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ANOTHER CHOIR

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I am officially totally befuddled now. Christmas is in October, and choir is on a Wednesday, What's that all about?



Despite the change of the rehearsal day, we still had an excellent 80 members in attendance this evening; even though some of you were committed to other activities it was still another fantastic rehearsal.



How good was it to be singing 'Winter Wonderland' again? I really love it when the basses do their "build a snowman" bit. Remember to pause after "walking" before moving on to "in a Winter Wonderland" apart from the first time that we sing it. Don't be the 'lemon' that gets it wrong in a performance.



I think that "This Christmas" is going to become a firm Christmas favourite and a real crowd pleaser, just perfect for livening up the audience after the interval refreshments in our December concerts.

It is always a good idea for everyone to watch the videos of the rehearsals which are on the website every week. Even for those who are in attendance, there may be that fine little detail that you may have missed. If you are relatively new to the choir, these videos are an invaluable resource to help you with our full repertoire. By everyone checking out the videos and listening to the sound files it supports you in ensuring that all the songs are firmly embedded in your brain. It also picks up on the little nuances that Craig has asked for within each song.

Don't forget to put that sprinkling of Christmas cheer into our Christmas songs.

This week's 'Craigism'

We've not heard it for some time, but it was back tonight – "Let's talk about it." For those of you who are new to the choir, this used to be a phrase that Craig used a lot. Polite speak for "Mmmm – not bad but this is how I really want it!" Obviously, we must be much improved as it's been a while since he last used it.



Then, of course, there were the trousers which split when Craig was at a very prestigious event (not the first time this has happened). Fortunately, the rip was not too bad, and he was able to preserve his modesty.

Fundraising

Thank you to those of you who took part in the fundraiser this evening. It proved to be a popular addition to our games. We will be doing more raffles and tombolas at concerts before the end of the year and we'll need lots of prizes, both large and small, to ensure that we can make a big success of them. Thanking you in advance.



Next week's fundraiser will be 'What's In The Bag?'. Please bring your pounds coins so that we can raise as much as possible for 'The Manchester Fund', which will help with the cost of paying for two coaches for the return trip to the Royal Northern College of Music, our entry fees, and professional fees to enter the Manchester Annual Choral Competition on the 1st February.

We now take card payments so please support us in our fundraising endeavours especially if you'll benefit from attending The Manchester Annual Choral Competition without cost.



Sop and Alto Singing Parts

We are currently working on the Alto parts split and will send out a separate email with the updated parts split.

Soprano Seating

It seems that there have been some issues as to where people are sitting in the top sops. Kindly, Julie B-S tried to remedy the situation by allowing another row to be added to the front section. Unfortunately, this didn't work as the back row of that section blocked the fire escape and made it inaccessible, so it will not be allowed in the future due to the obvious Health and Safety issue. So please stick to the four rows in front of the door and six rows behind remembering that there can only be four chairs in each row, also for health and safety reasons. If, on arrival, there are no seats left in the front section, please find an empty seat behind, as the front of this section is also sop1's. Thank you for your understanding.

Polite reminder

Sadly, this evening the chattering started again. When we are at the point when Craig must stop what he is doing to wait for quiet, then it is clearly really bothering him. He had to do this twice this evening! So please, out of respect and consideration for Craig and your fellow choir members, who are trying to concentrate, please don't interrupt. Thank you.

Next Week

Choir next week will be back to being on a Thursday

We will be doing more work on 'This Christmas' and then refining 'Let It Snow' which was new to our repertoire last year.

Homework

Basses – In 'This Christmas' please pay specific attention to bars 31 – 34.

Whole choir – Use sound files to help with learning Verse 2 of 'This Christmas' and recapping all other songs from the set lists below.

Songs For Christmas

On Thursday 18th of December, we have decided that our final concert of the year should be free to both your family and friends, and the public. This is to say thanks to everybody for their ongoing support for KnAC throughout the year. So please invite your friends and families, in fact tell everyone. We want to fill the church with Christmas joy to end the year. We'll serve tea, coffee, mulled wine, Christmassy snacks and minced pies. We'll have a raffle and tombola.



Set Lists for our Christmas Performances

Ripon Cathedral

Due to an administrative error from the Cathedral, we will sing a bit later in the day this year, our first set will be between 1-50 to 2-15, Set two will be between 2-35 and 3-10.

SET ONE

1. Last Christmas
2. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
3. Winter Wonderland
4. Hark The Herald Angels Sing
5. Run
6. Silent Night
7. Deep River
8. Steal Away

SET TWO

1. This Christmas
2. Carol of the Bells
3. Hallelujah
4. Let It Snow
5. Santa Tell Me
6. One More Sleep
7. Merry Christmas Everyone
8. Total Praise

URC & Trinity

SET ONE (45mins)

1. Last Christmas
2. Happy Together
3. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
4. Winter Wonderland
5. Hark The Herald Angels Sing
6. Run
7. Silent Night
8. Deep River
9. Steal Away

SET TWO (45mins)

1. This Christmas
2. Signed, Sealed, Delivered
3. Carol of the Bells
4. Hallelujah
5. I Wanna Dance
6. Let It Snow
7. Santa Tell Me
8. One More Sleep
9. Merry Christmas Everyone
10. Total Praise

At all of the above venues, please wear formal black with a little bling.

Choir Diary

Please would you always look for what's on the Choir Diary. Julie B-S is always arranging new and exciting events and sometimes changes have to be made.

Mrs Sunderland Festival

The Mrs. Sunderland Festival is held in Huddersfield on the 21st of February and is one of the largest competitive



festivals in the country, attracting well over 5000 performers over its twelve-day event period in Huddersfield Town Hall.

