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## ANOTHER CHOIR

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### HEADLINE

*Our concert on the 18<sup>th</sup> December will now be held at **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**, on Starbeck High Street HG2 7JE and **NOT** at Trinity as they have closed the church due to falling masonry.*



A slightly different, but very lively evening tonight with a very quick finessing of 'Signed, Sealed, Delivered, and 'Last Christmas' before we were treated to two lovely Christmassy solos from Sammy and Colin, who both work very hard as Committee members of the choir. Then it was time for the best bit – mince pies!!!

After Christmas, we will be focusing on the much shorter repertoire of 'competition' songs for our performances at Manchester, Huddersfield and Whitby.

To continue to be the very best that we can be and to showcase our talents on a wider platform, please listen to the sound files for the set list below for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December concert, particularly if you were unable to attend this evening.

Please can I ask you to give excellent attendance through January so that we can be absolutely fabulous for the Manchester Annual

Choral Competition on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February – Craig doesn't want a runners up trophy again.

### **This week's 'Craigisms'**

- When I want you to “sss” – you don't but when I don't want you to, you do!!! (It really does make ssssenssese – honest it does.)

### **Fundraising**

Thank you to those of you who took part in the fundraiser this evening and those who took part in the quiz. The answers to this are included below. The winner was Heather Jemison (tenor) with 49/50 – well done Heather.

Lynne Sharp is also working very hard to help with the funding of transport etc to the competitions. She has been busy applying to various trust funds for us which is no easy task.

The first fundraiser of 2026 will be a New Year's raffle on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January. It should be fun! Bring your pounds to take part. If you have any unwanted Christmas presents, please feel free to donate them as prizes. Huge thanks to those of you who have already given so generously.

### **Social**

For those of you who will be at the social evening on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, please do not arrive at the cricket club before 6:45 as the room will be being set up before then. Remember that there will be a tombola and a raffle to raise money for our ongoing fundraising.

### **Concert on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**DRESS CODE FOR THIS PERFORMANCE IS  
ALL BLACK FORMAL WITH A BIT OF BLING.**

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, let's fill the church and raise the rafters at St Andrews Starbeck.

If you are not singing, it'd be great if you could help with things like the tombola, raffle, food stall etc. We'll be serving Christmassy treats, so if you'd be prepared to help with this, please speak to Julie Dodson.

The set list for this concert 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

## **Save the Date for Feel The Sound**

This will take place on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:admin@knotanotherchoir.co.uk)



## Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary

PLEASE NOTE

*New events and changes are in red.*

- ❖ Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Social at Knaresborough Cricket Club. A quiz, bingo, music, raffle, tombola, and pizza. Free to members, £5 for your friends and families.
- ❖ **Change of Venue please take note and tell any of the guests you've invited.** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 @ St Andrews Church Starbeck 7pm Free Songs for Christmas with Christmassy snacks, mulled wine, tea and coffee. This is a change due to a serious structural issue at Holy Trinity Church. 7pm. Songs for Christmas with Christmassy snacks, mulled wine, tea and coffee.
- ❖ Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of January return to choir.
- ❖ Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> of February then it is essential you take part in the workshop and all the practices in January, they are on the 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of January. Craig would appreciate your cooperation with this.
- ❖ Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 Feel the Sound workshop with Craig and Greg Link.**
- ❖ **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7pm The Harrogate Community Choir Festival at The Royal Hall Harrogate.**
- ❖ **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 Newby Hall**
- ❖ **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026 Newby Hall.**

And finally:

Rehearsals are over for another term,  
With Hallelujah, Sweet Child and Run  
But the thing that stands out above the rest  
Is that we've really had lots of fun,

Throughout it all, we've been filled with pride  
At times we've shed a tear.  
But now it's the time to raise a glass,  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 yourselves and each other.

Julie H

## Answers to the Christmas Strange Quiz

		<b>CLUE</b>	<b>ANSWER</b>
eg	UTCWAP	When you make a mistake it is tricky to put right	Up the creek without a paddle
1	TTNBC	Christmas Eve	'Twas the night before Christmas
2	EMAM	Bovine helpers	Eight maids a milking
3	TG	Misery	The Grinch
4	CMAB	From afar	Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar
5	TTSCT	Donated by Scandinavians	The Trafalgar Square Christmas tree
6	FN	Senor y senora greeting	Feliz Navidad
7	GFAM	Thanks for these	Gold, Frankincense and Mhyrr
8	TGOCP	Former spookiness	The ghost of Christmas past
9	CI	Indian Ocean habitat	Christmas Island
10	TKS	3pm every Christmas Day	The King's Speech
11	WC	Nobody better than Bing	White Christmas
12	HCSC	He's approaching	Here Comes Santa Claus
13	SBR	Jolly song opener	Sleigh Bells Ring
14	SSAS	Seventh day	Seven swans a swimming
15	CR	He liked a Christmas reunion	Chris Rhea
16	BC	The king on a downer	Blue Christmas
17	KTC	Used to be Aldi's favourite Christmas veg	Kevin the Carrot
18	HA	How could they do that to him?	Home Alone
19	BTEWYFC	A friendly magical creature's 'phone response	Buddy the Elf - what's your favourite colour?
20	TPE	The multiple faces of Tom	The Polar Express
21	JATW	Strong man's foray into Christmas	Jingle All The Way
22	TFOTSF	Italian Christmas dinner	The feast of the seven fishes
23	CYL	Naughty but nice	Chocolate Yule Log
24	CC	The big man?	Chris Cringle
25	BAS	Boxing Day favourite meal	Bubble and Squeak
26	BF	Just the one for me thanks	Buck's Fizz
27	CT	Festive miracle	Christmas Truce
28	MP	Never too many of these	Mince pies
29	NP	Bruce in trouble here	Nakatomi Plaza
30	JIATRG	Let him participate in the festive games	Join in all the reindeer games
31	ACC	Four spectres here	A Christmas Carol
32	MOTFS	Macy's played a part	Miracle on Thirty Fourth Street
33	CP	Light it up	Christmas pudding
34	TMG	X Factor's first Christmas number one	That's My Goal
35	SF	Only small things	Stocking Fillers
36	TTDOC	Beginning to end	The twelve days of Christmas
37	EN	Traditional Christmas beverage	Egg Nog

38	COTB	It's our favourite!!! Really?	Carol of the Bells
39	TAATT	Just delicious	Turkey and all the trimmings
40	OMS	It won't be long now	One More Sleep
41	RATCT	Mel and Kim rehash	Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree
42	MC	Played by Onslow's wife	Mrs Christmas
43	MAW	One of Harry Webb's tunes	Mistletoe and Wine
44	DTKIC	Plastered over to raise money	Do They Know It's Christmas
45	BFS	Jingle Bells furthest transmission	Broadcast from space
46	OC	Banned Christmas in England for being too festive	Oliver Cromwell
47	CC	Tasty shepherds' crook	Candy Cane
48	HAC	Fizzy company's start to Christmas	Holiday's Are Coming
49	SN	Most recorded Christmas song in history	Silent Night
50	WWYAMC	From all of us at KnAC	We Wish You A Merry Christmas