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ANOTHER CHOIR

BULLETIN No 5 – 5th February 2026

I want to start this week's bulletin by saying a huge thanks to you all for your commitment in preparing for last Saturday's Manchester Annual Choral Competition. The day was a massive success and nearly all of you had attended all of the practices and the workshop in the run up to the competition. Perhaps a difficult part of the day was getting up so early to meet the coaches, it seemed very strange arriving in pitch darkness at York Place Car Park wearing a posh frock at 7am. Thank you all for arriving on time, we left as we'd arranged at 7:15am. We made very good time getting to Manchester just before 9am on our very comfortable coaches. Those of you who went in your own cars met us on time too.



You all looked fantastic for the occasion please could you all wear the same outfit or very similar for both Huddersfield and Eskdale please.

Huddersfield 21st February

When we go to Huddersfield could we all meet at York Place Car Park again, this time at 7:15am ready to leave at 7:30am prompt. That's an extra 15 minutes longer in bed this time.

We'll be heading home after class 97, we'll meet our coaches to leave Huddersfield and return home at 3pm, so not such a long day as it was in Manchester.

Tonight's Practice

We started our preparations in earnest for Huddersfield we began with "Steal Away", which we know well but Craig did some intensive work on this tonight.

If you weren't there tonight, please watch the recording carefully, especially those of you who will be taking part in The Mrs Sunderland Festival Huddersfield.

Only 75 of you have signed up for the Mrs Sunderland competition, there were over 90 of us who went to Manchester that's a big difference. If there are more of you who'd like to go to Huddersfield, we have space for you. Please change your response on Muzudo accordingly, if you can now change it to a "Yes".

The Town Hall is quite magnificent and because we have entered different and appropriate classes we will probably do very well. From my point of view the organisation and communications with the festival has been brilliant.



Homework

Please practice the songs for Huddersfield Mrs Sunderland Festival they are:-

1. Like A Prayer
2. Steal Away – Short Version
3. Happy Together
4. Run

At Huddersfield the format of the day will be:

Our 1st performance is at 9:30am in the Class 96 - Community Choir, there are only three other choirs in this class, we are on first. This class has a performance limit of 8 minutes; our two songs will last for 7:51 minutes. Our adjudicator is Ben Costello who will do his adjudication after all four choirs in this category have sung.

In the afternoon, at 1:30pm, we are in class 97, that's the adult/mixed age class for choirs who haven't taken part in this festival before. There are five other choirs in this class, we are on stage last. This class also has a performance limit of 8 minutes; our two songs will last for just 6:57 minutes. Once again, our adjudicator will be Ben Costello. He will make his comments and judge this class after all 6 choirs have sung.

We can leave to meet our coaches at approximately 3pm to head home . There will be several classes left after we've sung if you'd like to stay to see the rest of the competition it might be preferable to travel in your own vehicle.

This week's 'Craigisms'

"We were robbed"

"No Kermit frogs"

"That Craig, he comes from Leeds"



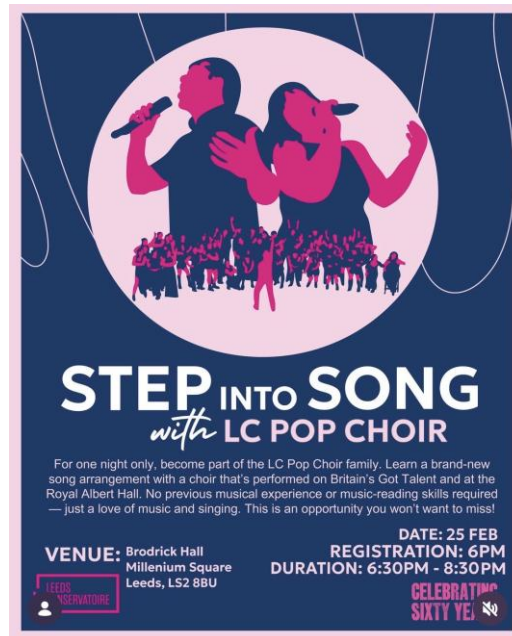
Stage Etiquette

Please ensure that you are fully aware of Craig's expectations for stage etiquette.

- Absolutely no talking or turning around whilst walking on stage and once we have lined up.
- Leave the stage in silence.
- Express yourselves! use your hands, smile and dance.

