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ANOTHER CHOIR

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Well, I don't know about you but I'm exhausted!! Really looking forward to Saturday, after running through both sets tonight.

I won't run through everything we did tonight, apart from reminding everyone about the arm raise at the end of Higher Love, don't anticipate it and remember to keep your arm up until Craig lowers his!!



As Craig said at the end, each of us has our own issues with certain songs so try to run through them again today (Friday) please. Go to the section you're struggling with, then a few bars before and after it until you feel confident!!

I'd like to add a massive thank you to John for the great new playlists on SoundCloud, they're amazing!!

I'm off to practice Winter Wonderland until my ears bleed!!



See you tomorrow, and good luck to all our fabulous soloists!

Lynne



Playlists

Thanks to the people who responded to John's request about how they created playlists on their i-devices, after much investigation and testing he decided that SoundCloud was the best option for the choir as it allowed the creation of playlists that are independent of the platform they are played on, many thanks to Kit Lacey for his excellent suggestion to use this.

John has now created playlists for the songs we're doing at Ripon Cathedral tomorrow, there are links to them on the members section of the

website where you'll find a button entitled **practice sets**, from this you'll be able to select just what you want.

Many of you have sent very kind messages telling John how useful this will be for you; thanks for this.

As soon as Craig sends us the set lists for the URC and Trinity, he will create playlists for these concerts too.

Ripon Cathedral

Please arrive promptly for 9-30 a.m. on Saturday at the Church Hall on High St Agnesgate, unfortunately there is no parking for the public there, it is reserved for staff at the Cathedral, so please park at the back of Sainsburys or use the park and ride; details are below. On arrival we will have the opportunity to have a good warm up before heading up to the Cathedral to sing.



Park and ride is from Additive- X (main car park), College Business Park, Kearsley Road, Ripon, HG4 2RN, with a shuttle bus running all day, this is being kindly provided by **[Queen Ethelburgas collegiate](#)**

The weather is forecast for sleet early on Saturday so give yourselves plenty of time for your journey, perhaps you could set off early, especially those of you who come from farther afield. You will certainly find an umbrella useful as the weather is forecast to turn to rain as the day goes on.

Dress Code:Please wear all black with your choir jackets, we wore them for the first time last year at the Cathedral and they looked fantastic.

The Cathedral have hired the services of a professional photographer, it'll be fantastic to have some up to date photos to use on our website etc.



FYI I will do stage plans when we sing at URC and Trinity as we will be using our tiered staging then. I'm not doing a standing plan for the Cathedral though, as much as you can please try and stand with the people who you usually stand with. It's always a bit of a

squash at Ripon but make sure you can see Craig and please don't forget to make constant eye contact with Craig and smile, smile, smile.

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

Schedule of choirs for Saturday

9.50-10.20	Skelldale Singers
10.30-11.00	Knot Another Choir
11.10-11.40	Rock Choir Ripon
11.50 - 12.20	All Together Now Choir
12.30 - 13.00	Knot Another Choir
1.10 - 1.40	Love Pop Choir
1.50 - 2.20	All for One Choir
2.30 - 3.00	Ripon Trinity Choir
3.10-3.40	All for One Choir
3.50-4.10	Laura Jones

Last Nights Practice

There are a 101 names down to sing at Ripon tomorrow, it is always of great benefit if you can try to be at the practices before we have a performance so it was fantastic to have such an excellent turn out of 97 of you. If you weren't there last night,

please do some practice. Saturday is our first Christmas performance this year, we have had an excellent term of learning new material and getting to know a fantastic group of new members who will be joining us in singing tomorrow.

Good luck everybody and enjoy the day.

**For your families and friends Ripon Cathedral Saturday 23rd Nov.
Tickets can be purchased on the door on the day.**

Soloists

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 please get yours bought ASAP. I hope you'll all invite your colleagues, neighbours, families and friends you've known or do know from other choirs. It's much more fun when we have really 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'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, 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 evenings. This is not necessarily a job for the men in the choir as the staging is not heavy.

Email – linnyd@hotmail.co.uk



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/whatson/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 back.
- ❖ 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 Open Voice 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,

*Never stop doing little things to help others.
Sometimes, those little things occupy the biggest part
of their hearts*

Love Julie.