

# NEWSLETTER

Winter 2022

**T**his is our newsletter for Winter and the New Year 2022, and we would like to thank you for your support both financially and prayers throughout the last 2 years with the Covid pandemic.

Since our last newsletter back in Autumn 2019 we have seen the world turned totally upside down with the effects of the pandemic. Who would have thought that life would change dramatically for the world as we know it, in such a short space of time and the fear that has been put upon people?

As Christians we have the knowledge that God loves us so much and is and will always look after

us as promised in his Word. He is there alongside us even in our time of trouble and that we can rely upon Him standing firm upon the solid rock Jesus Christ and be not afraid.

The Bible tells us about what we will experience as we head towards His second coming and that we need to adhere boldly on the promises given to us in the Bible and share with others the true Gospel, Grace and Love of Jesus to a world that has had a spirit of fear put on them over the last 2 years. As God's children we will be anxious for nothing.

Amen.

## Shows

**T**hroughout the pandemic we have managed to broadcast as normal where possible, with some volunteer presenters working from home and recording some shows when the restrictions were in place. We also introduced 10am Sunday morning church services with messages from the various Ministers of Dewsbury. This was to ensure that listeners who were unable to attend church didn't miss out on hearing a Sunday service.

The 11pm midweek Insight for Living Romanian and Polish broadcasts have continued, and we shall be doing more work with the Pastor based at Elim Church

on developments and its impact within those local communities.

Dudley Anderson's Saturday and Sunday evening Reality show has been well received along with Tania Harris and her weekend God Conversation broadcasts which address relevant issues that sometimes we shy away from as Christians.

New shows are being developed and in the pipeline which we will update you on in the next newsletter.





Our 2022 operating budget for the station will be £17,000 and we need your help to achieve this over the coming weeks and months. We don't receive any grant funding from other bodies, only from you the listeners and supporters of Branch FM.

Our projected annual budget only covers the day to day running costs that keep the Branch FM operating and doesn't include for the replacement or upgrade of any equipment.

We need to raise extra finances (£1,000) to help have the transmitter and ancillary attachments serviced and re-furbished as they are now 15 years old and operating 24 hours a day.

Purchase 3 new reconditioned computers (£300-500 each) that run the broadcasting play-out systems and also upgrade the actual play-out software (£1,000) which is now out-dated.

We will be looking to do more events in addition to the sponsored walk to raise money for 2022. If you have

any creative fundraising ideas then let us know, or if you want to complete a sponsored event.

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We are a listener supported radio station and any one-off gifts or regular donations (no matter how small or big) is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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## Royd Court Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who responded to their volunteer request last November. Also thank you to those who enquired into the role within the complex. We will work in partnership with Royd Court at Mirfield for regular updates on how things are progressing with things.

## Sponsored Walk 2022

Last June during the pandemic we were still able to do our annual sponsored walk and were blessed with some glorious weather whilst doing so. We had a little trouble with our map reading skills and ended up doing well over the usual 10 miles, but it was well worth the effort as we thoroughly enjoyed walking through God's creation up on the hills around the Pennine Way. This year we are planning to do our walk on Saturday 7th May. Please can you help out by sponsoring us on this event,

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which is one of our main fund raisers due to the pandemic impact on other events.





# Featured Interview

## Wendy Duckworth part 1



**Q. How did you become involved with Branch FM?**

I was at an event at Dewsbury Minster

working on a stand for Release International. Barnabas asked if he could interview me regarding my volunteer work for Release International. After he had interviewed me he asked if I would be prepared to speak on the radio about Christian Persecution. The rest is history!

**Q. How and when did you become a Christian?**

I always thought I was a Christian I went to church, believed there was a God and said my prayers and thought that was a Christian. My first husband John went to see a consultant about his illness and picked up a pamphlet in the waiting room. The consultant had written the pamphlet and through that pamphlet, and asking the consultant questions about what he'd read, John gave his life to the Lord on his way home in the car. He told me he had given his life to the Lord and eventually as I saw the difference in him, and also meeting Bob Ward at the Branch book shop and speaking to him over a couple of years I gave my life to our Saviour. However, it took me three years of arguments, trials and tribulations as well as a great deal of soul searching. That would be about 30 years ago.

**Q. What is or was your day to day job and what did it involve?**

I was an area manager for the Birmingham Post and Mail, who owned a lot of different companies as well as

the newspaper. One of these companies was a Card and gift company where I was placed. I was in control of 25 branches all over the North of England and travelled considerably. I also took control of 'Problem' branches from other areas of the UK and was known as the 'Trouble Shooter' [not popular!!] I was in charge of every conceivable thing in all the branches including hiring, firing, stock purchasing, displays as well as window displays and the smooth running of each branch. I also closed underperforming branches and had a team of people to help on those occasions. Again I would travel all over the UK to close branches. I was also a stock taker and travelled extensively throughout the country taking 'Problem' stocks. I had to start work very early and had to stay sometimes until midnight taking the 'Problem' stocks. As you can imagine I was not a very popular person because if the problem was not resolved the manager had to go and I was left to run the branch until a manager was engaged. I was away from home a lot of the week, staying in hotels and often having to work weekends as problems were always ongoing and popped up at any time.

**Q. Away from Branch FM what are some of your favourite past times?**

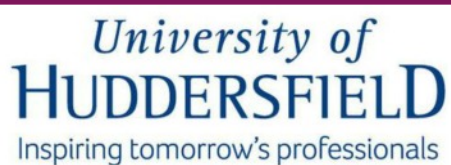
I have very little time for personal pursuits as I am always busy but I love to go away on holiday to remote places by the sea; if only to recharge my batteries. I love to walk and watch the wild life, birds, and simply love to look at all God's handiwork from flora and fauna to his glorious universe.



## Students

When the restrictions were partially lifted last year we managed to support a couple of students from Huddersfield University with work placements to assist with their course work and media studies. That was a real blessing for us all, to be able to work alongside young students again, encouraging them through times they were obviously struggling with and to share our faith with them. We pray that the seeds sown with them during their time at Branch FM will, through the power and work of the Holy Spirit, reap a harvest in the future.

We are looking forward to having more student's on work placement during the year and we will keep you updated accordingly so you can support them in your prayers.



Once again many thanks for your continued stance with us in faith on this mission along with your prayers and financial support.

Lives are being changed and the 'darkness' driven back each and everyday with God's Word broadcast through the airwaves, locally, nationally and worldwide, hallelujah praise the Lord.

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