

Who is this man ?
During the Summer
we ran a
competition to give
away a
free myReader.

This lucky man
came along to our
stand at the
Sight Village
Exhibition and
entered the
competition.

Inside you will find
out who he is and
the differences
myReader
makes to his
College.

Hull College wins Free myReader Competition

Barrie Wheatley who visited our stand at Sight Village in July, was the lucky winner of a free myReader, the world's first low vision auto reader.

Barrie is a Lecturer with visually impaired students at Hull College and the myReader will take pride of place in their new Special Needs Resource Unit. However due to its portability and suitability for so many people with low vision, their new myReader will also be taken out and about in the area of Hull and East Ridings to assist many of the 130 visually impaired students participating in their outreach programme.

"We are delighted as a company, that so many students with low vision will benefit from using this myReader." said Alan Davis, Sales Manager

Since the College took delivery of their free myReader the feedback from all the students who have used it has been excellent.

Barrie says "I have taken My Reader into people's homes and into classes in church halls and the like. My Reader is extremely portable yet simple to set up and use. It is powerful and flexible and meets the needs of most of my students with low vision."

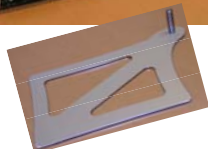
As someone who has been working directly with visually impaired people for over 20 years, Barrie instantly recognised the advantages of myReader against other technologies, which made it even more special to have his name pulled out of the hat



Left to right Eileen O'Grady, Barrie Wheatley and Alan Davis

Spotlight on the Solo

The most affordable Classroom and Distance Camera for people needing a laptop solution



Connecting to a laptop by just one cable the Solo magnifies text directly to the laptop screen, the same camera can then be directed towards the blackboard or whiteboard at the front of class. Features include :

- Images can be captured and stored on the laptop.
- Table clamp or base plate stand (see picture)
- 6 hours battery operation
- x1-x40 lineal magnification (based on 15" screen)
- Split screen and false colours
- Weight 1.3 kg
- Simply up and running in seconds

Solo - the ideal laptop companion

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myReader and here is the 6.0 clock news

We are all familiar with the autocue technology that television news readers and presenters use on a daily basis. They do not read with text moving from left to right, and backwards and forwards it would simply not be practical and yet we have expected partially sighted students using their CCTVs' to read in exactly this way for the last 35 years.

But now using myReader in column mode the text is presented on the screen in exactly the same way as an autocue, therefore allowing students to read effortlessly, quickly and for considerably longer than with a CCTV.

Although myReader only has a 15" LCD screen, because the whole area of the screen is being used intelligently and not just the band width (as with a CCTV), this size of screen is ample. As an example, with myReader a size 12 font magnified 13 times gives the equivalent amount of consecutive text that if read with a CCTV would require a 60" screen, see example below.



The view using myReader

Since 1000AD, when the Venetians discovered that text could be magnified if it was placed under a convex blob of glass, it has

The view from a standard CCTV monitor

Since 1000AD, when a convex blob of glass, it has remained a laborious document while peerin It has also required skill

BrailleNote mPower

The continuing path to empower blind students to achieve their potential

The Launch of the BrailleNote mPower in the Summer has deservedly gained much attention, in addition to the previous Brailnote, mPower provides the following features and benefits :

- ◆ Increased connectivity including USB, Bluetooth ,secure digital - more ways of storing and transferring data
- ◆ X-Scale internal processor for faster surfing of the web and email
- ◆ Built in voice recorder with facility for external microphone
- ◆ 128 mb memory
- ◆ Improved on board memory and processing

The mPower is available with the same choice of keyboard styles and Braille cells as the original BrailleNote family and at no extra cost.

For your students currently using BrailleNotes, why not take advantage of the special upgrade to BrailleNote mPower, now available for all BrailleNotes with Braille Displays, call our sales office on 01933 626000 to find out more.



Braille Technology Expertise

BETT 2006 11-14 January 2006

Once again HumanWare will be exhibiting at the BETT show at Olympia in January. If you are visiting the show, please come along to our stand SN 28 in the Special Needs Village.

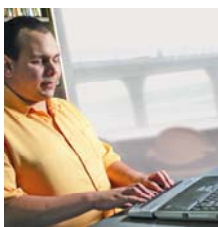
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You can be assured of a warm welcome by our staff and have the opportunity to try and discuss our wide range of truly innovative products. Inside we have enclosed an invitation and registration form to save you time on the day.

Brailiant Update

Our range of Braille displays for use with PCs and laptops will now work with all major screen reading software including JAWS, HAL and Window Eyes with both USB and Bluetooth, wireless connectivity. Incorporating Bluetooth the student can easily take the Brailiant from one PC to another without the need for connecting fiddly wires. The 30 hours battery on Bluetooth (100 hours USB) provides even greater flexibility.



The Brailiants are available in 5 sizes, 24, 32, 40, 64 and 80 cells and prices range from £1995, to £6195. Each Brailiant comes with a full working copy of Window Eyes Screen reading Software. To arrange a free no obligation demonstration please call our sales office on 01933 626000

New Sales Team Member

Welcome to Jo Curtis who joined us in October. Jo's role is Internal Sales Administrator. If you need any sales information or would like to arrange a demonstration, Jo will be pleased to arrange this for you.



Trekker GPS Out and About

For College and University Students, who may travel to and from various campus sites, GPS Trekker could be an invaluable tool in assisting with their mobility and independence. Please note this is always used in conjunction with a guide dog or cane.

For a small fee the Trekker can also incorporate the latest features of the Maestro PDA which include the following:

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