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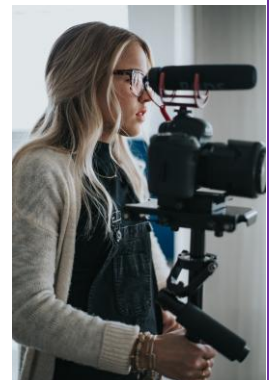
BULLETIN No 28 - 18th September 2025

A slightly depleted choir this evening with so many members absent,(including the Bradbury Sharp's who are never usually off), falling foul of whatever bug is doing the rounds, but lets hope that both, for the concert on Saturday, and for next weeks practice, when we will be starting new material, that everybody is back and in the best of health. To all of you who are unwell or have been unwell, we wish you a speedy recovery.



In tonight's rehearsal, we focused on 'I Wanna Dance', 'Proud' and 'Deep River' which, although we have sung them all numerous times, required a little 'tweaking' to ensure we give of our very best on Saturday. We rounded off the evening with a run through of 'Don't Stop Believing' and 'Higher Love'. Craig asked that we remember to wait for him to lower his arm at the end of both of these songs so that it is all done together and looks more professional. Craig asked us to be in the habit of using the sound files to go over the setlist for the event until our performance of each and every one of the songs feels "fearless". In other words we know things inside out, back to front and upside down!

For those of you who were not able to join us this evening, the recording of the rehearsal is now on the website, thanks to Trustee Sammy Stoney who stood in for John. For ALL members of the choir, this is a superb resource. It enables all of us to recap anything that Craig has said regarding tempo, dynamics etc aswell as refining each individual section. It's all right there to support your learning as our choir just becomes stronger.



Don't forget the best singing is achieved when you believe in what you are singing. This is particularly poignant in our Gospel songs:-

- What do these songs mean to you?
- What memories do they stir?
- How can you channel those emotions into each song?

By doing this for every song (not just the Gospel set) it will raise our performance to an even higher level and fill the Cathedral with joy.

Fundraising

Thank you to those of you who took part in the fundraiser this evening, and to those of you who continue to donate prizes. John has lost his crown as the person who can get the most ping pong balls into the cups. Simon Pringle is our new champ with 5/6. Well done Simon! Perhaps skills like these are all a sign of a misspent youth.



We will be continuing our fundraising endeavours next week with the 'Card Game' Please bring your £1 and join in the fun. We need to raise as much as possible for 'The Manchester Fund' which will help with the cost of paying for two coaches for the return trip to the RNCM Royal Northern College of Music.

Ripon Cathedral

We are delighted to have been invited, by Debbie Allenby MD, to join together with the amazing Dales Pop Choir in celebrating their 10th anniversary at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday 20th September 2025. This will be a memorable start to our performances this year, we hope you all thoroughly enjoy the evening and the magnificent environment of the Cathedral. Have you invited everybody you know? the link to get tickets is

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

Please wear your formal black with a bit of bling.



The Arrangements for the day have changed! We will rehearse in the Cathedral and NOT in the Cathedral Hall there is not enough room for both choirs in the Church Hall.

3.00pm Both choirs to be in the Cathedral. Prompt arrival at the Cathedral in time for a full rehearsal of both choirs followed by sound check and run through of any individual songs that need any work.

5.15pm until 6.30pm - break for tea, take a sandwich or similar, or go into Ripon for something to eat.

6.30pm all choir members to return for the performance (please be punctual)

6.45pm doors open to the public.

7.30pm PERFORMANCESMILE, WATCH CRAIG AND ENJOY!

We will be performing first.

Our set list for the performance is :

1. Like A Prayer
2. Happy Together
3. Proud
4. I Wanna Dance
5. With Or Without you
6. Deep River
7. Steal Away
8. Higher Love

We will then be joined on stage by our hosts to sing:

1. Don't Stop Believing
2. Run

The second half will be sung by the Dales Pop Choir, at the end of their set we will join them on stage to sing "Total Praise"

It's going to be an amazing day. Can't wait!!

Just A Heads Up

It is the Decorative Home & Salvage Show at Ripley on Saturday so if you are coming to Ripon via that route, please give yourselves plenty of time to

get through any potential traffic jams. Give yourself lots of time so that you can keep to timings.

Bring a brolly the forecast isn't good.



Dates for your 2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ **Saturday 20th September 2025 @ 7:30pm**, where we will perform as the special guests of The Dales Pop Choir at Ripon Cathedral.
- ❖ **Saturday 4th of October workshop “Feel The Sound” with Craig and Tim Uffendall at King James’s School, Knaresborough.** I hope you’ve all got tickets and have invited all your friends from other choirs www.fienta.com/feel-the-sound As we usually do at workshops, we’ll be providing lunch. If you are new to the choir, our workshops make a really fun day and give you the opportunity to get to know your fellow choir members. Each of the leaders will teach a great new song on the day.
- ❖ **Sunday 12th October 2025 Afternoon concert at Starbeck Methodist Church.**
- ❖ **Wednesday 22nd October – Practice moved from 23rd**
- ❖ **Thursday 23rd October – NO Practice**
- ❖ **Saturday 8th November Our annual Pre Christmas-Workshop with lunch provided at Christ Church Hall Harrogate.**
- ❖ **Wednesday 12nd November – Practice moved from 13rd**
- ❖ **Thursday 13rd November – NO Practice**
- ❖ **Saturday 22nd November Christmas Food and Gift Fair Ripon Cathedral.**
- ❖ **Saturday 6th December 2025 @ 7pm Christmas Concert at Knaresborough United Reformed Church.**

- ❖ **Thursday 18th December 2025 @ 7pm Christmas Concert at Trinity Church.**
- ❖ **Saturday 24th of January Workshop to prepare for MACC the following week.**
- ❖ **1st February 2026 we will once again be taking part in the Manchester Annual Choral Competition or MACC where we were delighted to be runners up in 2024. Make sure you save the date.**
- ❖ **18th April 2026 we 'll head off to Whitby Spa to enter the Eskdale Festival for the first time. Save the date please maybe you could make a weekend of it.**

Once again, on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank everyone for your ongoing support and commitment to our fabulous choir.

Julie H