

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

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It was so nice to see so many people back this week after the bug that afflicted so many last week. We had 87 in attendance this week, including two new tenors. A big welcome to Ian and Iain – confusing or what?



What an amazing time we all had at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday. The rain absolutely bucketed it down, but it didn't quell our enthusiasm or stop our very appreciative audience turning out in their droves. Your efforts in inviting your friends and families were very much appreciated, keep up the good work.



What a treat to have been invited to join Debbie Allenby MD and her Dales Community Pop Choir, in celebrating their tenth anniversary at such a magnificent venue. We were delighted to be invited to join them in their celebrations. Although we all pulled out the stops, I think that a special mention should go to Stefan on his first performance with us as the accompanist to our choir. Well done Stefan and thank you.



I reckon Craig has finally lost the plot and he's really joining the rest of us in the 'batty' stakes. In the warmup he had us pinging and not ponging and then ponging but not pinging. I know! Crazy or what?? But great fun to start us off, but then he really blew our minds ending with "Ooooh, it's lovely" in true Yorkshire fashion to put on to his Instagram to encourage more people to come to the workshop on the 4th October. Can't wait to see what next week brings

On that note one of our members had bought a ticket but can no longer come, she would be delighted if somebody else would take this ticket. Please message Julie B-S if you'd like it. Don't forget the event is open to your friends', family members and anybody you know who would enjoy such an exciting day.

In tonight's rehearsal we focused on our brand-new song "Hallelujah", originally written by Leonard Cohen but brilliantly arranged for us by our very own Craig. There are some slight differences between the sound file for this and the score. Please change "ya" to "you", as it sounds better with this particular song, also in bar 32 we now sing "someone" instead of "somebody", which is on the soundtrack, this also happens in bar 35. We rounded off our singing for the evening with "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" where we were able to finesse some small parts within it.

Craig has asked us to be in the habit of using the sound files in conjunction with the score to go over the setlist for any event we take part in. The set list for our next concert at Starbeck Methodist Church is listed below, please go over all the songs until you are 'fearless' in every aspect of the set.

For those of you who were not able to join us this evening, the recording of last night's rehearsal and details of our new song "Hallelujah" is now on the website. The recordings of the practices are a real bonus. They enable all of us to recap anything that Craig has said regarding tempo, dynamics, etc as well as refining each individual section. It's all right there on the members page to support your learning.

Remember that the best interpretation of songs is achieved when you truly believe in what you are singing.

- 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, whether it be "Hallelujah" or "Never Forget", it raises our performance to another.

Next week, we will be continuing with our learning of 'Hallelujah' (please look over your parts for verse 2, from bar 16). We will also be putting a shine on 'Take On Me' to make it performance ready for The Methodist Church concert on the 20th of October at 2-30.

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

Julie H

Starbeck Methodist Church 12th October at 2-30 pm.

Could choir please arrive for 1-30 pm and we will need those of you who help with staging to be there for 1pm.

Dress Code - Black and white for a change.

SET ONE

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

SET TWO

1. Signed, Sealed, Delivered
2. Take On Me
3. Never Forget
4. Run
5. Hallelujah
6. Something Inside So Strong
7. Don't Stop Believing

Fundraising

Thank you to those of you who took part in the fundraiser this evening, and to those of you who continue to donate great prizes. We welcome prizes at any time which enable us to continue with our fundraising endeavours from which everyone benefits. Julie Horsfield and her team put a lot of effort into the fundraising endeavours.

We will be continuing next week with 'Ping pong balls in a bag', in addition, we have also got 'Yet Another Strange Quiz. It is in the same format as the

last one, with clues and then initial letters, this was very popular last time we did it. You take them home and bring them back the following week, a good alternative to telly through the week. It doesn't matter if you haven't got all the answers, bring them anyway, no one got them all right last time.



So please bring your £1 for each game 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 Royal Northern College of Music, our entry fees, and professional fees to enter the Manchester Annual Choral Competition on the 1st February. I am, hopefully assuming that we will be singing "Hallelujah" at Manchester as there was mention of a cello and flute accompaniment from Gemma and Sarah, lady tenors. How exciting! – watch this space!



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Please keep an eye on the Choir Diary as Julie Bradbury-Sharp is always arranging new and exciting events which now includes the Eskdale Festival at Whitby Spa on the Sunday 18th April 2026, this is another competitive festival that Julie has wanted to enter for some time. We'll provide coaches again, but it might be fun to stay over on the Saturday night. More information on the event to follow as it becomes available.



Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ **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 this time by Indulge. 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.**

Starbeck Methodist Church Forthcoming Events

Sunday 12 October 2025 2.30pm

Knot Another Choir

Knot Another Choir are an award winning, large, mixed community choir from Knaresborough and this will be their second performance at Starbeck. They sing rock, pop and gospel. It will be a joyful, uplifting afternoon of song.

MD Craig Lees

Saturday 8 November 2025 7.30pm

Tewit Silver Band

At this annual concert Tewit Silver Band always include new material and give an energetic, entertaining performance. Also there will also be some thought provoking pieces especially for Remembrance.

MD Martin Hall

Saturday 20 December 2025 7.30pm

Wetherby Silver Band

Wetherby Silver Band love getting into the festive spirit so this concert will be full of Christmas cheer.

We are looking forward to joyous carols, festive classics and maybe sing-a-long 12 days of Christmas

MD Craig Ratcliffe

Sunday 11 January 2026 2.30pm

Paul Mirfin

Paul Mirfin in a solo/acoustic afternoon gig with a support act by vocalist Wai. Paul will also do a short talk on his 'journey into art' and will bring some of his paintings along for people to look at.

Sunday 8 February 2026 2.30pm

York Railway Institute Band

Knaresborough Silver Band

An afternoon with two great brass bands.

MD David Lancaster (YRIB)

MD Nick Garrett (KSB)

Saturday 14 March 7.30pm

Kaminari UK Taiko Drummers

Two years ago the Kaminari UK Taiko Drummers wowed the Starbeck audience with their dramatic, energetic performance. We are looking forward to another evening of fabulous Japanese music.

Saturday 25 April *6.30pm*****

Tewit Youth Band

Tewit Youth Band are regulars on our programme. They are a successful contesting band and we are privileged to host their April concert every year.

Please note the earlier than usual start time

MD Martin Hall