

Shout Radio

Latest news and bulletin updates

Administration Team

Happy New Year from Shout Radio!

Hello, everyone and Happy New Year! What a year 2023 has been for us all. Shout Radio moved into their new broadcasting location here at Plymouth House. We've gained new volunteers and hit our ten year anniversary of being on the air! We're looking forward to 2024.



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, What you got up to this month or a funny thing you saw!

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 admin team is starting to form together! Colin has been promoted from Admin Assistant to Office Manager and will now be leading things in the office.

We have also started recruiting more volunteers to join him as part of the administration team!

Shout Radio's goal for 2024 is to continue to grow by recruiting more volunteers to the station to serve in all the various different roles across the station, such as presenters, administration, social media and it. We hope to hit 100 volunteers and we're currently sitting at 57 volunteers!



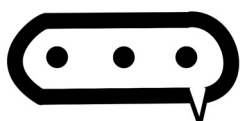
Volunteer Stories!

Mark Thomas: I'm so pleased to be able to part of a brilliant radio station that has such a variety of music. I love most music from all Decades from ABBA to Sam Smith. I'm currently looking forward going on holiday abroad a couple of times this year.

Leo Kirby: My plans for the show in 2024 are just to continue the way it's going. To use the old saying if its not broken then don't fix it. So I will continue to play music from the last 5 decades including the featured artist which each week is chosen by one of the listeners who tell me their favourite recording artists and 3 of their favourite songs. The Relax and Chill part of the show will continue that's 30 minutes of feelgood easy listening music each week. A song from either Sting or his band the Police played each week too. Of course music from recording artists trying to get a break in the music world will always be featured if its high quality.

Steve James: Going into 2024, the thing I look forward to is the UK Blues awards 2024 which recognises some of the great Blues talent we have.

And because I am a member of the Independent Blues Broadcasters Association (IBBA) I get to nominate (with other members of course) the artists going forward to the public vote. Very exciting.



Song Recommendations!

I Have a Dream by ABBA

Days of Our Lives by Queen.

Juliet by Lawson

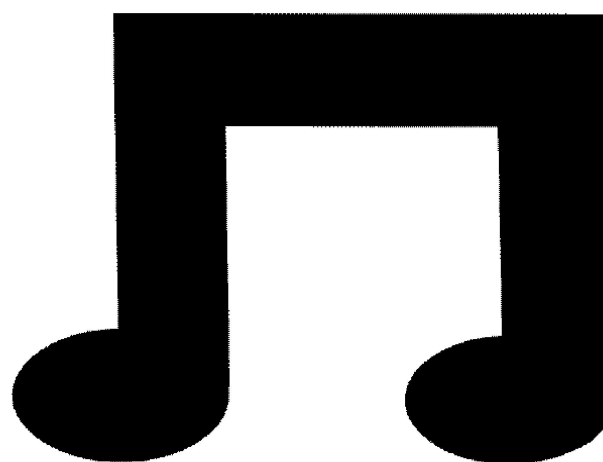
Love Letter To The Blues" by Connor Selby

This Edition's Deuce Acts!

Cold by Milena Galasso

You Got Me Praying by The Robert Paul Band featuring Tim McGeary

I Will Survive by Georgina White



Billy Camino:

I believe it was 'Sir Winston Churchill' who said something like: "...America and England are two 'Great Allies', separated by one Great Ocean, and one Great Language..." Hah-haa, yes, some Truth in that. Not only do I speak the 'Americanish' version of 'English', but, I also have a 'Pittsburghese Dialect'. I use it, to intentionally, create humorous descriptive phrases, not easily understood, even in many of the U.S. States.

However, with 'Shout Radio', there has never been a misunderstanding, because nothing has separated our Hearts. We share mostly, the same Broad range of widely Eclectic Music, and reverence for the Oldies. With our Leader, my dear Friend Aaron-Joshie Bennett, we have always shared the Fun, and Values of mutual Friendship.

My Favorite 2023 Story, being invited to 'Share-the-Spotlight' on 'Shout Radio's' fabulous 10th Anniversary. It was a delight, to meet, the consummate Professional, 'Mr. Toby Gribben', and an 'Honor' to become one of his 'Interviewees'. Humbling actually, considering the Galaxy of Stars, he has Interviewed during his awesome Career. Can't wait for the Twentieth Anniversary!!

Recently, I have begun, with a couple Stations', doing 'Live' 2-hour 'Oldies-Mix Party-Style Shows'. It's been much fun, but, I don't do it for 'anybody', and, I am NOT 'Scheduled'. I only do 'Live', when Requested by the Station, as a 'Fill-In', to 'Cover', if unexpected 'Gaps' occur in their 'On-Air Schedule'. Note: I have always done 'Live', for Decades, in 'Live Venues', always 'Free-of-Charge', for Friends, Family, Church, Community, whatever. So, this has become a 'New Toy' for 'Billy Camino at Studio Camino'.

Finally, new Music discovered, recently, includes:

The Avons: 'Seven Little Girls Sitting In The Back Seat'; Personally Requested, by 'Aaron-Joshie' himself, to be Dedicated, on 'The Camino Concept'!

Morrisey: 'All You Need Is Me'; from 'Toby Gribben's' Spectacular Venue!!

Cocomelon: 'I Want A Teddy Bear For Christmas'; from 'Baby Jo-Kool' our dearest 'Camino Te2uflig Nephew' from 'Bavaria'.

