

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

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The return of the 'Going Crazy' this evening and I think by the end of the warmup that's exactly what we were doing. 'Switching' hither and thither as the pace increased, ending in chaos and hilarity and people going in all directions, but that's what we love about this choir isn't it?



This evening we worked on finessing 'Santa Tell Me', before continuing work (started at the workshop) on 'Sweet Child Of Mine'. I must admit that when I first heard that we were doing this piece I was a little apprehensive as I have not always enjoyed other versions of this song. But my goodness, it will surely blow the socks off any audience that we perform it to. I love it!



Yet again, what an amazing experience to perform at Ripon Cathedral. You can't always hear the full impact of some of the songs from within the body of the choir. However, on listening to the recording I was utterly stunned by just how good we really are. Craig was really pleased and said *"In my opinion the choir sounded the best we have ever sounded on Saturday (outside of our performance at MACC in March 2024)."*

To continue to be the very best that we can be, please listen to the sound files for the set list below for the URC and Trinity concerts, particularly if you were unable to attend this evening.

This week's 'Craigisms'

- Apparently at Ripon we did 'great clicking'. Praise indeed!
- 'I shall continue being awesome'
- 'I threw Kit in at the deep end but he 100% swam as did new girl Sarah'

Homework

In Sweet Child of Mine, please look at bars 49 – 56 as this is the one small section, we didn't cover this week.

Clarify from your score where to sing 'sweet child' and where it is 'sweet love' (Bars 38 and 70)

Also check and consolidate the 'yeahs' and the 'woahs'.

Remember not to be remembered as the lemon!!!

Fundraising

Thank you to those of you who took part in the fundraiser this evening, well done to Rosemary Procter for getting the best guess .

Next week's fundraiser will be the 'KnAC Christmas Raffle'. Many thanks to Linda Coleman (sop) who is providing many of the edible prizes, including one of her fabulous Christmas cakes.



In addition, we will also be doing 'Knot Another Strange Christmas Quiz'. These quizzes, as usual, can be taken home and brought back the following week. Remember the rehearsal for that week will be **Wednesday 10th December**. Please bring your money or your debit card so that we can raise as much as possible and get December off to a brilliant start.

The raffle will be £1 for 5 tickets as usual and the quizzes will be £1 per copy. Why not buy a few to keep friends and family entertained over the festive period.

We will be doing more raffles and tombolas at our concerts and at the social before the end of the year, so we need lots of prizes, both large and small, to ensure that we can make a big success of them. Huge thanks to those of you who have already given so generously.

Big News!!!!!!!

Lynnes Great Success with recent Grant Application!

Lynne Sharp (alto member) works tirelessly to research and apply for funding to pay for choir projects. On this occasion she was asking for funding to help us with the cost of running a workshop. As you all know we'll be having a workshop the week before we head off to the Manchester Annual Choral Competition, the day will give Craig the opportunity to fine tune the chosen songs that we'll sing in Manchester.

This week Lynne was delighted to hear back from the Waugh Trust, which is part of The Rotary Club of Knaresborough. The fund exists to provide grants to individuals and organizations for the benefit of the community. On this occasion the Waugh Trust decided to award the choir £500.

This money will be greatly appreciated and will help with the cost of paying for the workshop day. Well done Lynne.

Earlier in the month we also received £250 from Howdens Joinery Knaresborough, this was part of their charity donations to the local community. If you know of any other local organisations that have a charity fund, please let Lynne or Julie BS know.

Christmas Collection

We continued our annual Christmas collection for Craig and Stefan last night. Should you wish to give a donation in the next few weeks the collection buckets will be in the kitchen. There are also a couple of Christmas cards to sign. The last evening you can give to the collection will be Wednesday the 10th of December.

Kind Invitation - Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Holy Trinity

A request from Denise Cullingworth - Church Warden at Trinity.

*We will be having a beautiful service of nine lesson and carols at Holy Trinity on **Sunday 21st of December at 4pm**. We would like to invite and involve members of our wider church community including Knot Another Choir.*

I hope as many of our members as possible will be able to come along. We now have a volunteer reader from the choir.

Performances

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Christmas Concert Saturday 6th Dec. 7pm at Knaresborough United Reformed Church. Funds raised will be going toward Yorkshire Cancer Research. You can get your tickets [HERE](#) or on the door. The church has been beautifully decorated and recarpeted, everything looks lovely.



Songs for Christmas 18th Dec. 7pm at Holy Trinity Church

There will be no charge to attend this concert. This is so that we can say a big thank you to our families', friends and members of the local community. Helen Westmancoat, our Mayor, and John, her husband and Consort, will come along too. Do make the most of this free concert and invite everybody along, lets fill the church and raise the rafters.

