

Volunteers' Newsletter Scarborough Talking News

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Hello, I'm Chris Herbert, a reader for Talking News. I've been a reader for more years than I care to remember. A recorder by the name of Victor Doughty, who was doing some work with my husband, had heard me speak when I was 'wearing one of my other hats' and suggested reading for Talking News might be something I could be involved in. My husband passed on the message and the rest, as they say, is history. I've always maintained I find out more about local news during my reading weeks than at any other time! It's encouraging meeting with some of our listeners who attend Yorkshire Coast Sight Support as they share their thoughts, ideas and opinions about the content of our weekly news and, more recently, our magazines. It would appear that we are doing quite a lot that is right but there are always bits and pieces that can be improved on. Needless to say, it is something I have enjoyed doing from the beginning – or I wouldn't still be doing it! Inevitably one thing can lead to another and now, since the reconfiguration of the Management Team, I serve as a Committee Member. I do not have a named role (my choice!) but I do appreciate the opportunity of being able to make contributions at the meetings and support the organisation in this way. We've certainly moved on during recent months thanks to the dynamic nature of the meetings and the willingness and commitment of our volunteers.

Chris Herbert, Trustee

Trustee Committee Conversation

These are the key issues discussed at the 8th October meeting:

- We have had 7 new Listeners over the past month on our mailing list – Yippee!
- Listeners appreciate the broadcasts but would like to hear more sport content.
- The Talking Magazine Issue 3 has been broadcast (minutes of last review meeting attached to this mailing).
- The new recording equipment has arrived and training has started (see below).
- Our finances have stabilised at long last, thanks to dogged Volunteer funds-searching. More to come, hopefully. Please feel free to join in – great fun when the gifted deposits contain any 0s but three 000s are motivation to look for more!
- We have a draft Volunteer Policy, attached to this email. Please read it – there won't be a test afterwards but we would very much welcome feedback prior to the AGM in November.
- We now have plenty of Readers, such good news but we need people to volunteer for copying and recording.

21st Century has arrived at STN

David Henderson, our Technical Manager and Paul Barker, Recorder have spent ages researching, purchasing and setting up new fit-for-purpose recording equipment – so very well done, Guys! Thank you from all of us – now we've got to get the hang of using it! Editors have met to have a first use of the new microphone system – Recorders will be marshalled together soon. David is seeing light at the end of the tunnel with recording manual production and new studio chairs will be purchased if Mary's latest funding request bears fruit. The sound quality is superior and David told the Committee last week that the new system is so much better than the current setup in many ways. There's more to be accomplished yet in terms of installation, sound proofing, etc. but 2025 will be a significant year of positive change up in the Attic at YCSS.

Talking Magazine Organisation

How quickly we've arrived at the coordination of Issue 4 of our Magazine! If you haven't already, please consider contributing in some way to this well received broadcast. The Christmas edition articles need to be to Mary and David by Friday 2nd December at the very latest, in order they can be given the sparkly treatment and collated for despatching on Thursday 12th December. Trevor has suggested that copiers adopt the habit of cleaning Magazine USB sticks as they come in over the two-month period, which lightens the time commitment load for the lucky copier who is on the rota for Magazine despatch day.

YCSS Christmas Lunch 🍷

We have been invited again to join with YCSS's Christmas Lunch event at Northcliff Golf Club on Friday 13th December at 12 noon. The YCSS Team says, "We once again look forward to the Scarborough Talking News Team joining us at this enjoyable festive meal." There is a menu selection sheet, which needs to be filled in and returned to the Centre with payment of £25, no later than Thursday 7th November (attached to this mailing).

So, together with the Scarborough 41 Club Christmas Charity Evening, we've already a couple of dates for our Christmas diaries!

Welcome to our New STN Volunteer...



Barrie Petterson

And finally ...

... Scarborough Talking News Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday, 19th November in the Meeting Room at YCSS at 11.30 a.m. Historically, one of our shortest meetings, you are all cordially invited to attend. It is the one time in the year when STN Volunteers meet up with our Listeners in the same space and a good turnout is a very heartening experience, as happened last year.



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