Jimmy Somerville: 'To Love Somebody'; 'Toby Gribben' again. Medusa's Disco: 'Hanging By A Thread'; from our Best Friends, great DJ's, 'Eric & Judi', at wmck fm Radio, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JP Ashkar: 'Halloween' (Haunted Mix), and, 'California Christmas'; from 'Wolfgang & Elisabeth', our #1 Fans in the World, from Berlin Germany.

Wild Rivers: 'Left-Off'; from our # 1 Chat-Room Ambassador, of 'Have-A-Blast-Radio', Netherlands Station.

Eric 13: (I Wanna) Chainsaw Your Face; from, 'PUNK', my Best Friend in McKeesport, Pennsylvania Radio.

Bill Kirchen: 'Hot Rod Lincoln', from 'Princess Reba', our dear Hearted Friend, and General Manager; of HABR in North Carolina.

Liam Lynch: 'United States of Whatever', and, 'Still Wasted From The Party Last Night'... kept hearing this 'Stuff', on various Stations!!

The Shirelles: 'I Met Him On A Sunday'... my very own Chestnut-Brown-Eyed Girl, and Newlywed Wife of 49 Years, 'Lynda' (LyndyLou)!!!

A Day On Duty with Our CEO Aaron Bennett

I work several different shifts, including during the day and at night. In this article, I will give you a day in a life scenario of my job and what I get up to, when I am at the station. (Not all events have happened in one single day)

11am: The first thing I do, when I come to work, is boil the kettle. I need a good morning brew, so I make a bee-line to the kitchen and make myself a cup of coffee. (Milky, with 3 sugars) Then, I go to my desk and I check my emails. I get quite a few emails in the morning. Some are for informational purposes and some are rubbish that need deleting. Some emails require my reply, so I slowly go through each one and act on them, if needed. Then I check the Duty Book and the diary.

The Duty Book, is how Management communicate events that have happened and any work that needs to be done or any messages that need to be conveyed. It is easier than email, as the big green book isn't as easy to lose as an email! The Diary has any upcoming appointments and meetings, which are scheduled for that day, so I check the diary, to make sure that I am aware of any appointments.

11:10am: By now, I have the boring beginning of the day bits done and I have had my fix of caffeine, so I start to work with the Admin Team, making sure any paperwork is processed and that filing is started as needed. Thankfully, I have a brilliant Office Manager, who has organized all the station filing for me.

11.30: My first appointment. I have a new applicant coming in for a chat and a brew about volunteering with our IT Team. Our IT Systems always need attention and it is our IT Volunteers, who take care of this for me. For this, I borrow the Break out Room, make the 'new voli' a brew and have a really "geeky chat" about IT and IT Systems. (Yes, I am a bit of a IT Nerd!)

12:00pm: By now, I need another coffee and a cigarette, so I make myself a brew and dart outside into the cold for a quick smoke. I have only just sat down again at my desk and low and behold, the fire alarm is activated! So it's back outside to the car park, but thankfully this was only a drill and not a real fire!

12:20pm: Once again, I check my emails and respond to anything that I may have missed while I am away from my desk and respond to telephone messages that may have been left. Then, it is on to processing the new applicants, making sure Admin get paperwork done for them and that systems access is provided, for systems they will need to use in their role.

12:40pm: I am called to an emergency. Someone is not well in the Break Out room and as a First Aider, I am first on the scene. I give essential first aid, until paramedics arrive and hand over to them. Once this is done, it's back to my desk, to fill in an incident form for this and make sure it is sent over to Thrive.

1pm: And I am hungry, so I go to the kitchen and throw in a microwave dinner that I have bought in. I have just about finished it, when another applicant comes in for interview, so I have to quickly grab his paperwork and greet him at the door. I have a very interesting conversation with him and find out that he worked in the old Foyer Project in town, where I once took residence! We reminisce about some of the staff, residents and good time, while we are chatting.

1:45pm: And another stack of paperwork. It doesn't stop! Plus now our Photocopier is on the blink and has run out of toner, so I have to get online and order more toner, as well as making sure that the paperwork is completed and filed, before our Office Manager clocks off at 2.

2pm: It is time for Colin to clock off. So I follow him out for a quick smoke break and then crack on with paperwork, that needs completing by the end of the day.

3:30pm: I get a phone call from Social Services, about an autistic man, who wants to join the station as a show uploads assistant and wants to know more about the role and if the role can be done from home, as the man in question is housebound. I have a lovely chat with the Social Worker and explain more about the role and how the role can be done from anywhere with an Internet connection. The Social Worker tells me that the man's mother is going to get in touch with me. This gets written into the Duty Book, to remind me.

4pm: As the building winds down, I am still very busy. Now I am underneath the desk and have one of the servers pulled out. Sadly, it has lost its connection to the Internet, so I need to pull it out, to check the cabling. The machine does have the cable connected to it, so next I check the switch. It seems the cable has come loose, so is easily fixed by pushing the cable back into the switch and sliding the server back into place.

4:30pm: Time for another coffee! 3 new applications have come in, so I am on the phone to each applicant, completing a new enquiry form and having a very brief chat. I arrange for each applicant to come in for a chat and a brew and write this in the diary.

5pm: Home Time! My computer gets switched off, my mug gets put in the dishwasher, the lights get turned off and the office door locked. I have a very quick catch up with our Cleaner (Bev) and have a quick natter and a laugh, before heading home for the day.

