

# NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2018

**W**e look forward to summer starting soon hoping for some good weather because spring time couldn't have been less predictive could it? We have experienced snow, flooding and more recently a record breaking heat wave! We struggle to find some consistency with our daily weather, so up and down just like how life can be. But isn't it good to know that we can look to God and His Word which changeset not and is always consistent, faithful and true. That is what we strive to do here at Branch FM, consistently

broadcast each day God's life changing loving Gospel message so that all people have the opportunity to hear how He loves and cares for each and every one of us, no matter who we are or whatever we've done. Yes, He is there for everyone and tells us to 'cast all our cares upon Him for He cares for us' (1 Peter 5:7). All we have to do is believe and say yes to Him and our lives will be changed forever. What a promise that is for everyone.

## Branch FM is worldwide

**W**e have been analysing the statistics from our Internet streaming service and over the last 12 months Branch FM has been listened to by people from over 130 different countries around the world. WOW isn't that amazing and just shows us all how we are fulfilling the Lord's calling of going into all the world to share His Gospel with our commitment on a daily basis to broadcast His Word. Yes, we are not only reaching many thousands of listeners in our local area but many more across the globe giving people the chance to hear God's loving redemptive message and respond to that call. Hallelujah.





Once again, the team has been on the road going to Mowbray Community Church at Harrogate to cover the Big Church Night In concert held there which saw the amazing Leeland heading up the worship. It was a packed house and the guys were fully engaged with the live broadcast and had some great interviews on the show.



We also covered Pastor John Donnallys recent visit to the Charis Bible College open days at Dewsbury. He was teaching for 2 days and we were able to broadcast those sessions live which were a real blessing to us all.



We are now in the midst of our preparations for the Spring Bank holiday weekend coverage of the Grace and Faith Conference down at Telford. Over the 4 days we shall be covering the live teaching sessions by Andrew Wommack, Duane Sherrif and Wedell Parr so if you can't make the actual conference you won't miss out by tuning into Branch FM and hearing it. Full details will be on the website nearer the event.

## Branch FM Wheels

We have commissioned work to begin on our set of wheels and we are excited to believe hopefully within the next few months we shall have our mobile broadcasting studio up and running that will be seen all around the local area as well as up and down the country when we travel to the various events we have planned to broadcast from.

There is a budget set for the renovation work and in faith we see that budget met and if you want to sow into that work you can by just marking your gifts 'mobile studio' and it will only be used for that part of the ministry.

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These are exciting times for Branch FM and you can be involved today with all that we are doing by supporting the station through your prayers and financial giving so why

not do that now and be blessed.

Amen



# Featured Interview

Martin Cooper



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

A. I've worked in the radio industry since the early 1980s. For the past twenty years I've been teaching radio at the

University of Huddersfield. Branch FM's breakfast presenter, Barnabas Childs, is one of our former students. In 2015 I offered to help organise volunteer training days for the whole Branch FM team at the university studios in Huddersfield. In 2018 my teaching commitments reduced, allowing me to offer more time to volunteer with Branch FM. I now work here one day a week, producing and presenting the Market Talk programme at 1 o'clock on Wednesday lunchtimes. I spend the morning in Dewsbury market talking to shoppers, before coming to the studios to present the show.

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

A. I first accepted Jesus into my life when I was 17. However, I walked away from him 18 months later and it wasn't until my early forties that I asked for His forgiveness and came back to Him. I'm now happy and fulfilled, living my life with Jesus my Saviour. I worship at New life Christian Centre in Wakefield.

**Q. What is your day to day job and what does it involve?**

A. I work part-time at the University of Huddersfield teaching radio broadcast skills.

I'm developing a book project - which is a cultural history of the radio in Britain, and I write an associated blog at <https://prefadelisten.com/>

I also work as a freelance journalist for radio stations including BBC Radio Leeds, occasionally reading and writing the news for them.

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

A. Country walks, foreign travel, playing electric guitar.

**Q. Have you any funny moments that have happened during show presenting times at Branch FM or elsewhere?**

A. In the 1990s I worked at a radio station in York. One afternoon I'd invited an official of the local council to come and be interviewed on air. The man's name was Tony Bennett. When I was told that he'd arrived in our reception area I shouted (without thinking) to our receptionist down the stairs, telling her to ask him to wait because "I'd left my heart in San Francisco". The council official was very patient with me, and said that he had indeed heard that joke before. I apologised.



## Student Feedback

We continue to be fully committed to our local community and maintain on a weekly basis the work we do with our volunteers who might have special needs and requirements, without employment and young people who just require that extra support and helping hand due to their personal circumstances. Friendships have been developed over the many weeks and months working together and we see their real commitment to helping the station and themselves which is a true blessing to all the team. Our work placement students from Huddersfield University have now left and look to finish off their degree work before the end of the term and we pray that all goes well for them and they achieve the grades that they have worked towards. We will look forward to our new batch of students coming to us after the summer break.

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'I appreciate what you are doing and what you have done in helping to strengthen my faith and those who listen to your station'

'I have been really blessed by the music and excellent teaching'

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### Edwin a recent student at the station said

'I was here only briefly but i greatly enjoyed my time at Branch FM. Extremely grateful to Barnabas and the team for a very friendly and cosy atmosphere and making me part of the productive process. I have learnt a lot and grown a lot. I know the team will have a productive and prosperous year'



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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