

Volunteers' Newsletter Scarborough Talking News

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I think the STN newsletter is a great way to keep members in touch with what is going on in the organisation. We need an afternoon tea somewhere so I can put names to faces. Mind you, I think I would still get muddled up! It was a year ago that Talking News was in dire straits and its demise seemed imminent. However, the 'war cry' was raised, existing volunteers rallied and here we are. I was asked if I would be on the committee and the rest is history. To me, 'Registrar' was a medical person. But I must admit I am getting used to the title and try hard to keep my work on the straight and narrow.

It is now the time to ask you all for dates you are **not** able to do between July and the end of September to compile the next rota and you will also receive emails or texts to this effect! I will have to delve into my brain to remember how to add columns and rows to Excel sheets to say nothing of putting names in alphabetical order. Luckily, I have a long-suffering husband and a dog who is my saving grace by taking her for cliff walks on the North and South bays.

Susan Airlie, Registrar and Editor

2000th Broadcast Edition

We did it! All five Editors of Scarborough Talking News squeezed into the studio at Dean Road on Wednesday, 22nd May 2024 and successfully produced the 2000th edition. Martin Johnson, Chief Editor, organised the content, Mary Grunwell acted as Editor of the special broadcast and Charles Airlie saved the day by stepping up at the 11th hour as Recorder. Neither David's poorliness, the torrential rain downpouring on the Attic's window or having three microphones between five editors detracted from the informative outcome. Mary reported it on air as "an interesting morning"! Well done, Team STN!

The Scarborough Talking Magazine is Published

On Thursday, 23rd May 2024 the new Magazine was posted out and celebratory glasses were raised across Scarborough by all involved in the production. Mary Grunwell, first Magazine Editor, told our Listeners, "A lot of hard work and tearing of hair out has gone into this production especially for our wonderful Recorder, Sound Engineer and all things technical man, David Henderson. Mind you, it was his idea in the first place so really, it serves him right! Seriously though, he is the one who has made it possible. We contributors, instead of sitting in the attic at Dean Road, have recorded on our phones and sent the articles into David. He has then collated everything and I have just done bits in between to link everything together...". Mary hasn't mentioned the planning meetings she organised, her careful selection of articles to be included and her continual good-natured encouragement of everybody throughout the whole experience!

Mary concludes her intro on air by telling Listeners that they have plenty of time to listen to the Magazine - we are already thinking about Edition 2! Listen to the Magazine yourselves and feed back <https://www.bwbf.org.uk/player/?tn=scarboroughmag> . Then, hearing the type of articles selected, maybe consider sending David your own recordings at any time over the next month. We already have a significant number banked in readiness but if we as Volunteers keep sending recordings made by ourselves and/or others we will ensure a quality product ready well in advance of publication date.

Please consider offering to become the next edition's Editor – you would be following a tried and tested pathway second time round!

More Successful Fund Raising!

David Henderson, our Technical Manager, has made a shopping list:

| ITEM | COST | FUNDED BY | DATE |
|--|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Audio/Mixing Desk: Rode Rodecaster Pro 2 | £620 | SeeCHANGE grant £1,500 | May 2024 |
| Microphone: Rode USB PodMic x 2/ Rode PodMic x 1 | £500 | As above | May 2024 |
| Mic Boom Arm: Rode PSA1+ x 3 | £354 | As above | May 2024 |
| Cabling, connectors etc. | £150 | As above | May 2024 |
| Additional mic & boom for fourth Reader | £220 | | |
| Reader Light system | TBC | | |
| Monitor x 2 | £0 | Donated | |
| OptiPlex Micro Form Factor PC | £784 | St. Nicholas Lodge £963.59 | June 2024 |
| Epson EcoTank ET-2810 A4 | £180 | St. Nicholas Lodge £963.59 | June 2024 |
| Studio Chairs x 4 | £394 | | |
| Studio curtaining/sound proofing | TBC | | £1.5k? |
| RNIB Communiplayer x 10 | £350 – £495 | NARPO £200 | March 2024 |
| Website build out | £750 - £1k | David Henderson | Oct 2023 |
| Website domain costs | £17.50 p.a. | | |
| Website server space | £231 p.a. | *. ***** (Listener) £200 | April 2024 |
| Studio rebuild (Stage 2) | TBC | | |

A really good start, we're sure you'll agree. There are a couple more irons in the fire too...do you know any possible sources of funding you could explore?

And finally ...

... Updated Data Protection notice/ please read the Privacy policy if you haven't already done so...
 ... We say a sad farewell to Linda Garoghan, who has been an invaluable STN Despatcher for years – so many Linda can't remember how many! Everyone at STN wishes you a peaceful and happy rest of retirement, Linda.



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