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ANOTHER CHOIR

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After a fabulous day on Saturday we kept up the energy tonight!!

Starting with “I Wanna Dance with Somebody”, Craig went through the tricky parts of the song. Starting at bar 90, all voices apart from Basses, sing that phrase "calls" in one breath please. Altos, sing that held C strongly against the clash with other voices. Into the dreaded interlude!!



There are three things to get right in the interlude, the key change, the timing against the basses, and making sure we don't sing too many words!!!! We got there in the end, but please please remember the second phrase is only “don't you wanna dance. Say you wanna dance”. Don't be the one who sings an extra bit!!!

In Verse 1, altos and tenors have the “oohs” against the tune, breathe on the first beat and keep the “ooh's” gentle. Just keep singing it at home!!!

We then ran through “Silent Night”. A bit of tidying up needed. Tenors, in the last line of the song you can split as it's very high! Lower tenors can sing it down the octave. Altos the score is wrong and at bar 16 on “mild”, drop down to an A as we do in the previous line on “tender and mild”. We then addressed the hissing on the last note!! Craig said we were either singing the “s” as long as possible to ensure we get it right at some point or making a rather aggressive statement on the last sound!!! Please cut that “s” sound very short, watch Craig like a hawk!!!



Craig is happy that we've covered everything for Ripon, and we'll run through it next week. He warned us that we haven't escaped "Carol of the Bells", we will be singing that at the other concerts!! We're all thrilled!!

Finally, get well soon Julie, we'll see you next week.

Lynne

Thanks Lynne.

We collected £200 on the Children in Need collection last night, we have donated this to Paddy's Ultra Endurance Cycle Challenge as The Hunter Foundation will double this amount to £400, plus John can get £50 Gift Aid on the amount donated. So that's £450 in total. Thanks everybody!

**Thank you, John,
from everyone at BBC Children in Need!**

We do everything we can to make life lighter for children and young people who are affected by challenges involving the cost of living, mental health, family-related issues, disability, marginalisation or anything else that prevents them from thriving.

The more money we receive through donations, the more we are able to be there for children and young people right across the UK, in local communities like yours.

So - once again - thank you.

~ **Pudsey and the BBC Children in Need team**

About your donation

Amount £200.00 + £50.00 Gift Aid

Email pudsey@bbc.co.uk



Last Nights Practice

A really well attended practice again last night. We were in the low 90's again, we worked on two of our favourites "Silent Night" and "I Wanna Dance With Somebody". Well done everybody for your great attendance and your hard work at home. If you weren't at practice please watch the recording.

Last Saturdays Preparation For Christmas Workshop

Thanks to you all for a brilliant day, your help putting chairs and tables out its lovely when everybody helps out.

I hope you've managed to have a look at the recording that John did of the day, we do make a beautiful sound. One of the ladies who joined us in September said that she found our Gospel set very moving.

Soloists.

We've had two weeks of auditions for soloists now which have been very successful, you all did very well! Thanks to everybody who had a go.

Below are Craigs choices and their deputies in case of absence for the various songs.

Deep River

1. Susan Rathmell.
2. Rebecca Stephenson.

Hark The Herald

1. Stephen Green Ripon Cathedral 23rd November.
2. Paul Ulett United Reformed Church 7th December .
3. Kit Lacey available for Trinity 19/12 at Trinity Christmas Concert.

One More Sleep

1. Natalie Farrell
2. Sammy Stoney.

Higher Love

1. Kit Lacey only available 19/12 at Trinity.
2. Brian Todd Available for all performances.
3. Elisha Rushton. Available for all performances.

Last Christmas

All male tenors to sing the baritone part together.

Fienta

We're selling tickets for our performances, we've sold lots now so get yours bought ASAP. I hope you'll all invite your colleagues, neighbours, families and friends. It's much more fun when we have good crowds to perform to.

Ripon Cathedral Saturday 23rd Nov. Tickets can be purchased on the door on the day.

Christmas Concert Saturday 7th Dec 7pm at Knaresborough's United Reformed Church.

Get your tickets [HERE](#) or on the door

Christmas Concert 19th Dec 7pm at Holy Trinity Church get your tickets [HERE](#) or on the door.

We hope our new members who joined us in September will feel ready to perform, however if you don't feel totally ready, you can either hide yourself behind a taller person or find a corner, singing at The Cathedral is quite an informal occasion. Perhaps you could just focus on one of the sets if that would feel easier for you. At our concerts on the 7th and the 19th December the same applies, I'll try and place you surreptitiously.

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 with this. We are always looking for good quality raffle prizes e.g. vouchers for cafes for afternoon tea etc. 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

We're having a change of venue for our Christmas social event this year. We will now hold the social at Knaresborough Cricket Club on Aspin Lane where there is a full bar and excellent parking facilities.

There'll be a quiz and bingo, 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 they went down so well last time. It'd be good fun to wear a Christmassy outfit. Members, their friends and families are all welcome including children. Tickets will be just £10 from Fienta they are available [HERE](#)

Staging

Lynn Welsh Committee member has had some great offers of help with staging for our Christmas Concerts including a stand in driver and stage builder's and disassemblers. If you haven't volunteered yet please email Lynn with your offer or have a word with her on Thursday night. This is not necessarily a job for the men in the choir as the staging is not heavy.

Email - linnyd@hotmail.co.uk

Ripon Cathedral Saturday 23rd November



One of the years KnAC highlights is our performance at Ripon Cathedral in November each year. We will perform two sets, we'll get the chance to have a really good look round, the stalls are beautiful, you'll find lunch either in a restaurant in Ripon or at one of the stalls in the Cathedral. We'll sing two full sets, It'll be such fun to sing the new Christmas songs that we've been learning this term. **Please would you all wear black outfits**

of your choice with your black choir jackets for the event, you can take these off if you get too warm in the Cathedral, make sure you have your name in your jacket.

Please arrive at The Church Hall on High St Agnesgate HG4 1QR for 9-45, the Hall can be accessed by going around the back of the Cathedral and down the flight of steps to the Hall, most of you will know where to go from previous years, if you're a new member this year just follow the others or ask somebody. If we are in good time this will give us all chance to do a full warmup to be prepared for a big sing.



Below are the details of the songs we'll be singing:

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

calendar



Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ 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 have lunch and get your quality Christmas Gifts too. We'll sing from 10.30 am. until 11 pm and then 12.30 pm until 1pm.
- ❖ Wednesday 4th December practice night----- same time and place as always but a different day.
- ❖ 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 are 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.
- ❖ **NEW Saturday 3rd May St Barnabas Church Weeton we'll be raising funds for The Forget Me Not Children's Hospice in Huddersfield.**
- ❖ 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,

*A friend is one of the
Nicest things you can have
And one of the best
things you can be*

Love Julie.