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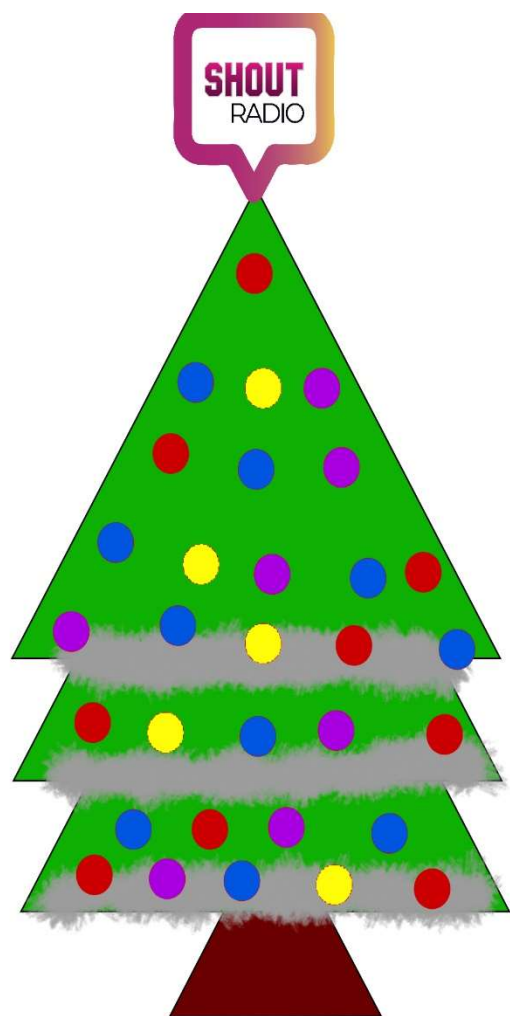
Merry Christmas Everybody!

Hello and welcome to Shout Radio's second newsletter! We put this together especially for the Christmas season. We hope everyone is keeping warm and feeling festive this Christmas!

As always, this newsletter has all the latest news from around the station, stories from our Presenters and few track recommendations from our Presentation Team!!



Feature Your Song Recommendations and Stories in our Next Newsletter!



Song recommendations are chosen from the various songs that our volunteers submit to the newsletter. You could have a song of your own featured in our next newsletter. Got a gem from the 1950s? Maybe you discovered a song from the 2000s that you want to share with people! We take song recommendations from any era and any genre.

Not all songs can be featured in a newsletter. If yours is not featured, it will likely be featured in the next newsletter!

We also feature the stories of our volunteers in the newsletter. It could be the story of something you did recently, how your radio show started, how you joined Shout Radio or even how you found Shout Radio in the first place!

Not all stories can be featured in each edition of the newsletter, but don't fear! If your story doesn't get featured in the current edition of the newsletter, then it will be featured in a future edition. So feel free to share your stories with us.

**Song
Recommendations
From Our Volunteers**

Songs chosen by our
volunteers!

**News from Around
The Station**

The latest news, from
around the station.

**Stories from our
Volunteers**

Stories submitted by our
volunteers!

Station News!

The latest updates to get you through the day

The number of volunteers working at Shout Radio has risen to 54! Just over half way to 100. It was only ten years ago we had just five volunteers! The team here at Shout Radio is pleased with the work of all of our volunteers here and hope to gain more in the new year!

We also managed to secure an interview with D:REAM! D:REAM are a pop and dance group hailing from Northern Ireland who produced the hit pop song “Things Can Only Get Better”, which was famously used by the Labour party in 1997. The interview was broadcast on the 3rd of December.



Song Recommendations!

Bill Pearson:

A Marshmallow World by Dean Martin

I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas by Gayla Peevey

I Have Wanted You For Christmas by The Mavericks

Robert Saunders' Deuce Acts:

Queen Phariah from London, England with her new single It's Christmas.

Gary & Linda from Ohio, USA, with their new Christmas single This Is That



Titus Jennings:

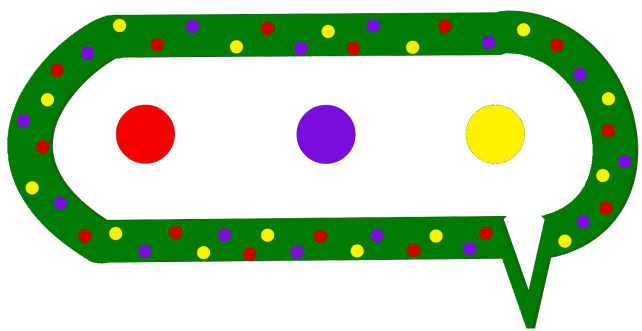
As regular listeners to my Titus Jennings Experience programme will know, I'm not a big fan of the bulk of Christmas songs. Too many years in retail have ruined them for me – I think the earliest I heard Noddy Holder's Pension Fund being played in a shopping mall in London was around August Bank Holiday. However, there are a handful of underplayed delights which are well worthy of your attention. One from 2009 is Kakrekar's Constant's totally beautiful “All You Wish Yourself”. It's one which, in my opinion, should be on everyone's Christmas playlist. You can find pick up a copy from their label, Talking Elephant, via <https://www.talkingelephant.co.uk/product-category/kaprekars-constant/>

Volunteer Stories!

Aaron Bennett (Chief Executive):

A lot has been going on behind the scenes here at Shout Radio. Most people would assume that we come into the station, spin a few records, prattle on the air and go home. Now this is where you are very mistaken. There's so much more to the station and so much hard work goes on behind the scenes, which goes unseen. A small army of men and woman, behind closed doors, in our office at Plymouth House, work tirelessly to keep us on the air.

For instance, there is Colin, our super talented, multi-tasking Office Manager, who knows the ins and outs of my filing system, a wizard at databases and a good laugh too. Colin came to us through the Fleetwood Youth Hub and has been volunteering with us since September 2023 and has never looked back. Also our Duty Team play a very important role on the station. The Duty Team are a small group of Senior Management, who, work alongside their regular role, to deal with the day to day problems and issues, which happen and also deal with emergencies.



The Duty Team work on a rota and in pairs up until midnight, and then there is one Duty Manager on call at night, weekends and holidays, with rapid access to Plymouth House, for emergencies. I am often on Duty at night, as well as the odd day duties and often at weekends. I don't mind, it keeps me very busy

Finally, we have now been at our new base for almost 6 months now and we are still loving it! Having a base, gives us not only somewhere for our volunteers to work from, but also gives us a more professional image.

I'd like to thank each and every volunteer for all their hard work over the last 12 months and from me and my team, **THANK YOU** and here is to another brilliant year for Shout Radio!

Steve James, host of Blues Café:

For me it's a family Christmas this year with some countryside walks, good food, good beer and music. And if I can combine all four, so much the better. My song recommendation is a really nice Blues track for Christmas called **Three Kings and Me** by Coco Montoya. Happy Holiday season from me Steve James and all in the Blues Café.