

Newsletter 05 - Happy New Year!

Work on transforming the old British Gas showroom at 90a Front Street East, Bedlington into a professional grade broadcasting studio is now just about complete.

The power is on, decorating more or less finished thanks to Kevin Foster of Foster and Butters, and carpet and lino laid throughout.

This good news was toasted on-site with bubbly as we thanked our brilliant volunteers Brian Oliver and Malcolm Robinson (pictured above with Colin Heathcote, John White and Neal Younger) for all the hard work they had put in at the studio. We've been able to furnish the studio, reception area and kitchen with furniture and equipment donated kindly by Catherine and



Peter Ennor of Alnwick and we will soon be progressing with broadcasting and transmission gear.

Broadcast The recent completion of work has meant we have been able to apply for our first 28-day restricted service licence broadcast. Subject to Ofcom's ok we hope to be on-air in the Spring.

Programmes

We've got much to get through as we plan for the broadcast and we want to hear your programme ideas. Once we have confirmed the dates for the broadcast, we will contact you about your plans and your availability for presenting programmes.

We will be holding a **Volunteers' get-together**

between 6.30pm and 8.30pm on Monday February 6 at the studio. Light refreshments will be available (free of course). Please contact Colin Heathcote on 01665 711358 or colin.heathcote@snrgroup.co.uk to confirm your attendance.

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It's very important that volunteers get basic broadcasting **training** before hitting the airwaves and so we are organising initial training sessions at The King Edward VI School radio studio. Contact John White to book your individual training slot - john.white@snrgroup.co.uk tel: 01670 501515. The studio is located in the school's Graphics department.

Community Involvement

In recent weeks SNRG has joined forces with new volunteer Colin Patterson of Station Entertainments at a police road safety event, a Christmas tree lights switch-on and the opening of Bedlington Station indoor market.

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Both West Bedlington Town Council and East Bedlington Parish Council have awarded grants totalling £700 to help the project.

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