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ANOTHER CHOIR

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Another fabulous evening, and it is much easier to park on a Wednesday!



We ran through some of the songs for Saturday, starting with “Higher Love” and “Merry Christmas Everyone” (I think this is the order we did them!!!)

We then moved on to “Let It Snow”. We worked backwards through it, starting with the ending. Each part has something tricky in the final bars, so please review it if you can. And **WAIT** for the final “snow”. No “t” on “let” or “it”, a casual “led id snow” please.



We went back to the interlude and “dm dm's”! Sopranos and slide on “mmm”, not easy when it makes your lips tickle! Basses slide down the “aah”. In Bridge 2, basses try to sound more excited about the kissing please, sopranos and altos swoon in response. Watch the key change at bar 52, be confident in your own part as it clashes when we're all together.



Back to the beginning. In Verse 1 be aware of the words – “the weather is frightful” (think of that Saturday in Ripon and how we all felt when we opened the curtains!!) In the second phrase lean on “fire”, “so” and “delight”. In Verse 2, make the “fire is slowly dying” sound like you're sad about it!



We then sang “Carol of the Bells”, we're getting more confident! Watch the dynamics, we build up to “Gaily they ring” rather than a sudden burst of sound!! Again, just practice if you can, this is going to be brilliant if we believe it!!

We finished with "Silent Night". This needs to move steadily, we tend to wallow a bit and it starts to drag. Watch Craig to keep the tempo up, it sounds much better when we keep it moving.

Looking forward to Saturday, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!

Lynne

Thank you Lynne.

I hope everyone is excited about Saturday's concert at Knaresborough United Reformed Church! Our songs sound wonderful, and I want to give a big shout-out to those of you who practice daily and sometimes late into the night. It's really impressive to see so many of you dedicated to making our choir and our performances great. Keep it up, everyone!

As we approach the end of the term, I want to celebrate your exceptional attendance. Your dedication is truly inspiring, and it's wonderful to see how many of you have persevered through occasional illnesses, making use of John's recordings and Lynne's notes to catch up.

There are a few members whose attendance has been inconsistent, and who haven't been watching the practice recordings either. Please keep in mind that this affects those who are dedicated to the choir's growth. We also have new people eager to join us. Furthermore, since you are paying for a full membership, attending only part of the time effectively doubles costs for you.

Let's strive to support each other and make the most of our time together. Thank you all for your dedication and hard work!

KnAC Concert Tickets

If you haven't got tickets for your friends and family, please get yours ASAP as they're going fast now. 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.



FAO those of you who have bought tickets to Craig's choir gigs on Thursday and Friday evening.

The Contemporary Choir Concert is on Thursday at 7pm at The Attic LS10 1HD. Craig is a little concerned that there might be a slight shortage of seating so he has suggested you give yourself plenty of time for your journey to make sure you arrive early enough to get a seat.

Please find below a summary of car parks in the vicinity of The Attic.

Car Park	Postcode	Distance from 3 Sheaf St
Sheaf Street Car Park	LS10 1HD	Less than 1-minute walk
Junction Street Retail Park	LS10 1ET	Approximately 6-minute walk (0.3 miles)
Crown Point Shopping Park	LS10 1ET	Approximately 6-minute walk (0.4 miles)
Hunslet Lane Car Park	LS10 1ES	Approximately 9-minute walk (0.5 miles)
Leeds Dock Car Park	LS10 1PZ	Approximately 13-minute walk (0.7 miles)
Maude Street Car Park	LS2 7DR	Approximately 14-minute walk (0.7 miles)
Heaton's Court Car Park	LS1 4LJ	Approximately 15-minute walk (0.8 miles)
Crown Street Car Park	LS2 7DA	Approximately 9-minute walk (0.5 miles)

Friday night is the Concert with The Conservatoire Musical Theatre students performing with the Contemporary Choir at Leeds Minster LS2 7DJ at 7pm.

The Knaresborough United Reformed Church **Christmas Concert 7th December 7pm**

Our lovely Concert is on Saturday, I hope you've all been practicing hard and feel confident about the songs we'll be singing. Our concert at the URC last year was very lively as we were met with such friendship and warmth from their parishioners and our own guests.

The dress code for choir is all black, as it's Christmas please wear some bling too if you like. Would all choir members arrive in good time for a sound check at 6pm. Could committee members be there for 5-45.

Would those of you who have offered to help with the staging and even if you haven't please be at URC for 3-15 pm if you could help there's a lot to build. We really appreciate your help.

Soloists for URC

The soloists for our URC Christmas Concert are:-

Deep River - Susan Rathmell

Hark The Herald - Paul Ulett

One More Sleep - Natalie Farrell

Higher Love - Brian Todd and Elisha Rushton

Last Christmas - All male tenors

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

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.



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 traveled 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'll never forget.

So let's get together for the evening of the 13th December and celebrate the year we've had, the friendships we've made, and the things we've done and will continue to do together. It'll be a great way 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 bar and excellent parking facilities. We'll serve pizzas as they went down so well last time. It'd be good fun to wear something Christmassy. Members, their friends, and families are all welcome including children. Tickets will be just £10 from Fienta, they are available [HERE](#).

January Workshop to prepare for Harrogate Choir Festival and the North Wales Choir Festival

We'll have another Workshop at Christ Church Harrogate where we will have a full day of perfecting our songs for the above Festivals.

A Tartufo buffet lunch and hot beverages will be provided for you.

calendar



Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ Thursday 5th December no practice but there'll be a Contemporary Choir Concert at The Attic 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 joins forces with The Contemporary Choir. 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.
- ❖ Friday 13th December Christmas Social Quiz evening at Knaresborough Cricket Club. Tickets £10 with pizza for supper available [HERE](#)
- ❖ Thursday 19th December 7pm 2024 Christmas Concert at Trinity Church Knaresborough.
- ❖ We'll be returning to practices on the 9th of January 2025.
- ❖ ****NEW Saturday 25th January 2025 Full-day workshop at Christ Church Harrogate so that we can be well prepared for the Harrogate Community Choir Festival and The North Wales Choir Festival.**
- ❖ 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. This is a competitive choir festival with monetary prizes. 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.

- ❖ **Saturday 3rd May St Barnabas Church Weeton tickets sales will be helping to raise 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,

What is the most beautiful sound?

A large chorus singing softly,
on a beautiful lyric line,
with deep meaning...
that causes our hearts to break
with its beauty

Love Julie