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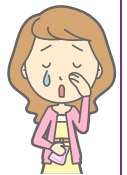
ANOTHER CHOIR

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How is it the end of the year already? Craig asked us what our highlights had been, and there were many! Turning a potential crisis into a great performance at Weeton! Ripon in the snow, and when Emma Higgins, Alto member, stepped in and saved the day with an amazing debut as our MD at URC, while Craig was confined to his sick bed.



We ran through a few songs that needed a tweak before Sunday, mostly just to give us confidence. We tried to make Holly cry by singing “With or Without you”, we almost made it!!



Please just go over your part for “With or Without you”, “Sing Gently” and refresh on “Can't Help Falling in Love”.

So, tonight was our last night with Holly, who has been amazing! We've watched a shy, nervous girl blossom into a confident and accomplished accompanist, what a transformation! The connection between Holly and Craig is so visible and we've had some fantastic rehearsals as a result. Whatever you choose to do Holly, you have an amazing future ahead of you, we will miss you but wish you every success with your MA in Edinburgh.

I'll see some of you on Sunday, otherwise have a fabulous summer and I'll see you on September 4th.

Lynne

Thank You, Lynne!

What a fantastic way to finish for the summer break. There was a great crowd of us who were there this evening and sang our hearts out as a special and very much well deserved goodbye to Holly, it was lovely to join in a cup of tea together after the practice, thanks so much to those of you who made beautiful cakes and biscuits and those who helped with serving drinks. Sadly, Holly will be playing for us for the very last time on Sunday at Newby Hall.



After a very hot day, I was a bit concerned that we would be melting in the hall this evening. Thankfully, with both fire doors and all windows open, it was comfortable. On the allotment to the side, I could see a lady frantically watering her veg with a hosepipe before the ban comes into effect tomorrow.



Attendance

Whilst recognising that people have other commitments in their lives such as holidays and family events, may we respectfully request that you try to attend as many rehearsals as possible, if you are going to be away in choir term time please let Julie B-S know, thanks to those of you who have got used to doing this on those occasional nights off.

As our choir has gone from strength to strength, we now move at quite a fast pace with our learning and although we have John's amazing videos, it is not quite the same as being in the hall with Craig and your fellow singers. From September can we all endeavour to raise the number of you attending each week.

To give you the true statistics on KnAC attendance, this year there were 71 people who attended 75% or more of the practices, 29 people attended less than 75%, this means they had 10 weeks or more off in the year, and 3 people who only attended 50% or less of the practices.

In compiling these figures we did not take into account anybody who suffered ill health or surgery, or major work or studying commitments.

Congratulations to Margaret Card on a very impressive 100% attendance this year .

Next Term

2025/2026 is going to be a busy year so make sure you're in a strong position to know all our material in preparation for performances and competitions, don't rely on the person next to you knowing the material or thinking you can mime. Don't be a half-hearted member.

In September we will be performing as guests of The Dales Pop Choir on the 20th of September at their 10th anniversary concert, so we want to be strong and get a really good supportive crowd there. As many of you know it is a wonderful experience to sing at Ripon Cathedral and on this occasion it's very flattering to have been invited to sing with Debbie Allenby's beautiful choir. This is a big event for us so please start to invite your families and friends. Tickets are available from:-

www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-dales-community-pop-choir

We will be singing Total Praise, for those of you who have never performed this please familiarise yourselves with it, as once we return on the 4th September we will only have 3 practices before our performance.

One last thing: we could do with some more members for the lower parts, if anybody knows anybody who has sung in choirs before and could offer KnAC a good commitment please contact:

iwanttojoin@knotanotherchoir.co.uk

Newby Hall – Sunday 13th July 2025

As mentioned by Julie BS in last week's bulletin, family and friends of choir members can get into Newby Hall for the greatly reduced cost of £5 per person. Let the staff know that they are there to support the choir and they will get this most generous discount. It is meant to be a glorious day on Sunday, so will be an ideal opportunity to spend quality time together in a beautiful setting.

Please wear something cool in black and white and arrive in plenty of time for a 1pm start



Dates for your 2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ 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 workshop at King James's School, Knaresborough. Further details to follow**
- ❖ Sunday 12th October 2025 @ 14:30 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. Time TBC
- ❖ 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 summer break and be kind to yourselves and each other.

Julie H

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