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NEWSLETTER

Spring has sprung"Boing". Time to catch up with more news at Heatherwood.

MARATHON.

We start this month with marathon fever which gripped the management this sunday. A gruelling course of 13 miles, and no chance of a drink at the pubs on the way. A cold sunday morning, and a bleary eyed management team prepared to do battle for the love of the radio station. All the previous month's preparations paid off when at 1:54 mins a successful entrant to the marathon crossed the finishing line, and an unknown £ sum; better off for the radio station.

I think perhaps at this point; I should mention, we the management team were exhausted from chasing around the course the real star of the race: Scott Cowie an associate of P.J. who decided to run on our behalf. "Yes it was exhaustive driving that car, and taking the pictures. A big thankyou to Scott Well Done.

COMPUTER (Record library)

The library now complete, and all records entered on the computer. A big thankyou must go to Dave for all the hard work he has done in making our lives easier. A full print of both files is now available, and any corrections will be made over the next few weeks; with a reprint in the near future. The computer itself will appear sometime in the autumn.

ASCOT FIRE BRIGADE TRUST.

A presentation of the computer took place on friday 6th April at the studio by the trust. This was to recognize their contribution of the money towards the computer. It is the second time these have awarded us a sizeable donation. The overall impression was they would be happy to help us sometime in the future; which must be good news for us.

RECORDS (Appeal)

We are still receiving an odd phone call; with donations for RH, don't forget if you receive a phone call at the studio; take the person's name and tel no, and advise that Dave will contact them as soon as possible.

On sunday 2nd April a little get together to celebrate the first birthday of the medium wave service Took place. We would like to thank all those who attended. It was also a chance for you to meet your fellow presenters, and see the computer in action.

MEDIUM WAVE (Our Service)

One of the areas that let's us down is the promotion of the service on the medium wave, I have said this many times before but it is worth repeating, we must take the opportunity to promote this service at any occasion, especially on ward rounds. If you can come up with an in-expensive way of promotion of our MW, contact me with the details.

(Footnote on this item you should be advertising this in your program)

GRAND DRAW (Prizes)

The grand draw takes place in Sept as usual, we are printing 21,000 tickets this year. The sale of tickets will start at the end of June. The Grand Draw is the main source of income for next years running costs for all of those who don't know. This years draw must provide us with the maintenance costs for the inductive loop system for the coming two year contract.

FETE DAY

To all staff this years fete day is on sunday the 4th June, we expect all staff to attend on the day from 9am until the fete finishes and everything is cleared away, remember we are governed by the league of Friends and this is the one day of the year when we are able to assist them in raising funds for general projects on the hospital.

The following people will be directly involved on the day:

P.J. P.A. Setup/Broadcast manager.

Dave smith assisting pa setup/assisting League.

- T kensall Presenting morning programs/engineering on field.
- V Lewis " /Dressing up for the fete.
- J Shortland Assisting morning presenters/Dressing up for the fete.
- R Hawkes Radio Heatherwood Stall.
- G Young " "

All other presenters not named will be asked to assist the league of friends on the field.

Broadcast details will be notified nearer the time.

During our little get together; I mentioned the opportunity of having, any little stories or anecdotes published in the newsletter. The following has been brought to my attention:

A donation of £5 was given to us on the understanding that; we broadcast a marriage proposal,well as we will do anything for money we obliged.

A further donation of £5 was received from the maternity porter, who has departed, and gave us a glowing report, and said he was sorry to be leaving, and only wished that he could pick us up at home.

If you have any ideas or newsworthy items, which could be included in the next issue, contact me with the details.

STUDIO CLEANINESS.

The studio complex was a pig sty when I first joined this station nine years ago. At all times it must be tidy so that we can invite people to the facilities who may put more money our way; we don't wish to arrive to find it in the above state.

A quick sweep round with the broom, and the emptying of the bin will not take much of your time, and a dust round with the duster doesn't take long. If there is not an improvement in this area, nights will be allocated cleaning of the studio on a monthly basis.

BROADCAST NOTES.

See console.

TRAINING (Confidence)

It has come to our attention that some people are not coming to grips with certain aspects of the job, ie ward rounds, equipment etc, If this applies to you, DO not be afraid to come and ask for some extra tuition from the management, shirking your responsibilities, and sweeping the problem under the carpet does not solve the problem. We do have a sympathetic ear and the door is always open on any sat for a chat.

And In The End

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

P.J.

POLICY REVIEW.

The terms and conditions of Radio Heatherwood are currently being updated, and will replace the current blue book. This will appear very shortly, but the following should be read and implemented with immediate effect.

The reporting of suspected faults with studio equipment should be:-Any line item/mike item/headphones, through the mixer; The details written in the yellow book, and the book placed on the engineers team clip.

If it is a fault with the transmission system a phone call to the engineer immediately, (Includes 100 volt line system).

The use of radio's placed in patient or public waiting areas is strictly forbidden. No presenter is to under-take to provide this service.

No person engaged in the services of the League of friends is to swap around any hand held radio units on the wards; (This includes all radio staff).

One of the guidelines which is already their but certain individuals are ignoring, is the careless talk to people outside of the radio, to members of the public, and staff. This does untold damage to our reputation, and hinders our progress to expand in the hospital.

It has come to my attention that someone is telling people that we will be broadcasting to north Ascot in the near future. The only way this is likely to happen is if we become pirates. Any conversation or written material which is communicated internally should stay that way. I do not consider this very funny, and certainly the hospital management team were not amused by this. This kind of careless talk under-minds our position in the community both inside the hospital and outside.

" KEEP YOUR IDEAS TO YOURSELF AND REMEMBER FOOT IN MOUTH."

"IT HURTS US NOT YOU"

WHOSE WHO

THE MANAGEMENT

Dave Smith..........Manager & Librarian..Tel No Bracknell P.J.Davidson-Smith....Secretary & Engineer.Tel No Bracknell Trevor Kensall.......Public Relations.....Tel No Bracknell BROADCAST STAFF

Mondays.....John Bembridge (Teamleader)

John Rentell(T)

Tuesdays.....Jane Shortland(T)

Ted Harris(T)

Wednesdays......Roger Hawkes (Teamleader)

Jacqui Ryan Gordon Young

Fridays......Trevor Kensall (Teamleader)

Viv Lewis

Harvey Lodder (T)

Saturdays......Dave Smith (Teamleader)

Peter J Davidson-Smith

Kieran Hughes (T)

T Denotes Trainee.

This is a current list of staff at Heatherwood.

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BROADCAST NOTES.

BATTERIES

The Trolley shop now carries batteries for the loan radio's. These are available at a reasonable price.(PP3/Penlight). Please as often as you can, ask patients through your program, to support the loan radio service by buying fresh batteries for their radio. The trolley shop comes around the wards every mon, wed, friday.
