

KNOT

ANOTHER CHOIR

BULLETIN No 39 – 4th December 2025

What a miserable night it was outside again this evening . The temperature is really dropping now isn't it? That didn't stop 71 of us coming together to sing. Apparently, a lot of you have coughs, colds, etc - I hope you all get well soon. Please would you let Julie BS know if you previously said you are attending the concert on Saturday but now cannot make it, alternatively you can change your own response on Muzodo.



This evening consisted of a little finessing of 'Happy Together' before moving on to 'Sweet Child of Mine'. Please, please, please don't be the lemon that sings "child of mine" when it should be "**LOVE of mine**"



Craig is obviously happy with the work that has been put into this song, thanks to all of you who have put in the hard work practising at home, as he has decided to include it in Saturday's concert at the URC. (May the force be with you!!!) But seriously, it's sounding fantastic. If you could not attend this evening's practice, please watch the video of last night's session as we now have choreography involved. Woe betide you if you put your head up or down at the wrong time. You'll understand when you have watched it.



Remember that in some places you sing like Louise Gibbs – a very 'posh' lady that Craig has worked with in the past who is terribly,

terribly BBC. In other sections, go full on 'Manc'. Again, all will become clear when you watch the recording.

To continue to be the very best that we can be, please continue to listen to the sound files for the set list below for the URC and Trinity concerts.

This week's 'Craigisms'

- The tale of the lady who was fully committed to the choreography but was a little bit over enthusiastic and a couple of bars ahead of everyone else. Craig said that even a blind man on a galloping horse would have noticed!
- There are more of his 'significant looks' to watch out for in this set.

Fundraising

Thank you to those of you who took part in the fundraiser this evening, with a very special shout out to Linda Coleman who provided all of the edible prizes - thank you Linda, it was a very thoughtful gesture and much appreciated. The beautiful cake was won by Jo Cope (alto), lucky Jo – I was really hoping that it was going to be me!



Next week's fundraiser will be 'Bah Humbug'. It should be fun! Bring your pounds to take part.

In addition, we will also be marking the 'Knot Another Strange Christmas Quiz'. Please bring them back next week no matter how many you have done; nobody has got them all right yet. The answers will be attached to next week's bulletin. Remember the rehearsal for next week will be on **Wednesday 10th December.** Please bring your money or your debit card so that we can raise as much as possible and get Christmas off to a brilliant start.

We will be doing more raffles and tombolas both at our concert at Trinity 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.

Arriving at Practice

If you use the Trinity car park, please do not arrive before 7pm, as we cannot guarantee the gate will be open earlier. If you arrive and find the gate closed, please avoid queuing into the street, as this is creating traffic problems.

Christmas Collection

There is still time to chip into the Christmas collection for Craig and Stefan. Should you wish to donate, 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 next 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

DRESS CODE FOR BOTH OF THESE PERFORMANCES IS ALL BLACK FORMAL FOR Gentlemen and ladies of the choir.

Christmas Concert this Saturday 6th Dec. 7pm at Knaresborough United Reformed Church. Would those of you who can help putting up the staging please be there for 5pm. If anybody can help who hasn't done this before, we're a few helpers down so some extra help would be very much appreciated.

Choir members should arrive for 6pm and head for the hall at the back of the church. Don't forget it's a busy day in Knaresborough with the Christmas Market taking place. Share lifts, use the train, buses, or get somebody to drop you off.

Funds raised will be going toward Yorkshire Cancer Research. You can get your tickets [HERE](#) or on the door.

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

There will be no charge for anybody 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 absolutely 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. Please gather in the Church Hall, we'll lead onto the stage from there. 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
10. Sweet Child of Mine

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.

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 in other choirs about the event as it will soon be open to the public.

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

Absence

Please would you always let us know if you are going to be absent.

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 all agree. The charity was founded in Harrogate 100 years ago.

- ❖ **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:

What a treat it's going to be
For the folks that come to hear.
If they know how good we are,
They'll come from far and near.

We'll sing our little hearts out,
Perform without a pause,
Knowing that we've done our best,
For a very worthy cause.

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

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