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## ANOTHER CHOIR

### **BULLETIN No 6 – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

We worked on “Happy Together” last night, it’d been a while since we had done it, but it was apparent that many of you had been working hard doing your revision homework.

Craig added some choreography to the start of “Happy Together” so if you weren’t there and you missed it, please learn it from the video recording.

We finished by singing “Like a Prayer”, “Run” and “Steal Away”. Craig picked up on various bits that needed perfecting, especially the dynamics, which you should also look out for in the recording.

Please can all those of you taking part in the Mrs. Sunderland competition be at next weeks rehearsal. Craig would like us to start promptly at 7:20pm. We will be going over all four songs next week standing in our positions, facing the back door. If you’re not singing at Huddersfield, you will be seated in a separate area.

I’ll send out a seating plan before next Thursday so you know where you will be standing at the competition.

There were quite a few of you missing last night either poorly or on holidays, please let **me** know if you can’t attend, don’t tell somebody else to tell me, as these don’t always get relayed to me.

It’s very important when we’re preparing for festivals and concerts that you attend all rehearsals as well as working at home to get things really clear in your mind.

### **Huddersfield Mrs. Sunderland Festival**

76 of you have signed up for the Mrs Sunderland competition with two carers for Karen and Shelley. If others of you have had a change of heart and think they can now come along you can have a word with me or

change your response on Muzudo accordingly. Or just message me to tell me if you'd like to come along as a spectator.

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 have been brilliant.

Do you remember when we had a Fund Raiser for the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice a young lady called Georgia told us all about her work and the children they care for. Well Georgia asked me if we would go to Huddersfield her hometown to take part in the Mrs Sunderland Festival. Her choir The Lindley Community Choir enter most years, and she thought we were fantastic and should apply to enter too. She has been on the committee of the choir for 13 years.



### Arrangements for the day

For those of you travelling by bus to Huddersfield could we all meet at York Place Car Park again, this time at **7:15am** ready to leave at **7:30am** prompt, we are hoping to be there for 8:45am. That's an extra 15 minutes longer in bed this time lol. If travelling by car please be aware that parking in the centre of Huddersfield can be difficult because the **Upperhead Row Car Park**, which is situated above the town's bus station, is now closed. Alternative parking is available at **Springwood, Cambridge Road** and **Albion Street**.



During the lunch break there are several nearby supermarkets and cafes where you can get lunch, or it might be a good idea to take a packed lunch with you.



Our 1<sup>st</sup> performance is at 9:30am in the Class 96 – This is for Community Choirs, there are only three other choirs in this class, we will be 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, he 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 been placed in the 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 will leave to meet our coaches at 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.

### **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

### **Stage Etiquette**

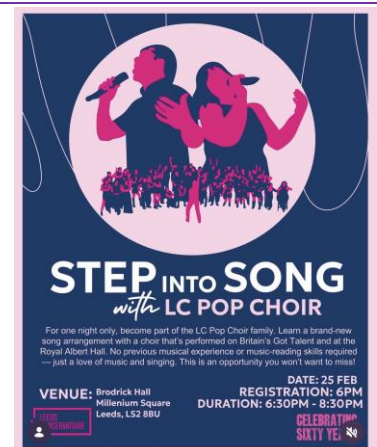
Please ensure that you are fully aware of Craig's expectations for stage etiquette.

- 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 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

A wonderful new event with Craig and the LC Pop Choir are holding. Cost is only £5. Here is the link to book a place :-

<https://www.leedsconservatoire.ac.uk/visit-us/whats-on/lc-pop-choir-250225/>



## 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.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
10:00 - 16:00  
BUFFET LUNCH & TEA AND COFFEE

Harrogate High School, Ainsty Rd, Harrogate HG1 4AP

£30\* /person

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

Tickets available at: [www.fienta.com/feel-the-sound](http://www.fienta.com/feel-the-sound)

This wonderful day will be taking place on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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 73 tickets to The Stray Notes, The Skipton Choir, Do Your Thing Choir, The Dales Pop Choir, The Contemporary Community Choir etc and of course ourselves. We'd like to sell approximately 100 tickets for the event. **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](http://www.fienta.com/feel-the-sound)**

### Absence

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

[admin@knotanotherchoir.co.uk](mailto:admin@knotanotherchoir.co.uk)

calendar



## Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary so far.

PLEASE NOTE

*New events and changes are in red.*

- ❖ On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026. We will be entering two classes at the Mrs. Sunderland Festival at the magnificent Huddersfield Town Hall.
- ❖ **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March There will be no practice on this evening as Craig is leading the LCPOP Choir: Loud and Live on both the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of March. The code to get a reduced-price ticket is Choir15**
- ❖ Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.fienta.com/feel-the-sound)
- ❖ Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7pm The Harrogate Community Choir Festival at The Royal Hall Harrogate.
- ❖ Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 Collaborative Concert with Brand Hall Choir at Holy Trinity Church. More information to follow soon.
- ❖ Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 Newby Hall
- ❖ Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026 Newby Hall
- ❖ Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July Valley Gardens 2pm to 4pm.
- ❖ Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November Ripon Christmas fare. Our performances are at 11.50 and 13.50

❖ **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December (TBC) URC Christmas Concert**

❖ **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Concert at Holy Trinity.**

**If, like me, you've had a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday this year or late last year, or you will be having a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday before the end of this year, please would you let me know. That's those born from late 1955 to the end of 1956.**

Julie BS