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ANOTHER CHOIR

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Well, we definitely got a treat tonight, we avoided the door knocking, had a ghostly Halloween warm-up song and then started another new Christmas song "Let it Snow".



Our individual parts may not sound too difficult but putting them all together is fairly complex. There is a lot of repetition in this song, so not too onerous to learn it all.

Verse 1, sing as if you live in a musical!! On "frightful", cut the "fright" a bit shorter than written, landing on "ful". In the "let it snow", the word "it" is the key word in that phrase, and "let it snow" get quieter on each repetition of the word. Ladies, no "ING" on "stopping", "stoppin" please! And lower voices, not "popping" but "parpin" please (you're making your own jokes now!!)



Bridge 1, lower voices bright on "kiss", and you're allowed a "t" on "goodnight"!! Ladies, on the swooning "kiss good night", we're not allowed a "t"!! Bar 24 Ladies no break after "storm", straight into "but if you really hold me tight". Altos, the slide down on "warm" is just us so be confident!

Verse 2, same as Verse 1 (different words obviously!)

Interlude "dm" not "dum" please! Lower voices on the first and last beats, ladies in between, so wait!! Bar 43 basses scoop up to the second A, and then slide down to the F.

Bridge 2 as bridge 1

Outro - note the key change! Same as verses up to bar 58 when there are rests after "let it snow" for everyone but the basses, who sing in the gap. Basses after the second "let it snow", go straight into "let it". We then have

two beats rest before we sing “snow” in unison. Try not to anticipate the “s”, or we'll hiss to the end!!!

Craig asked us to go over this at home this week so we're all confident with our own parts. We'll do this again next week and I'm sure it'll be perfect if we all practice!

See you all next Thursday!

Lynne

Thanks so much Lynne

Last Nights Practice

Well done to those of you who stayed behind to audition for the solo parts for our Christmas songs, thanks for your enthusiasm and your preparation. We really do have some excellent singers in our choir.

We made a great start on “Let It Snow”, a really big thanks to all of you who come having tried out your part. So many of you are so well prepared for practice nights each week, thanks.

Attendance was down this week, it was Halloween and children were off school, so quite a few of you were away on trips to various places.



FYI we will return to choir after Christmas on the 9th of January. We take approximately 12 weeks off each year between summer, Easter and Christmas, we don't take the half term holidays.

Have you purchased your tickets for the Contemporary Choir concerts on the 5th and 6th of December yet? The links for these are in the events section.

Muzudo Survey

We sent you a survey last week asking which of the Christmas performances you'd be available to sing at, many of you filled it in immediately - thanks so much. Please would the rest of you fill it in so that we know our numbers for the different events this helps us do our stage plans and many of the venue's ask for our numbers. The events are listed below : Don't forget to invite your friends and families to support our performances.

Christmas Preparation Workshop 9th Nov - all answers now received for this thanks .

Ripon Cathedral Saturday 23rd Nov.

Christmas Concert Saturday 7th Dec at Knaresborough's URC

Christmas Concert 19th Dec at our own Holy Trinity Church.

We hope some of our new members who joined us in September will feel ready to perform, however if you don't feel ready that's OK. Perhaps you could just focus on one of the sets if that would feel easier for you this time. Please come along though, even if you are not singing, it'd be great if you could help with things, there's always plenty to do.

We'll be looking for bakers as it gets nearer to our events, please speak to Julie Dodson on practice nights if you'd be available to help. We will also be looking for good quality raffle prizes as we get nearer to our social on the 13th December and the final concert on the 19th of December. Julie Horsfield is the person to speak to about this.



Christmas Social 13th December.

On Friday the 13th of December due to the problems with the stage at Trinity Church Hall we have decided to have a change of venue for our Christmas social event. We will now hold the social at Knaresborough Cricket Club on Aspin Lane where there is a bar and great parking facilities.

There'll be a quiz and bingo, we'll have a tombola and a raffle; if you are good at sourcing good raffle and tombola prizes please speak to Julie Horsfield. We'll serve pizzas on the night as it went down so well last time. It'd be good fun if you'd wear a Christmassy outfit. Members, their friends and families are all welcome. Tickets will be just £10 each available [HERE](#)



Staging

As you may know we're delighted to have been able to expand our staging this year, we now have a shorter front step, this will avoid the ladies having to stand in a double row at the front. We've also got more barriers for the back and sides so that wherever you're standing you should feel very safe. We have also had the older staging, that we were given, painted to match the newer stuff, it all looks very smart.

Hi all,

I have taken on the role of staging coordinator. The plan is to have a team of volunteers to erect the staging when required for a performance, also to be there to take it down at the end of the evening. In addition we need a couple of people to collect and return the staging to its storage facility, which is near Coppice School Harrogate.

To collect and return the staging we need someone to drive the van that we hire from Boss in Nidd, (normally John drives the van but it would be good to have a backup driver) for this you'd need to provide us with your driving license details. We also need a couple of helpers to assist with the loading and unloading of the staging at the storage facility.

With a team of volunteers this would mean that we could be organised in advance as I will coordinate whoever is available, depending on who is attending the performance on that particular evening.

