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ANOTHER CHOIR

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Saturday 7th was a funny day for KnAC, with poor Craig sick in bed, and a forecast of horrific rainy weather that was given the name of Darragh.



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Fortunately, we have some incredible talent in our choir so I asked one of these amazing people, Emma Higgins, if she'd be prepared to step in and conduct the concert, she generously said she would be happy to help saying the show must go on, she did an amazing job. A huge thanks and well done to Emma.



The atmosphere on Saturday evening was lovely, I think we all felt a great sense of community, we were singing for Craig and each other, and the choir sounded fantastic! Susan Rathmell and Colin Handley stepped in to do very confident solos, Susan sang "Songbird" by Eva Cassidy, it was a tear-jerker for both the audience and the choir, Colin got everybody singing along with a fantastic rendition of "White Christmas", thanks to both of you.

We raised a total of £982 with ticket sales, door sales, card sales, and refreshments, that's quite an achievement and the church elders were delighted with the fantastic result.

Thank you to everyone who helped with staging, any organisation, and most of all knowing the songs. Well done everybody!

On Thursday we were all so pleased to see Craig back and in good health again. It was fantastic news to hear that his voice problem, which he told us about a year or so ago, has now rectified itself with the help of some speech therapy intervention.

We had a fantastic and relaxed final practice of the year, focusing on some useful work for "Santa Tell Me." If you couldn't make it, I understand that

many of you had your work Christmas celebrations, you can check out what we accomplished during the recording on the website.

We had a guess the weight of the cake competition, Linda Colman had kindly suggested this as a fundraiser and baked the beautiful Christmas cake herself, it looked delicious thank you, Linda. The activity, which was just £1 a go, raised £41 in total, a fantastic amount. The lucky winner of the cake was tenor Lizzy Boyle who guessed the weight exactly. Don't forget Julie and Jan are always in the corner on practice nights doing activities to help raise extra funds for the choir.

Next term we'll be preparing for our two festivals in February when we'll sing "Don't Stop Believing", "Hello", and "Never Forget". You'll find them in the members' section in "Songs For the Start of Spring Term". So if you want a change from singing carols over Christmas these are the songs to work on. Don't forget to sign up on Muzudo for our workshop on January 25th. We'd like you to be at the workshop if you intend to sing at the Festivals.

Christmas Social 13th December



A pizza and quiz night with lots of fun to close the choir year! Don't forget your Christmassy jumper. We'll start with the pizza, please arrive at Knaresborough Cricket Cricket Club before 7pm to get a seat in readiness to eat.

Special Request for Singers

Candles for Heroes runs a service of remembrance at Stonefall Cemetery in Harrogate each year to remember the Commonwealth War Dead from both World Wars, This has organised by Daniel Hutton since 2018. This year's Candles For Heroes is on Sunday 15th of December starting at 3:30pm at Stonefall Cemetery.

Due to a clash of events this year, fewer people are available so singers from all voice parts are desperately needed (ability to read music is not essential). It will be purely to sing familiar carols before the service begins, and to sing "Abide With Me" after the service. If anyone feels able to join this event Daniel would be hugely grateful.

If anyone can help or pass this message on to other local singers, please contact Daniel Hutton clocklike@hotmail.co.uk or text 07818615807

Please note the service is outdoors and he can't vouch for the weather, but again anyone who could help would be very welcome: Daniel can provide music for carols and "Abide With Me". The full event lasts around one hour.

KnAC Concert Tickets

If you haven't got tickets for our Trinity Concert on the 19th December for everybody, please get yours ASAP as they're going fast now, we've sold 77 tickets online which is a great number, if we sell a good number on the door too then we'll have an excellent crowd. It would be amazing to fill the church. Performing is such fun when we have a big audience. Don't forget that 18's are free.



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

We've some wonderful raffle prizes that have been donated by businesses in Harrogate and Knaresborough and there'll be some beautiful cakes to purchase. Proceeds from next Thursday will be going to Henshaws Arts and Crafts Centre.

Trinity Concert Helpers Needed.

We need help 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.**

Anyone helping with putting up the staging please be at Trinity church for 4pm please

Raffle Prizes



We are still 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 you can speak to about your contributions. Julie does something every week and raises lots of money for the choir.

Trinity Concert

The set lists for the Trinity concert will have two soloists at the Trinity concert. The playlist is still available on the members section of the website.

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 – Colin Hadley
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 – Rebecca Stevenson
Silent Night
Deep River
Steal Away
Total Praise
Merry Christmas Everyone

Dress Code - All black formal please with a bit of bling.

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

We'll have another Workshop on the 25th January starting at 11am, it will be held at Christ Church Harrogate where we will have a full day of perfecting our songs for the two Festivals.



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

Harrogate Choir Festival Important

We have been asked to restrict our choir numbers to 70, after discussion with Craig we have decided to allocate places on a first come first serve basis to the Muzudo survey. I know some will miss out unfortunately, however, as a non-audition community choir, this way seems the fairest, as we can see as and when your replies come in to the survey.

To create a good balance across the parts we will be able to take 25 Sops, 25 Altos, 12 Tenors, and 8 basses. We would prefer that anybody signing up to sing can attend the workshop on 25th January.

We will be sending out the survey next week so please keep your eyes peeled if you're keen to sing.



Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ **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,

*Don't start your day with
the broken pieces of yesterday.
Every day is a fresh start. Each day
is a new beginning. Every
morning we wake up is the first
day of our new life.*

**Happy Christmas everybody, we'll see you
back after Christmas on the 9th of January.**

Julie