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ANOTHER CHOIR

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A chilly night tonight, suitable for our festive rehearsal!

I'd like to start by saying how fantastic Holly is!! "Carol of the Bells" was so much fun to do tonight!!



We started with said dreaded song! Sopranos to start clear and bright on the tinkly opening, Altos pronounce the "D" and "ng" clearly on the "ding dongs".



Tenors at bar 41 you have a bit of the limelight, but it's quite difficult. Please practice this bit. Apparently, if you do it right it will sound great, if you do it wrong it will sound wrong!!! Basses enjoy your moment from bar 51. Altos at bar 53 there is the hardest note ever for an alto (I agree!!) Please practice that this week.

Thought the whole section from C, build the volume from quiet through to a rousing "Daily they sing", but drop quickly back down to the end of the section. Section D is quiet and light.

The whole thing repeats, all as above! For the ending, in section F we need to scare the audience on the third "merry" of "merry merry merry Christmas", lean into it! On the final "ding" (whatever combination of dings and dongs we have!!) bounce off the last "ding"!

Let it Snow

Craig said this was easy, but we proved him wrong didn't we?? The interlude rather surprised us!!

We ran through the harmonies in the first few pages, for the basses watch the leap of a 6th on "but the fire:" (don't sing "my Bonnie lies over the ocean"!! I was always taught that hack too for my aural tests in piano exams!)



At bar 17, altos are the only ones to change note, watch Craig who will show us when. We were told not to be insolent here and do as we are told!!! Even though Craig actually forgot to do it when we sang through the whole song!!

In the interlude, tenors and basses sing together and start the “dm's”, sopranos and altos on the off-beat.

From Bar 58 to the end, basses sing in the breaks, come off those phrases quickly and then wait for Craig to bring us in with the final “snow”. DO NOT ANTICIPATE and hiss!!

Practice these two songs this week, they sound great but it helps so much when we're confident.

See you all on WEDNESDAY 4th December.

Lynne.

Thank you Lynne.

Thanks to all of you who managed to get to Ripon last Saturday in tricky conditions, once again we had a fabulous day there, we have already been invited to sing again next year. It's a shame that some of you couldn't make it due to the poor weather conditions and I know you were disappointed.



We now have just two lovely concerts left to sing in Knaresborough before the end of the year. On the night of the 7th and the 19th you can dress up more formally but still wearing all black, wear a bit of bling if you like too.

We were really down on numbers at practice this week for some reason. We had 96 at practice last week and 93 the week before then, this week it was just 76 of us there. For those of you unable to be there I hope you'll follow the recording of last night so you can keep up with “Carol Of The Bells” and “Let It Snow”. Please would you try and let me know if you can't make practice.

MUZUDO

If your circumstances have now changed re your attendance at either URC or Trinity. Please change your details on Muzudo to reflect what you'll be doing, you can do this via the Muzudo app or by just clicking the link on the original email.

The URC Concert Saturday 7th December

We're only a week away now, I hope you're all practicing hard and feeling confident about the songs we'll be singing, especially if you've had time off. Our concert at the URC last year was fantastic as we were met with such friendship and warmth.



Please note that the URC church **won't** be doing a raffle for their concert however, they do a cake stall with the cakes being baked by their parishioners.

Please can our stage builders be at the URC for 3:15 – If you haven't volunteered to be a stage builder yet please speak to Committee Member Lynn Welsh, the more the merrier.

Trinity Concert

Help needed for our concert at Trinity on 19th December

We will need lots of mince pies/buns/tray bakes/small slices of cake to sell during the interval in the church hall, we will be selling tea/coffee with cake for £2.



We will also have a cake stall at the back of the church. All the funds raised from this event will go to support Henshaws Arts and Crafts Centre Knaresborough. I am sure you will all agree that this is a very worthy cause, so come on you lovely bakers get baking! Please let me know if you can help. - **Many Thanks, Julie Dodson.**

Raffle Prizes

We are always looking for good quality raffle prizes e.g. vouchers for cafes or hairdressers etc, wine or spirits, etc - if you can keep note of the businesses who have donated to the raffle we will put their names in our programme at the concert on the 19th. Julie Horsfield is the person to speak

to about your contributions. She also does something every week and raises lots of money for the choir.

Guess The Weight

One of our members Linda Colman has kindly offered to bake a Christmas cake. On the night of the 12th of December, our last practice before Christmas, for just £1 we can guess how much it weighs. The person getting the nearest guess to the weight will win the cake.

Set Lists for URC and Trinity Concerts

The set lists for URC and Trinity concerts are both the same but we'll have two soloists at the Trinity concert. The playlists are now available on the members section of the website, if you haven't used this facility yet, give it a go it's so easy to use.

SET ONE

Higher Love
One More Sleep
Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas
Can't Help Falling In Love
Hark The Herald Angels Sing
(Soloist One - Trinity only)
Wanna Dance With Somebody
Let It Snow
Last Christmas
Merry Christmas Everyone

SET TWO

Lovely Day
Santa Tell Me
Winter Wonderland
Carol Of The Bells
(Soloist Two - Trinity only)
Silent Night
Deep River
Steal Away
Total Praise
Merry Christmas Everyone

Soloists

Below are Craig's 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 is available for the Christmas Concert at Trinity on 19/12.

One More Sleep

1. Natalie Farrell
2. Sammy Stoney.

Higher Love

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

Last Christmas

All male tenors sing the baritone solo part together.

Fienta Ticket Sales

We're busy selling tickets for our performances, so please get yours ASAP as they're going fast now. I hope you've invited your colleagues, neighbours, and family. It's much more fun when we have a big audience to perform to. Don't forget under 18s are free

Christmas Concert Saturday 7th Dec 7pm at Knaresborough's United Reformed Church. Get your tickets [HERE](#) or at the door.

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



Christmas Social 13th December

2024 has been an amazing year for KnAC with so much to reflect on: Our success at Manchester when we were runners-up in the MACC contest will never be forgotten. Our wonderful trip to Limerick to the Limerick Sings Festival when 65 of us travelled to Ireland for lots of fun and song together. Will we ever forget singing "Total Praise" to the group of nuns sitting at the front of the audience at the Redemptorist Church? On August 1st we were delighted to sing at Craig and Gemma's wedding, what a wonderful day it was, and one that we won't forget.

So let's get together for the evening of the 13th December and celebrate the year we've had, the choir we are, and the things we've done and do together. It'll be great to celebrate the end of term and Christmas and how nice that **Craig and Gemma will be joining us this year.** I hope you will all be able to come, we would especially like to see our new members there.

We are holding the social at Knaresborough Cricket Club on Aspin Lane where there is a full bar and excellent parking facilities. 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](#).

Photo's of the Choir at Craig and Gemma's Wedding

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/jo48vvlxxuisvaix0rx11/ACr6YTQz8MWBn8h8xcrTmAo?rlkey=kbsnhzlyrcrya2pur1vh2o1v5&st=nd6agy1&dl=0>



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Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ **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 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 will organise coaches to take us there as 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,

*I love to hear a choir. I love the
humanity to see the faces of
real people devoting
themselves to a piece of music.
I like the teamwork. It makes
me feel optimistic about the
human race when I see them
cooperating like that.*

Paul McCartney

Love Julie