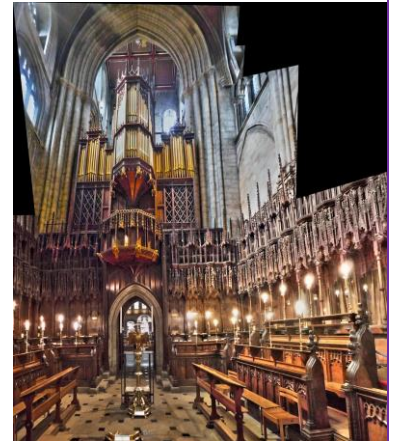
*Please can you email me if you would be happy to be part of this team thanks
- Lynn Welsh.*

Email – linnyd@hotmail.co.uk

Ripon Cathedral Saturday 23rd November



We all love our day at Ripon Cathedral in November each year. As well as our two performance sets, we get the chance to have a really good look round the beautiful stalls, you can get lunch either in a restaurant in Ripon or at one of the stalls in the Cathedral.



We're lucky enough to get two full sets to sing (not everyone gets this special treatment). It'll be such fun to sing our new Christmas songs that we've learnt this term. Please would you all wear black with your black choir jackets.

These are the songs we'll be singing, if you're new to the choir please take the opportunity to learn these songs in readiness for our Christmas performances.

SET ONE - 10-30am until 11am

1. Higher Love
2. One More Sleep
3. Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas
4. Can't Help Falling In Love
5. Hark The Herald Angels Sing
6. Wanna Dance With Somebody
7. Winter Wonderland
8. Last Christmas
9. Merry Christmas Everyone

SET TWO - 12.30pm until 1pm

1. Lovely Day
2. Santa Tell Me
3. Winter Wonderland
4. Silent Night
5. Deep River
6. Steal Away
7. Total Praise
8. Merry Christmas Everyone

Frazer Theatre welcomes the Knaresborough Mummings and Bob Fox **Friday 8th November**

I'm delighted that one of my great favourites, Bob Fox, is coming to Knaresborough he's a wonderful entertainer with the most brilliant voice. Check him out on You Tube, I'm sure you'll like him too.



Bob Fox, first came to prominence in a duo with Tom McConville and then with Stu Luckley with their award winning album "Nowt so good'll pass." Since then he has performed successfully round the globe as a solo artist, in duos with Benny Graham and Billy Mitchell, and in excellent group formats like the Pitmen Poets and Radio Ballads revisited. Bob also featured as The Songman in Michael Morpurgo's wonderful "Warhorse" at the National Theatre in London and in the touring production round the country.

You can buy tickets directly from The Knaresborough Mummings or online by clicking [HERE](#)



Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ **Saturday 9th November 2024–Preparation for Christmas all day Workshop @ Christ Church Harrogate with lunch provided. 101 of you have now signed up which is amazing!!!!**

- ❖ **Saturday 23rd November 2024 – Ripon Cathedral Christmas Fare – one of our choirs' favourites of the year, it's a great sing and a brilliant opportunity to get your quality Christmas shopping too. We'll sing from 10-30am until 11am and then 12.30pm until 1pm.**
- ❖ **Wednesday 4th December practice night----- time and place same as always.**
- ❖ **Thursday 5th December no practice but there'll be a Contemporary Choir Concert at The Attic which is at 3 Sheaf Street Leeds LS10 1HD Tickets available from <https://www.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/visit-us/whats-on/cpc-051224/>**
- ❖ **Friday 6th December Conservatoire Concert at Leeds Minster with the Contemporary Choir when the Musical Theatre Department Choir from the Conservatoire join forces. Tickets are available from <https://www.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/visit-us/whats-on/christmas-concert-a-celebration-of-christmas/>**
- ❖ **Saturday 7th December 7pm 2024- We are delighted to be singing at Knaresborough United Reformed Church (URC) once again, we were made so very welcome by their parishioners last year they are very much looking forward to having us there again.**
- ❖ **Friday 13th December Christmas Social evening at Knaresborough Cricket Club. Tickets available [HERE](#)**
- ❖ **Thursday 19th December 7pm for 7.30pm 2024 Christmas Concert at Trinity Church Knaresborough.**
- ❖ **Saturday 8th February 2025 Harrogate Community Choir Festival showcasing local choirs at The Royal Hall Harrogate.**
- ❖ **Sunday 23rd February 2025 North Wales Choir Festival in Llandudno. We'll do this in the day, The mixed choir class starts at 2pm but if anybody wants to drive and stay over on Saturday night that would make a nice weekend.**
- ❖ **Sunday 7th of September 2025 The Caravan and Motorhome Show at The Yorkshire Showground. Time TBC.**

❖ **20th September 2025 anniversary concert when we have been invited to perform as special guests of The Dales Pop Choir at Ripon Cathedral.**

And Finally,

Nature

*Autumn wind whistles gleeful, jaunty tunes
Rustling red leaves harmonise
Natures choir practice rocks*

Constance La France

Have a good week.

Love Julie.