

Feedback

On sat 6/3, PJ was given an ultimatum by Jo & Jenny on ward 5 behave yourself or we will have you down on the ward and do something really wicked like a bed bath !

( Ed: I was wicked all evening and I'm still waiting for me bath " Yeah " )

Trotter's Independent Traders ( TIT )

Trotter's independent traders stuck again on Sat 13/3 when members of the station manned the charity market stall at Bracknell Market. bargains on offer included Eric Clapton's Guitar, Brucie's wig, Fanny Craddocks cooking utensils. A total of £300.21 was realised. A big thankyou to all those who signed up for this years stall.

This months special offer

Would you like to come round and peel my Bramley's !.

( Ed: No but would you like to see my etchings )

Loan Radio Service

At the league of friends meeting on 15/3 the league agreed to take on the responsibility for the maintenance costs of providing these units.

Yakkety Yak

Why was Carla's Coat in Roger's Car ?

Why has Lee got withdrawal symptoms ?

Why are there so many women working with Gordon ?

Help

The success of the charity stall was due in part to the donations from former patients and staff etc. Saturday 20/1 and a plea on my clip from Alan Holder to see if a book which he donated was still unsold and could he have it back for his daughter's who were giving him a hard time. He states he is also desperate to read it again. I checked the left over's and sure enough this priceless gem was unsold. If you think I would spill the beans on the title you are mistaken. Alan's secret is safe with me.

( Ed Sadly not when wearing my editor's hat " Fraggie Rock Sprockett's Christmas " Nice one Alan )

Donations

A donation of cassette tapes has been received from a Mr & Mrs Brown.  
A donation of £10 has been received from a Mrs Waters.

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Saturday 20/3 and Sylvia Sargeant on ward five was in for a surprise when Smashy & Nicey delivered her special edition mug. Nicey played the part well and was photographed being kissed by Sylvia. Smashy operated the camera and an Humungeous time was had by all Mate! " Not Arf "

( ED: Mark Porch(Smashy) & Kevin Donaldson(Nicey) are now available for personal appearances )

#### Arrivals

The station welcomes this month Graham Hyman, Sarah Loader & Eddie Crome.

#### Departures

Luisa whiting, Caroline Price.

18/3 Caroline joined the station in 1991 and had completed just over two years service. A letter of thanks has been sent.

#### Toy Fair

The March toy fair on Friday 5/3 raised £97 for the league and £48 for the radio. Our thanks to Taffy and Co for their continued help.

#### Bop While You Shop

On Saturday 7th August the Bandstand at Bracknell will reverberate to the sound of Radio Heatherwood. The Prs have levied a charge of £15.98 for the use of music on this day. We have however decided to go ahead with this event despite the charge. The format will be as last year and details will be finalised shortly. Watch This Space.

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Sat 20/3 the power of broadcasting displayed itself when this evening PJ and Yvonne delivered the mug on to ward one and everyone started singing happy birthday to PJ. That B-----d in the studio Dave gave the game away and everyone Knew ; there I was trying to keep it a secret.

#### Andrew Mckay Visit

The special broadcast day on sat 20/3 was well received by our patients and also by our visitor for the day. Andrew was very impressed with the service and has pledged his continuing support for the radio station and the campaign for FM. During his visit a short five minute tape was recorded detailing his views on hospital radio.

( ED: What about VAT on Heating bills )

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A classic gem of PR on sat 20/3 when displaying the radio history files to Andrew and his Constituency secretary she open the page at the excuses for not buying raffle tickets, unfortunately some of the excuses were un-complementary towards people Check them out.( Part three of the radio history file ). IE " Would

you like to buy some League of Friends Grand Draw tickets in aid of the hospital radio service" No ( Conservative Voter ). oops!

## Fight For FM

The last letter from the radio authority on the 12th March looks pretty mind boggling but the shortened version is here :- If we are in a rural area where ILR or Temporary Licences are not in demand we will get a licence. If we are in a high usage area it is unlikely. The radio authority are also to fund further means of providing fm on hospital sites using cable networks.

We are not sure what the next course of action is but our response to their letter is on the board. We are now waiting for the finer details of their criteria for stations to broadcast in rural hospital sites.  
Fascinating Facts !

Which studio manager was recently spotted singing along with "3360"! I've Just called to say I love you!( clue his initials are GY ).

( Ed: it's all right to sing along; as long as your not enjoying yourself ? )

## T-shirts

The warm weather will be upon us soon and we are looking at ordering T-shirts for the summer. The shirts would be of a light grey colour priced at £6:50 for adults and £5:50 for child sizes. We have not had T-shirts since 1986. Are you interested ?. See notice board.

## What a mug

Nurse Pat on ward 4 has purchased one of our mugs after spotting it on Mondays 22/3 give-away.

If you would like one; they are £1:40 to presenters, money in the donations pot and a note on my clip informing me.  
PJ.

## Radio Heatherwood

On 2nd April 1988 Radio Heatherwood started broadcasting on the Am band courtesy of our inductive loop frequency. We celebrate 5 years this month in providing that service: has it been worth all the money ?.

When we first thought of doing this idea of inductive loop: we were criticised for embarking on this path by ill informed people.

