whether it's the demands of work, the rigours of study, the joy of travel, or other commitments that pull you in different directions. If your busy schedule has made it challenging for you to engage fully with the choir, please keep in mind that many eager voices on our waiting list would be delighted to seize the opportunity to join our joyful community.



We're on the lookout for more basses and tenors to join our delightful choir this September! If you know anyone who might love to be part of our vibrant community, we're gearing up for an exciting year full of competitions and musical adventures. We proudly offer complimentary places for those aged 18 to 25, and we also provide special concessions to some. It's a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself in song and camaraderie—let's make beautiful music together!

## The Dales Pop Choir at Ripon Cathedral, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September

When we return to choir in September, our first event will be at Ripon Cathedral, where we will be special guests of The Dales Pop Choir. They are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and we are delighted that they have chosen us to join them in celebration. We love performing at the Cathedral and feel very honoured to have been invited to sing with the girls of the Dales Pop Choir. This will be a fantastic event and we would like to fill the Cathedral, so please tell your family, friends, neighbours that they can get tickets from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-dales-pop-choir](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-dales-pop-choir), Ripon Cathedral Box Office or from Milners of Leyburn.

THE DALES COMMUNITY  
POP CHOIR

10<sup>TH</sup>

ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION CONCERT

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS  
KNOT ANOTHER CHOIR

20TH SEPTEMBER 2025, 7.30PM

RIPON CATHEDRAL

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or Ripon Cathedral Box Office and Milners of Leyburn  
Contact: [thedalespopchoir@gmail.com](mailto:thedalespopchoir@gmail.com)



## Dates for your 2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

*New events and changes are in red.*

- ❖ Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July Final Practice.
- ❖ Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> September, start of our new term.
- ❖ Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025 @ 7:30 pm, where we will perform as the special guests of The Dales Pop Choir at Ripon Cathedral.
- ❖ **\*\*New\*\* Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025, Afternoon concert at Starbeck Methodist Church.**
- ❖ **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Pre-Christmas Workshop, Christ Church, Harrogate.**
- ❖ **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Christmas Food and Gift Fair, Ripon Cathedral.**
- ❖ **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 @ 7 pm Christmas Concert at URC.**
- ❖ **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 @ 7 pm Christmas Concert at Trinity Church.**

**Have a good week.**

**Enjoy the sunshine**

**See you on Thursday**

**Julie Bradbury-Sharp.**