If you are not singing, it'd be great if you could help with things like the raffle, food stall etc. Unless you are helping with the raffle, please would you go to the Church Hall to wait to be put in order. Otherwise, the choir can get in the way of the audience arriving and finding their seats.

We'll be serving Christmassy treats, so if you'd be prepared to make something tasty or help with serving, please speak to Julie Dodson. Julie Horsfield is always looking for good quality prizes for the raffle e.g. wine, chocolates, toiletries, and smaller gifts for the tombola.



The set list for both for URC and Trinity is as follows:-

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

Christmas Social 12th December

We'll have a quiz set by Colin Hadley, bingo and disco, Julie H. will do a tombola and a raffle. We'll serve pizzas as they are very popular and tasty. Members, friends and families are all welcome to come along, for non-choir members tickets will be just £5. They can be purchased from [HERE](#).



We have now sent out a Muzodo survey to see just how many choir members will be coming to the social. Please try and be prompt with your Muzodo replies.

Last Chance to Get Your Tickets 29th November

LC Pop Choir – there's still time to get your tickets for one night only, Craig will lead the powerhouse voices of his wonderful LC Pop Choir along with The London International Gospel Choir for an unforgettable evening of energy, harmony, and soul. This is an event not to be missed and if you haven't been to one of the LC pop choir concerts yet, then I'm sure you will thoroughly enjoy this. Expect chart-topping pop, uplifting gospel and a spine-tingling collaboration.

Tickets are still available this link [HERE](#)

There is also a discount code available to reduce the full priced tickets to £15, this is: **CHOIR15**

Save the Date for Feel The Sound

This will take place on Saturday the 2nd May 2026 at Harrogate High School, once again we'll provide lunch from Indulge of Harrogate.

This 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.



Do tell your friends about the event as it will be a public event.

Tickets will be available before we return to choir in the New Year.

Absence

Please would you let us know if you are going to be off practice.

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



Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ Saturday 6th December 2025 @ 7pm Christmas Concert at Knaresborough United Reformed Church where we are always met with such warmth. This concert is to raise funds for Yorkshire Cancer Research, a very worthy cause I'm sure you will agree.
- ❖ **Wednesday 10th December - Practice night**
- ❖ **Thursday 11th December - NO PRACTICE**
- ❖ Friday 12th December Christmas Social at Knaresborough Cricket Club. A quiz, bingo, music, raffle, tombola, and pizza. Free to members, £5 for your friends and families.
- ❖ Thursday 18th December 2025 @ 7pm Free Songs for Christmas at Trinity Church with Christmassy snacks, mulled wine, tea and coffee.

- ❖ **Thursday 8th of January return to choir.**
- ❖ **Saturday 24th of January Workshop; We will spend the day at Christ Church preparing for The Manchester Annual Choral Competition the following week. If you are taking part in the competition on the 1st of February then it is essential you take part in the workshop and all the practices in January, they are on the 8th 15th 22nd and 29th of January. Craig would appreciate your cooperation with this.**
- ❖ **Sunday 1st February 2026 The big day!! we will once again be taking part in the Manchester Annual Choral Competition or MACC where we were runners up in 2024. The coaches will leave from York Place Car Park we haven't been given our performance slot yet as soon as I have that, you will give you an accurate departure time. Please wear all black with your choir jackets.**
- ❖ **Saturday 21st February 2026 Our first time entering the Mrs. Sunderland Festival at Huddersfield Town Hall, this is another large festival with lots of choral classes, we'll be entering two classes on this occasion.**
- ❖ **Saturday 18th April 2026 we'll head off to Whitby Spa to enter the Eskdale Festival for the first time. Maybe you could make a weekend of it, there are plenty of sea view hotels and B and B's just across the road from the Spa .**
- ❖ **Saturday 2nd May 2026 Feel the Sound workshop with Craig and Greg Link.**
- ❖ **Saturday 9th May 2026 at 7pm The Harrogate Community Choir Festival at The Royal Hall Harrogate.**
- ❖ **Sunday 21st June 2026 Newby Hall**
- ❖ **Sunday 12th July 2026 Newby Hall.**

And Finally

Christmas is fast approaching,
So much yet to do,
Although it's so exciting,
It's quite exhausting too.

But then it comes to Thursday,
A break we finally take,
We lift our voices in harmony,
And Christmas magic make.

I hope that you all have a great week. Until next Thursday, 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