I think the five years of service has been worth all the money, time and effort. If we take a look at the bedhead system around the general wards this continues to deteriorate, ward ten still has no bedhead service almost five years since that service was cut. Patients have been given a lifeline with the loan radio service. The patients who have been in ward ten for instance have greatly benefited from the work of the radio station staff. The subject of injecting cash into the bedhead system still crops up and whilst this seems to be an easy answer it still remains the most costly. To all those who don't know the bedhead system around the wards is suppose to be maintained by the hospital and we are not allowed to touch it.

Each bedhead unit would cost somewhere in the region of £70 per unit to replace. This is money the hospital can ill afford, and neither the radio station or the league can afford to pump money into a system which will always suffer from damage.

A dilemma for the league now is that the radio unit in the studio supplying the whole of the hospital is over seventeen years old and at some point will either have to be replaced or allow it to completely fall apart as it is doing already.( Estimated cost £4500/£5500 to replace )

We were the fifth station in the UK to adopt this system five years on there are now over twenty with a growing tide of stations actively raising funds to move on to inductive loop. The future for us lies in maintaining the inductive loop service, encouraging more people of the benefit's of bringing in their own radio's and encouraging more sponsors for loan radio unit's.

The next time your down on the general wards take a look at the ward and think how many requests you would get if there wasn't any am service !.

Happy Birthday AM.

PJ.

Sweatshirts

Dave has two shirts left one extra large and one large if you would like one: first come first served only £9:50 ea.

New Ward EMI

The new ward on the EMI unit, which will be 17/18 beds, is likely to have only the bedhead system installed. A failure to recognise the pitfalls of just supplying this system, by the current works dept will mean periods of quietness are on the cards for the future patients.

The Meaning of Life

If God had meant us; men folk to wear ear rings he would have given us holes, So what's this rumour that a certain male presenter is thinking of wearing some ?

Toy Fair Venue

A new venue has now been fixed for the toy fairs, sadly the one's proposed for this year have to be changed and we are now down to just three between now and the end of the year. The first will be held on Sunday 18th July 10:30 am till 3pm at Charters school Sunningdale. This is a larger hall, it is hoped that more people will attend.

Ascot News

The Ascot news this week carried the picture of Station manager Dave and Conservative MP Andrew McKay. All those wishing to have something to vent their anger at; can obtain copies of the picture from Andrew McKay's manager (Dave).

(ED: Autographed pictures are available for a small remuneration )

Nahbo

The national association chairman Alan Grimadell phoned me the other evening and thanked us for supporting the national campaign for FM. He informed me sadly only 28% of the stations in the UK are actually doing anything. The others have buried their heads in the sand and have failed to recognise the potential of FM.

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Tom & Roger received a very strange telephone call at 7:20 am on the morning of our all day broadcast. It was from a young lady on a management course in Maidenhead and she asked " could we try and help her track down a 1989 rugby league cup final programme before noon the following day." Was this for real we asked " ? " Yes " she replied. Appeals were made on air but I'm sorry to say we could not help; surprising really given our listeners extensive reading library and Rebecca's love of rugby!.

Tom & Roger.

Whose Listening ?

The am service provides us with a unique opportunity to cover areas of the hospital which were not previously covered. So whose listening ?.

We mention in our code of conduct that we don't know who is out there. Bear this in mind over the next few month's. Our correspondence with the radio authority on the issue of FM might just prompt them to send a field strength engineer to check us out to see what we are up to.

We cannot afford to break the law on broadcasting, it may damage our future. Refresh your memories on the requirements of the wireless telegraphy act, ( Section 14 Code of Conduct )and above all make sure your transmission times are logged and signed.

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A donation( £2 ) from Flo on Ward 8 24/3. A lovely lady who was most grateful for the work that we all do

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A couple of bags of records were donated by Rachel Fenwick a patient on ward 5. She Said " She enjoyed the service "

Kev D( Nicey )

( Ed: she obviously hasn't heard Roger's stonkers )

Holidays

Times for the Grand Draw Ticket selling will be allocated shortly. If you know your holiday dates between the end of June and the middle of September, please let Gordon know as soon as poss., so that these times can be avoided in your allocation. Similarly if you are never available on a Tuesday, a Thursday, a Saturday or a Sunday, let me know so that I can avoid putting you in for one of those slots. Hopefully the Grid will appear on the Studio Notice board towards the end of April. It will then be your responsibility to try and swap any dates you have been allocated which you are unable to attend.

#### Attendance

If you are unable to attend on one of your broadcast nights, whether it be for holiday, sickness or work, remember to:

- (a) inform your Teamleader as soon as you can so that he / she can arrange alternative cover if necessary
- (b) if you are unable to get hold of your Teamleader, contact Gordon (the phone number is on every Newsletter)
- (c) where the absence is known more than a week in advance, mark it on the calendar in Studio 1

#### WHO.....

...got so carried away with Romeo and Juliet Under The Blankets, he took the record home!!

...didn't read the small print on the record label and discovered too late that it said "other side" after the title!!

#### SWEETHEARTS BALL POSTSCRIPT

At the League of Friends meeting on Monday 15 March, Sheila Hare requested that it be minuted that she had thoroughly enjoyed the Sweethearts Ball and remarked on how well organised it had been. Thanks again to Tom and Roger for a splendid effort.

#### Stop Press

The bedhead system on the EMI wards has no service on channel three. It is likely this will be like this remain like this for some time. Oh what a surprise.

#### Did You Know

In the first week of the mug give-aways, four mugs have been sold.

Yvonne Smith

Evie (also answers to Von Smit,  
Red haired Raver, Pink Knicks,  
and I think I'll be in trouble for  
that but I love her really!!)