Step Into Song 25th February 2026

A wonderful new event with Craig and the LC Pop Choir are holding. Cost is only £5. All details on the poster.



Discounted tickets for choir still available for Feel The Sound Have you got your ticket yet?

We are very pleased and super excited to confirm that **Carla Jane** will now be joining Craig in an amazing gospel workshop.

Carla Jane is a British gospel singer look her up on YouTube she is amazing, choir director, vocal coach and workshop leader best known in the UK and European gospel music scene for her singing, choir leadership and teaching work. She's regarded by many as a gospel music figure and "gospel legend" within both church and choral communities.



Carla's work centres around **gospel music—particularly the choir tradition and community singing**—with a focus on performance, teaching, and spreading gospel through workshops and festivals. Her approach combines her faith, technique, and encouragement so singers from all backgrounds can engage with the genre.

This wonderful day will be taking place on Saturday the 2nd of May 2026 at Harrogate High School, once again we'll provide an excellent buffet lunch from Indulge of Harrogate I hope all members will be able to come and bring a family member who likes to sing.



Craig Lees and Carla Jane
Present

FEEL THE SOUND

A GOSPEL-POP CHOIR EXPERIENCE

Join us for an unforgettable day of inspiring music, vocal energy, and warm community spirit at our All-Day Choir Workshop, held in the picturesque North Yorkshire town of Harrogate.

Saturday 2nd May 2026
10:00 - 16:00
BUFFET LUNCH & TEA AND COFFEE

Harrogate High School, Alnsty Rd,
Harrogate HG1 4AP

£30*
/Person

*EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 1st March, THEN £40

Tickets available at: www.fienta.com/feel-the-sound

Do tell your friends in other choirs about this fabulous event as this a public event. Tickets are available now and are selling fast! It will be a fabulous experience, so get your tickets as soon as you can!

So far we've sold tickets to The Stray Notes, The Skipton Choir, Do Your Thing Choir, The Dales Pop Choir, The Contemporary Community Choir and of course ourselves.

Tickets are still available to choir members with a 10% discount, use the discount code KNAC10 Here is the fienta link to purchase yours www.fienta.com/feel-the-sound

Absence

Most of you are now great at telling me when you are unable to attend choir. We do however still have a few of you who don't tell me when you're unable to come to practice. It is so easy to miss something.

In the run up to both Huddersfield and Eskdale please attend practices.

If you have to miss a choir practice please email Julie BS at:

admin@knotanotherchoir.co.uk

calendar



Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary so far.

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ On Saturday 21st February 2026. We will be entering the Mrs. Sunderland Festival at the magnificent Huddersfield Town Hall, Can I ask a few more of you to put your names down please and make the necessary changes accordingly on Muzodo?
- ❖ Saturday 18th April 2026 we'll head off to Whitby Pavilion to enter the Eskdale Festival for the first time. Maybe you could make a weekend of it, there are plenty of sea front hotels and B&B's just across the road from the Spa Pavilion. We have sent out a Muzodo survey so please complete it ASAP so we know how many are going. Our classes will be Class 213 The Mixed Voice Choir between 12-30 and 3-00 pm. Class 216 the Choir Recital at 6-30. We will arrange a coach for those not wishing to stay over.
- ❖ Saturday 2nd May 2026 Feel the Sound workshop with Craig and Carla Jane. Tickets are available to the choir with a 10% discount, use the discount code KNAC10 Here is the fienta link to purchase yours www.fienta.com/feel-the-sound
- ❖ Saturday 9th May 2026 at 7pm The Harrogate Community Choir Festival at The Royal Hall Harrogate.
- ❖ Saturday 6th June 2026 Collaborative Concert with Brand Hall Choir at Holy Trinity Church. More information to follow soon.
- ❖ Sunday 21st June 2026 Newby Hall
- ❖ Sunday 12th July 2026 Newby Hall
- ❖ Sunday 19th July Valley Gardens 2pm to 4pm.
- ❖ Saturday 21st November Ripon Christmas fare. Our performances are at 11.50 and 13.50
- ❖ Saturday 5th December (TBC) URC Christmas Concert
- ❖ Thursday 17th December Christmas Concert at Holy Trinity

And Finally

70 tomorrow Saturday 7th , must dash off to slap on a bit more face cream, thank you for the cards and presents, I was very touched.

Sunday 8th is Craig's birthday, have a wonderful weekend with your parentals Craig.

Julie BS