

# KNOT

## ANOTHER CHOIR

### **BULLETIN No 30 – 2nd October 2025**

What a dismal evening outside tonight, but the 87 of us there this evening didn't let that get us down as we finessed 'Take On Me' and completed the initial learning of 'Hallelujah', both of which will be in our set for Starbeck on the afternoon of Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Please may we ask that, if you are unsure of any of the finer points of the songs, you check the videos which are put onto the website weekly. This helps to ascertain exactly what Craig is teaching regarding tempo, dynamics etc. This is especially important to those who are not able to attend some weeks. Most people amend their scores with relevant points made by Craig regarding word changes or where to put emphasis within the song and other similar alterations. Doing this methodically, in conjunction with the video, will be incredibly helpful to everyone and increase the pace at which we can learn new material.

I hope that everyone has had the chance to look at the video of our performance at Ripon Cathedral. The recording is not quite as good as those done by our very own John, but nevertheless, we sound pretty amazing!

I'm really looking forward to our upcoming events as I'm sure you all are. Until then, on behalf of the committee and trustees, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support of our amazing choir.

Be kind to yourselves and each other.

Julie H

## **Starbeck Methodist Church**

The set list for our next concert at Starbeck Methodist Church is as follows:

### **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

Please go over all of these songs this week as we will be running through the programme next week with Gavin, who is going to be accompanying us at Starbeck. Craig would like 'Hallelujah' to be off copy for next week. It might also be a good idea, especially for people like me, who has the memory of a goldfish, to go over the choreography for 'Never Forget'. The clue should be in the title but is of no help to me whatsoever!

Dress code – Black & white

## **Craig's Workshop**

For those of you going to Craig's workshop on Saturday the schedule is as follows:

**Arrival & Registration:** 10:00 – 10:30

We'll begin with a **30-minute vocal warm-up**

**Morning session:** 10:30 - 13:00.

**Lunch:** 13:00 – 13:45 - Enjoy a **buffet lunch** and a cup of **tea or coffee**.

**Afternoon Session:** 13:45 – 15:45

After a short **15-minute comfort break**, we'll finish the day with a **mini performance** featuring the pieces we've worked on.

If you would like to wear your KnAC t-shirt or jacket, that would be great but there is no obligation to do so.

During the day, we will be learning 'Unwritten' with Craig and 'Praise Coming On' with Tim. I'm sure that it is going to be a fabulous day. We have members of choirs from all over the town, the county and beyond so don't just stick to your KnAC friends. Have a chat to somebody new getting to know where they're from, what the name of their choir they sing with etc.

## **Fundraising**

Thank you to those of you who took part in the fundraiser this evening, the quiz seemed to be very popular. Remember to bring them back next week. It doesn't matter if you haven't got all the answers, bring them anyway, no one got them all right last time.

We welcome prizes at any time which enable us to continue with our fundraising endeavours from which everyone benefits.

Next week's fundraiser will be a raffle. So please bring your £1 so that we can 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.

## Request

Quite a few choir members have asked me to mention that they are becoming increasingly annoyed by the people around them who continue to talk, this is while Craig is working with other sections. Please show respect to Craig and your fellow members by cutting out the chatting. FYI you can learn a lot from what Craig is teaching other parts. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation with this. Next week is our final practice before our Starbeck concert, so next Thursday save your chatter for before practice, the doors are open at 7pm.

It's been noted that after we've had a concert that attendance is really poor, please don't give yourself a week off after performances please.

Please keep an eye on the Choir Diary as Julie Bradbury-Sharp is always arranging new and exciting events which now includes the Mrs Sunderland Festival in Huddersfield on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February this is another opportunity to compete against other choirs.

We'll also look forward to the Eskdale Festival at Whitby Spa on the Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026, this is another competitive festival. We'll provide coaches again, but it might be fun to stay over on the Saturday night or even Friday and Saturday night. There are lots of great places to stay near Whitby Spa. 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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025 Afternoon concert at Starbeck Methodist Church.**
- ❖ **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Practice moved from 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- ❖ **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – NO Practice**
- ❖ **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November Our annual Pre Christmas-Workshop with lunch provided at Christ Church Hall Harrogate.**
- ❖ **Wednesday 12<sup>nd</sup> November – Practice moved from 13<sup>rd</sup>**
- ❖ **Thursday 13<sup>rd</sup> November – NO Practice**
- ❖ **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Christmas Food and Gift Fair Ripon Cathedral.**
- ❖ **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 @ 7pm Christmas Concert at Knaresborough United Reformed Church.**
- ❖ **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 @ 7pm Christmas Concert at Trinity Church.**
- ❖ **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of January Workshop to prepare for MACC the following week.**
- ❖ **1<sup>st</sup> 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.**
- ❖ **21<sup>st</sup> of February Still fresh from Manchester we will be heading over to Huddersfield to take part in the Mrs Sunderland Festival. This will also be a first for us.**
- ❖ **18<sup>th</sup> 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*