On the last evening when we are there, there is a showcase concert to enjoy, this showcases some of the best performances of the festival along with the adult choir final class. We will stay to see this and hopefully fingers crossed, we might even get to take part.

Eskdale Festival

The Eskdale Festival is held at the magnificent Whitby Spa and is on the Sunday 18th April 2026.

All of these competitions will be very exciting in different ways, and we will have the opportunity to enter different categories, each of which have different entrance criteria and timing expectations. We are a lovely choir, and these festivals give us the opportunity to showcase our work.

We will be providing coaches for each of these festivals, or you can take your own cars. All will be long days but as well as our own performances there will be lots of great choirs to listen to, and the chance to network with people from other choirs.

Absence

Please would you let us know if you are going to be off practice. If you are ill or away for any length of time, we are happy to give you a break from your GoCardless payments in these circumstances.

If you have to miss a choir practice please email Julie BS at admin@knotanotherchoir.co.uk

Other Events you may be Interested in

LC Pop Choir On the 29th November for one night only Craig will lead the powerhouse voices of his wonderful LC Pop Choir with The London International Gospel Choir joining forces on stage for an unforgettable evening of energy, harmony, and soul. Maybe our newer members have not yet enjoyed one of the LC pop choir concerts. So, if you have never experienced an evening at the conservatoire don't miss this wonderful opportunity. Expect chart-topping pop, uplifting gospel and spine-tingling collaborations you won't want to miss!

Tickets available from

<https://www.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/visitus/whats-on/popchoir291125>

There is also a discount code available now which is: CHOIR25

Feel The Sound 2 - Save the date in your diary

This will take place on 2nd May 2026 at Harrogate High School, once again we'll provide lunch, the parking is excellent on site and facilities also are fantastic as Harrogate High is a very modern school.

Next time Craig will work alongside the amazing Greg Link, who is a London-based bass-baritone, actor-musician and choral leader. He works in a range of fields across theatre, a cappella groups and choirs as a performer, musical director and composer in productions, projects and tours around the UK, internationally, and in the West End.

Greg has collaborated with various organisations as a performer, educator and conductor, including Disney Theatrical Group, London Symphony Orchestra, The Old Vic, National Youth Choir, VOCES8 Foundation, London Chamber Orchestra, British Film Institute, WorldChoir, BBC & BBC Proms, London Contemporary Orchestra, National Schools Singing Programme, and Southwark Playhouse where he composed and performed in the new musical Shelter.

He has sung with numerous vocal ensembles around the country including London Choral Sinfonia, Platinum Consort, Shards, Corvus Consort, Echo, Enchord, Chamber Choir of London (West End - The Seeker, Theatre Royal Drury Lane) and London Voices (West End - The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Prince Edward Theatre). Greg is also co-director, performer and composer of Merryweather Theatre, a London-based arts collective with which he writes, develops and performs folk musicals for children at schools, theatres and arts festivals around the UK.

Everybody's Talking About Jamie

Kimberley (Alto) will be taking part in this next week.

Everybody's Talking About Jamie a fantastic joyous musical at the Harrogate Theatre next Wednesday 22nd October to Saturday 25th. There are two codes for discount **JAMIEOFF** for £5 off tickets on Wednesday and Thursday or **PROUD** for 10% off any night of the week! It would be lovely to see friendly faces in the audience and it's going to be a brilliant show!

Praise

An uplifting afternoon of sacred music and favourite hymns in aid of Holy Trinity Church as it needs a lot of renovating. The afternoon will feature Knaresborough Silver Band and St Mary's Singers on Saturday 25th of October 2:30 at Holy Trinity Church.

Pay on the door - £10 / under 18's free

Refreshments Included.



Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ **Thursday 23rd October – NO Practice**
- ❖ **Saturday 8th November Our annual Pre Christmas-Workshop with lunch provided by Indulge at Christ Church Hall Harrogate.**
- ❖ **Wednesday 12nd November – Practice moved from 13rd**
- ❖ **Thursday 13rd November – NO Practice**
- ❖ **Saturday 22nd November Christmas Food and Gift Fair Ripon Cathedral. We'll sing two sets 1-50 to 2-15 and 2-35 to 3-10.**
- ❖ **Saturday 6th December 2025 @ 7pm Christmas Concert at Knaresborough United Reformed Church.**
- ❖ **Thursday 18th December 2025 @ 7pm Christmas Concert at Trinity Church.**
- ❖ **Saturday 24th of January Workshop with lunch to prepare for The Manchester Annual Choral Competition the following week.**
- ❖ **1st February 2026 we will once again take part in the Manchester Annual Choral Competition or MACC where we were delighted to be runners up in 2024. Make sure you save the date.**
- ❖ **21st February 2026 the Mrs Sunderland Festival at Huddersfield Town Hall this is another large festival with lots of choral classes.**

- ❖ **18th April 2026 we'll head off to Whitby Spa to enter the Eskdale Festival for the first time. Save the date please, maybe you could make a weekend of it.**
- ❖ **2nd May 2026 Feel the Sound 2**
- ❖ **21st June 2026 Newby Hall ** Note change of date**
- ❖ **12th July 2026 Newby Hall.**

And Finally:

We come along each Thursday,
To join with joy in song,
It's really so uplifting,
To know that you belong.

To be a part of something special,
Where we can sing out loud,
Is truly the greatest reason,
Why this choir makes us proud.

I'm really looking forward to our exciting upcoming events as I'm sure you all are. Until then, on behalf of the committee and trustees, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support of our amazing choir. Be kind to yourself and each other.

Julie H