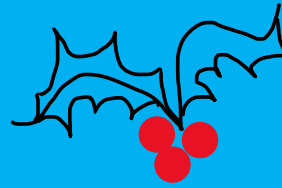


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My name is Valerie Bolton and I have lived in the Scarborough area for 22 years. Moving from Harwood Dale to Scalby in 2017 brought me into contact with various friends and groups so in 2018 I made a few inquiries about Talking News. It was received with great pleasure and I joined the happy band of readers in 2019. It was not long before the persuading and arm twisting began for me to take on the position of an editor. All this happened before COVID so I found myself on my own or with just one reader. I usually set myself plenty of time to sort out the readings, which on occasions is not easy, because the news is very 'thin'. As it can be difficult to please all the listeners all the time I, like other editors, add extra readings. I enjoy my Wednesday mornings so this year I began to dispatch on a Thursday so being part of the continuation process. I shall be very sad when I cannot climb those stairs any longer!!

Valerie Bolton, Trustee, Editor, Reader and Dispatcher



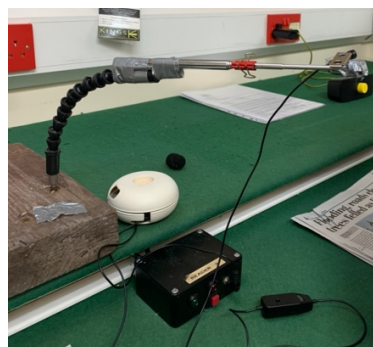
New Recording Equipment

As STN members are sitting down to leftovers of turkey and trimmings, a dedicated technical team will be taking out the old STN recording equipment from the Studio and replacing it with our new gear. This work, we hope, will be completed between Christmas and New Year. That means that, when Reader volunteers arrive for the first sessions of the New Year rota, you will need a little bit of familiarisation in using the new microphones. Please allow a little more time in your schedules for that. Otherwise, for our Readers, it will be business as usual.

For our Recording/Sound Engineer team we have a new PC, a new sound deck and new software to get used to as well. The old kit has served us very well, given that it is almost 20 years old, but it is time to move on and to provide an updated recording experience to our listeners.

We are very grateful to our donors - SeeCHANGE and St. Nicholas Masonic Lodge for generously providing us with the funds to make this happen.

David Henderson, Technical Manager



Out with the old...Thank You, Heath Johnson!



We Win Gold Again!

Colin Eastwood, YCSS Manager and STN Trustee, is delighted to share this happy seasonal news:

Yorkshire Coast Sight Support have won the Christmas Window Gold award for the third time running. We are top of our class in the Scarborough and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce Christmas Window competition.

This year's window is based on the carol 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' and includes a large singing Angel supported by 30 plus smaller angels. All the angels were handmade with help from the groups and some artistic friends! The display also included a house that was started by our Tuesday group, completed by Animated Objects and featured in the Peasholm Park lights display.

We also have a display of braille outside the Centre showing 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' in braille for people to try to read. A big thanks to all who helped with the display. Merry Christmas to all.

Colin and the Team.



Christmas with Scarborough 41 Club and YCSS at the Golf Club

Mary reports that a great night was had with the 41 Club at the Rugby Club, which was well attended. Mary writes, "...hopefully there will be some money from 41 Club in 2025! We are 1 of their chosen charities for the year."

Similarly, several of the STN team attended YCSS's Christmas lunch at the Golf Club, where there was much jolly chat and merriment!



A big 'Thank You' to all of you for your efforts throughout this past year and may your Christmas be as happy and contented as can be.

