

Volunteers' Newsletter Scarborough Talking News

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My name is Colin Eastwood, my real job is managing Yorkshire Coast Sight Support (YCSS), something I have done for 9 years. YCSS has supported STN for many years; the STN studio and dispatch office is on our top floor. Luckily for the listener, I don't do any reading in my West Yorkshire accent, a hybrid of Leeds and Bradford accent, as I'm originally from Yeadon, halfway between Leeds and Bradford and famous for its airport. I sit in the background of Talking News, doing the occasional funding bid, a bit of pointing in the right direction, I hope, and building partnerships. My long-suffering wife (not my description), Karen, works on our Mysight front desk team. I did spend some of my spare time dog walking but we recently lost our last dog, one of 6 at one time. We're attempting a dog break but we'll see how it goes! We are renovating the house; it was an 8-year project but here we are 20 years in and still doing it. I have ridden motorbikes since I was 16 and still do, but only in the summer. I have done lots of jobs from an apprentice engineer, maintenance engineer, energy manager and project manager, with a few others thrown in on the way. In a nutshell, that's me!

Colin Eastwood, Trustee Committee Member

Trustee Committee Conversation

These are the key issues discussed at the 4th March meeting:

- STN is receiving offers of support through Bex Blakey, Community Engagement Officer at SeeCHANGE.
- We have been given a large donation by Scarborough 41Club (see below).
- Steph Brown has stepped down as Secretary and the Committee will propose that Sylvia Brabbs takes over the role. Steph was thanked for her input.
- There will be an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) prior to the next Committee meeting on Tuesday 29th April for the necessary formal procedures to take place. All STN Volunteers and Listeners will be given formal notice of this by email and broadcast.
- Applicants for Reader volunteering will be put on a waiting list and applicants will be asked if they would consider training as Recorders, Copiers or Despatchers instead.
- The quality and coverage of items in local newspapers was discussed.
- A full Technical Manager Report is available to be read in the minute book in the Despatch Room.
- Old studio equipment is being recycled and we will shortly have the Studio clad.
- Listener numbers (posted USBs only) are currently 69. Numbers of returned pouches has fluctuated between 51 and 62 since January.
- The next Magazine 6 will be despatched on Tuesday 22nd April, with recordings arriving to Mary and David by 13th April.
- Discussion about the proposed new CIO Constitution continued and further clarity will be necessary before the document is sent to the Charity Commission for approval.

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

Magazine 6

The next Magazine 6 will be despatched on Tuesday 22nd April, with recordings arriving to Mary and David by 13th April.

During the Trustee meeting, Mary said Magazine 5 was well received but it was 'the most difficult to put together for various reasons, including the late arrivals of recordings'. Circle Tuesday 22nd in your diaries; ask friends and other good readers to record themselves as early as possible in advance of that date; send the recordings in pronto!

If you have links with any local music makers, please would you let us know? Steph could interview them and we can use their recording of Scarborough Fair and/or their own musical choices on future Magazine editions.

More Fabulous Fundraising - 41 Club Handover Photo



Mary wrote: 'Me! In middle of Richard Kirby, (vice chairman) on my left and Simon Lockley (events organiser) of 41 club on my right receiving a letter advising me of the proceeds from their Charity Night, held just before Christmas. The sum of £1,033 has been paid into our account...a very generous donation, following a very enjoyable evening. Martin W didn't make it into the photo - he took it - but he did get a free lunch!

Going Spare - free to a new home...



...an Epson Stylus PHOTO R300 printer, in working order when last used. Contact David for more information.

Finally.....David has changed the Volunteer section of the website to say, 'We are pleased to be able to report that we are not currently seeking additional Reader volunteers. We continue to welcome volunteer applications for Recorders, Copiers, Despatchers and for other of our administrative tasks e.g. Fundraising.' Could you volunteer for one of these roles or do you know someone who could and would make a good addition to our team? Please contact Mary and let her know.



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