



Scarborough 400 Celebrations

SCARBOROUGH TALKING NEWS at SCARBOROUGH 400 EVENT AT THE SPA.

18/19" July 2026.

This was a well organised event by Animated Objects and Seafest to get local organisations and community groups together in the Ocean Room at the Spa to showcase what they did. Last year a similar event attracted over 2000 visitors and the organisers were anticipating it to be busier this year. They believe about 4000 visitors attended.

From the STN perspective, the weekend was a success, and a BIG thank you to all our volunteers who manned our stall over the two days. We logged 50 contacts with the public, including a visit from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant for North Yorkshire who asked to pass on his appreciation of what STN did in Scarborough. We also had a visit from Paddy from Yorkshire Coast Radio who recorded an interview plus an extract of a recording from one of our machines. Most enquiries were from people on behalf of family or friends who had visual impairment or were blind or partially sighted and leaflets and contact cards were handed out. In addition, a medical practice and a residential care home in Filey took leaflets to display in their waiting rooms and we also had a representative from the local Macular Society who wanted to know how we may be able to help their members.

All in all, our first big event was a SUCCESS, and we are learning all the time about how to present ourselves to the public and what the general public perception is of Scarborough Talking News. THANK YOU EVERYONE.

Invitation to YCSS Christmas Lunch

We have again been invited to the Yorkshire Coast Sight Support Christmas lunch, to take place on **Friday 18th December at North Cliff Golf Club**, arrival **12 noon for lunch at 12.30 p.m.** The cost is **£27** per person to be paid in advance to the YCSS centre at 181-183 Dean Road (cheques made payable to Yorkshire Coast Sight Support). If you wish to attend, please let the YCSS team have your cheque no later than **Thursday 12th November**, including your name and address details and your choice of starter, main and dessert from the following menu:

Starter

- Homemade broccoli and Stilton soup & bread roll
- Chicken liver pate with homemade tomato chutney and toast
- King prawn cocktail salad topped with a lemon Marie Rose sauce

Main

- Roast turkey with cranberry stuffing, pigs in blanket, pan juice roast gravy
- Roast topside of beef with Yorkshire pudding, pan juice roast gravy
- Salmon fillet with lemon and parsley cream sauce

Dessert

- Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy sauce
- Homemade white chocolate and raspberry cheesecake with a raspberry cream
- Cheddar and Stilton platter

To follow: coffee and mince pies

Poor postal deliveries

Several of our listeners are reporting very late deliveries of their talking news – in one case, a listener in Whitby received her pouch with the latest news one whole week late! This is clearly a very unsatisfactory performance on the part of the Post Office. Articles for the Blind should be treated as first class post. After dispatch of the weekly news on a Thursday, the pouched should therefore be delivered on the Friday. We are not the only Talking Newspaper to suffer this problem. Recently John Singer, the MP for Rugby, raised the issue in Parliament of low, slow or bulk deliveries of mail to his constituents, including those receiving the local Talking News. On behalf of Scarborough Talking news, the Secretary is raising the issue with our local MP, Alison Hume.

Recorders and Editors wanted!

STN needs more editors and recorders on rota. Would you like to select the news items and recording order for the weekly news or are you of a technical bent and would like to try your hand at recording the news? Alternatively, do you have family or friends that would be interested? If so, please contact Secretary Sylvia on the email address below. Training would be given by existing editors/recorders.

Annual General Meeting

The next AGM of Scarborough Talking News will take place on Tuesday 17th November 2026 at 11 a.m. at the YCSS office in Dean Road. All volunteers welcome. There are vacancies on the Committee, particularly for a Technical Manager. Committee meetings are held four times a year at the YCSS office. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact Secretary Sylvia.



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