

Volunteers' Newsletter Scarborough Talking News

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Hello, my name is Martin Walker, also known as Mary Grunwell's little brother! Having worked in Scarborough in the late 1980s, I made a decision to move back here, from Huddersfield, two and a half years ago, a decision I have not regretted. I now live in Cloughton where my house backs onto the village cricket green; fortunately, I'm a big cricket fan. I have been involved with amateur dramatic societies for over 50 years and soon after moving was asked to audition for the Burniston and Cloughton Pantomime and this year will be my third year as the pantomime baddie! Almost as quickly my sister asked me if I would like to be a reader for STN and I thoroughly enjoy my Wednesday slots reading the news and making occasional contributions to the magazine. Growing up, sports played a big part in my life, playing rugby for Barnsley and I'm now a member of Scarborough RUFC watching as many home games as possible. Before I came to live here, I enjoyed visiting to watch cricket at Scarborough CC and now as a member rarely miss days when Yorkshire visit that wonderful ground, although I could do without the occasional gifts from passing seagulls! I feel very fortunate to have the company of my extended family and many new friends who have made me feel very welcome here in Scarborough.

Martin Walker, Trustee Committee Member and Reader

Trustee Committee Conversation

These are the key issues discussed at the 14th January meeting:

- New recording equipment has been successfully installed over the Christmas period
- Plans for a Celebratory Music concert in September are starting to come together
- Trevor reminded us we needed £2500 for annual STN running costs and we have £8216.38 in the bank
- Nearly all of planned project expenditure for the past year has been matched with donations, with more funding to come shortly
- There are currently 76 Listeners receiving STN by Royal Mail
- Gill requested that all USB sticks have 'Bumpons' (tactile labelling) attached for ease of use
- The next AGM would be held on Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 11.30 a.m.

You can read the full minutes in the blue Minute Book, stored in the blue tray in the Despatch Room.

All Matters STN Magazine

STN Magazine 4 was issued successfully on Tuesday 17th December. Well done and thanks to everyone who was involved in any way. Trevor and Steph met to complete the recording and despatch and have volunteered to continue to organise future delivery of the Magazine. You will notice that Susan is now highlighting the rota to flag up the week it goes out and Editors have been asked to announce the next Magazine's arrival the week before delivery. Gill, our Listener representative, explained that the arrival of a third pouch could be confusing if it's delivered on a different day, so our Listeners need to hear in advance that this could happen.

On Friday, 24th January there was a gathering for anyone who was interested and able to discuss Magazine progress to date, analyse content and make suggestions for future issues. Mary draws our attention to the following:



1. Please do not read too quickly! Our Listeners have requested this.
2. Mary proposed that a microphone should be ordered for our Roving Reporter to make her interviews even better.
3. Please let Mary and David have your recordings by the 5th February at the latest. Send them to Mary on mary.grunwell@btinternet.com and David at scarboroughtalkingnews@gmail.com.
4. Mary knows that some of you aren't making any recordings this time and some of you might want articles to read. If so, just let her know.
5. You can resubmit articles that didn't make the cut first time round for any reason other than they weren't good enough!! David archives Whitby Museum and Maritime Heritage contributions and uses articles identified from Mary's playlist – other recordings are deleted from his system for storage maintenance purposes.
6. David asks that we remember to include a 10 second environmental recording before we start to speak. This allows him to judge how much cleanup to apply to the whole piece (removing background hums etc). This may not be possible for external events and interviews etc.
7. Copies of the remote recording guidelines are available from scarboroughtalkingnews@gmail.com.

Happy New Year!



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