



BULLETIN #43 2020

This week

Let's start this week with a massive, shouted from the rooftops



- ☺ To everyone in the KAC community who have joined us for Zoom & the live sessions, and not forgetting those who have been unable to do either, for whatever reason. We're still going strong despite all the challenges and the Corona-coaster that was 2020. You're an amazing group of people.
- ☺ To Julie & John who work tirelessly and put in so many hours behind the scenes making things happen (sending updates, researching what we can & can't do, sorting the technology to keep us connected, "encouraging" us to do Quarantunes or a profile, keeping the money flowing - to name but a few)
- ☺ To Craig and Declan, our Dynamic Duo, who are so enthusiastic, talented & entertaining and just all round brilliant. Not only have they

kept us going through Zoom every week but also edited two videos that are both fantastic reminders of just what we are all about. No doubt for some it will also bring back some memories of the “challenges” of filming ourselves 😊 😞

- ☺ The Committee who have been so determined to keep KAC up and running, found ways to do just that and even raised some money into the bargain (thanks Jeremy)
- ☺ To our lovely guest members who have joined us on Zoom from the USA, Ireland, Scotland, Berkshire, Ilkley and Leeds. Such a pleasure to have you along for the ride and hope you have enjoyed it. You have helped make the recent months of Zoom more special. See the profile of Elaine from the US, who has joined us in many of our recent sessions.

Live session and Zoom this week – Lovely to see so many Christmas jumpers and headgear! This week was all about singing our hearts out and bringing back some memories of one of the strangest years many of us will have ever experienced. Craig reminded us of:



- ❖ Our first meeting at St John’s, where within a couple of weeks the room was already too small, as we expanded at a rate of knots;
- ❖ Singing outside at the The Knaresborough Christmas festival. Dec played the keyboard with frostbitten fingers and we sang not knowing if we hit the right notes or not because the sound was so distorted in the cold night air;
- ❖ Singing at the Trinity Centre in Leeds, where Craig & Dec had also sung with two other choirs and therefore done Last Christmas 20 odd times in one day!! My memory was of all the people that had stopped their shopping to listen to us, singing along and clapping loudly after each song – magic 😊

We sang some of the old favourites – *Hold Back the River, Beautiful Day, Simply the Best, Don’t Stop Me Now, Get By With a Little Help from our Friends, Last Christmas, Winter Wonderland* and our new song *Merry*

Christmas Everyone. Wow, how lovely to be able to just sing sing sing, even if some of the words & notes were a bit rusty?!

Video – a special finish to the Zoom on Thursday as we watched the video of *Don't Stop Me Now*. As with the previous *Get By With a Little Help From Our Friends*, it brought back all the thoughts of “why do I look so odd when singing”, “wrong words AGAIN”, “who’s that at the front door”, phone out of charge, “what’s THAT in the background”Anyway it was brilliant and we really looked as if we had enjoyed the whole thing with the added bonus of it sounding pretty good too (nice editing Dec). Thanks again to Craig & Dec for putting this together and to everyone who contributed. The link is <https://youtu.be/VG4SkOv6kyA>



Next term - 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.

Poem – I got stuck in a traffic jam on the motorway for an hour this week on my way to see my nearly 100 year old grandmother. Came over all poetic, got out my notebook and here is a rather hastily put together poem.

Sat in my car, stuck in a great big jam
Radio plays, *Last Christmas* by Wham
Thoughts about this pretty tough year
For now, we're all in stuck in a Tier
Surely there's hope, a new vaccine jab
Life back to normal? Would be so fab
Rules this year we've had to juggle
2021, time for a great big “huggle”
The last 9 months, really quite odd
But nothing stops the KAC squad
Zoom has for sure played its part
Chances to sing with all our heart
Learnt new songs, had a good time
Wait a minute – that was a mime!
Craig & Dec, keeping us all upbeat

“Come on you lot, up on your feet”
Donned masks and sang at the Crown
Nasty Covid won't keep KAC down
Video edited, *Don't Stop Me Now*
Let's all step up and take a big bow
No singing at concerts this year 😞
Be back soon, with reasons to cheer
Sparkly jumpers & lights they shone
Have a ***Merry Christmas EVERYONE***

Thought for the week - No quotes required!

Have a safe and Happy Christmas everyone and see you all again in 2021



Stay safe everyone
Sue xx

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 (Subject to future restrictions).

- 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

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