



BULLETIN #42 2020

This week



Anyone else enjoying the Christmas lights more than usual this year? Normally in our house nothing goes up until mid-December but this year up we were all raring to go in the last week of November. All the Christmas lights and those inflatable Santas do help make life a bit more cheerful, don't they?!



What's Next for KAC – We had a Committee meeting on Monday and discussed plans for the next term. It is felt that the Zoom sessions have been great during the last 9 months and really kept many of us involved with our choir. However, we also feel that it's time to try something different. So, after the Christmas break, we will be moving to holding live sessions on a Thursday at the Crown in Harrogate. These sessions will be “zoomed” so anyone who wants to join in but does not wish to come along in person, for whatever reason, can be there with us. We feel this is the best solution.



The DCMS and Making Music have both said that Choirs can meet in all Tiers provided that all the safety measures are taken including social distancing and no lingering to chat (and definitely no hugging!)

So here are some dates for your Diary . . .



Tuesday 15 December, 7.30pm at the Crown –

Christmas live session, singing lots of our old favourites. Price for the session is £7. If you would like to join us there are still a few



places left, just get in touch with Julie on

jbradburysharp@gmail.com. If you are coming along, please read the Covid Safe Rules attached to the email that Julie sent out on Monday 7 December. Christmas jumpers and sparkle are the order of the day! We will hopefully be Zooming this practice but please bear with us if there are any technical issues as it is the first time we have Zoomed from the Crown.

Meeting ID: 987 6989 5511

Thursday 17 December 7.45 pm –For our final Zoom we'll be starting our session 15 minutes later. This is the last Zoom session in its current format featuring the first showing of our video of *Don't Stop Me Now*. Craig and Dec are working hard on getting it ready so don't miss this session 😊. ***Julie has e mailed a list of all the recordings that were uploaded successfully so make sure you check this out to see if your name is there. If not, then please get in touch with Julie asap.***

Thursdays 2021 – From Thursday 14th January, we will be running 10 weeks of one-hour live sessions at the Crown in Harrogate, starting at 7.30pm. Price per session to be confirmed dependent on numbers. As always this is subject to change if official guidance changes. KAC Covid Safe Rules will apply. If you have any concerns or questions, please get in touch with Julie or John.

For dates of the sessions please see “Dates for your Diary” at the end of the bulletin

Zoom on Thursday – the penultimate Zoom of 2020. Craig pointed out that we have had more Zoom sessions than live ones in 2020 – something we probably would never have imagined back in March in fact many of us didn't have a clue what Zoom was. Zoom is not perfect, but it has been a way to keep the KAC choir community together and there have been lots of smiles and laughter (and maybe a few tears) and a welcome hour of escapism. Thanks so much to everyone who has joined in and of course, a massive thanks to Craig and Declan for keeping us going, week after week.

This week we warmed up with an old favourite Dance to the Rhythm then straight into *Last Christmas*. After a few reminders we sang it all the way through, and it “sounded” great – well that's what Craig said anyway 😊. We then sang *Merry Christmas Everyone*.

Covers 19 – Santa Baby was the song this week and Craig & Dec put their usual spin on an old favourite, while we all sang along at home.



Quarantunes – ABBA made another appearance this week with Dancing Queen – a song that always makes me smile. Hoping my efforts made you smile too. We've been treated to some really special Quarantune performances during Thursdays Zoom sessions so a massive thanks to everyone who put themselves up for it. Don't forget they are all available to watch on our members section of the website.

Thought for his week – following the theme of Christmas lights and the fact that we are all hoping that 2021 will be a brighter year than 2020....



“Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light.” JK Rowling

Stay safe everyone

Sue xx

Knot Another Choir have joined Amazon Smile

Our charity Knot Another Choir CIO have joined Amazon Smile! So if you're making your online Christmas purchases from Amazon please consider using Amazon Smile and selecting our charity as it explains below.



What Is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile offers all of the same items, prices, and benefits of its sister website, Amazon.co.uk but with one distinct difference. When users shop on AmazonSmile, the retailer's Foundation contributes 0.5% of eligible purchases to the charity of your choice. For frequent Amazon users, this additional perk is a great way to give back to charities effortlessly.

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- The Internet address is <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1182311-0>.
- If you already have an Amazon account, when you click on smile.amazon.co.uk you will be asked to sign in. If you don't have an account, you will need to set one up. It doesn't cost anything to set up a standard Amazon account.
- You must remember to go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1182311-0> each time you shop for all of this to work. So, consider bookmarking the site.

Christmas Tree Festival - St John's Church, Knaresborough.

Janet Davis has very kindly decorated the Knot Another Choir tree. Our tree is number 16 and is called "Sing, choirs of angels", it will be displayed in St John's Church



Free tickets are now available for the Christmas Tree Festival.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lighten-the-darkness-st-johns-christmas-tree-festival-2020-tickets-129465682341>

One to one session with Craig & Dec –Many of us have already taken advantage of the one to one sessions offered by Craig and Declan. They put their usual enthusiasm and fun approach into these sessions, you can learn something new at the same time and maybe just forget about the world for a while. What's not to like? These lessons are open to those joining us as guests as well as members.

- If you would like some help with breathing or hitting those difficult notes or maybe you just want to work on a particular song to sing as a Quarantune, then Craig is offering 1-hour sessions for 50% of his usual rate. They are a bargain at £35. Make your bookings by emailing craig@livingvocally.com

- How about having a go at song writing or piano with Declan. He played a song he had written at the last live session in the Crown and it was fantastic. They can be taken Monday-Sunday 9:00am – 8:00pm. Declan's lessons are just £30. To book please email Declandaviesmusic@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary.

Live Sessions with Zoom streaming.

- January 2021 – Thursday 14th, 21st, 28th
- February 2021 – Thursday 4th, 11th, holiday on the 18th, 25th
- March 2021 – Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Get in touch

If you've any questions, queries or comments please feel free to get in touch I love to hear from you. I will always respond very promptly. My email is jbradburysharp@gmail.com or ring me on 07926027676.