

Plastering the Studio



Dave Bee of Northern Air relaxes after refurbishing Studio 2. And I thought the plaster was for the walls!

As we enter our 50th year of broadcasting to North Manchester General and Salford Royal Hospitals, we at Northern Air decided to mark the occasion by making some cosmetic changes.

To do this, as you are all aware, costs a considerable amount of money. Where do we start? The Lottery, yes, then a meeting with the Chief Executive of the Trust. All is going well so far. We then invited some members of Robert Burns Masonic Lodge in Salford to our studio. They liked what we were trying to achieve and made a generous donation.

Part of the plan is to refurbish Studio 2 and also to update our existing computer, with the idea of streaming our output.

We began by ordering the new equipment, e.g. Sonifex desk, CD players and a whole range of other things too numerous to mention. It's amazing how much a roll of wire costs these days!

Studio 2 was stripped of all the old equipment, but we still had to function 24/7. It's amazing how a chair comes in handy for balancing a mixing desk on!

The Studio was measured for the new furniture and was duly fitted. We then had a huge setback over the weekend when a flood was reported in the basement, under the studios. Thieves had broken into the building stealing copper piping and cutting through the lead gas pipes. Two maintenance men came to investigate, resulting in an explosion, with one receiving third degree burns. Thankfully he is on the road to recovery.

Since then, things have moved on apace. It's looking absolutely fantastic! Hopefully it will be finished by Christmas and the new computer fully installed.

Watch this space!

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