

In this months newsletter, what's in the crystal ball for the future, stonk of the month, who has taken up knitting, and summer blues.

#### Woman's Corner

Whilst doing the Sunday programme this month, I noticed Roger had in his possession a copy of Woman's Weekly!!!!

Now what could this mean, has Roger suddenly acquired a new hobby and he had it to read the knitting patterns, so he could knit himself a rather fetching jumper or maybe even more worryingly it was for the mail order offer of the rather sexy floral dress or even the even more flattering wincyette nightie.

Its bad enough him purchasing these items, but what happens if he starts wearing them on ward rounds.

Rebecca.

#### Loan Radio's

A failure to check the lockers for leaking batteries prevents future listeners to our service, whilst the radio is repaired. Check those lockers and the offices especially on wards 5,4, and 3 who tend to remove them form the lockers.

#### Record Donations

Amanda's mum kindly donated some old records this month.

Thanks Mum.

#### Foot "n" Mouth

I was driving for Graham and noticed that the No 1 single by Gabrielle has about 7 different mixes. When it came to play Rachel's request on ward 6 " All that she wants " I thought well I'll show off and give her a choice of versions and innocently gave her the choice of the, Madness version, Banghera version and wait for it the twelve inches version; by that time I'd twigged what I'd said and quickly played the record.

There is no truth in the rumour that the Wednesday team collectively, could only manage the 7 inch version.

Al

( ED: What are we talking about here Al, I thought size didn't matter ??? )

#### Feedback ( Post bag )

A letter of thanks has been received 10/7, thanking Radio Heatherwood for the service provided.

Joe Boyton a former patient on ward 5 writes:-

To the disc jockeys of Radio Heatherwood. I did enjoy your programs very much, not so much that I won one of your mugs, but because you do a good job, you seem to keep in touch with what the patients want, and I liked the fact that the disc jocks came and took the requests and compiled the program around them, and one thing I liked above all was the fact that while listening to the program, one could put a face to the disc jockey. Oh by the way can the young lady

pronounce " Klaus Wunderlich the organist ".Thanks for playing a few of my requests, I am sending a small donation.( £15 received ).

( ED: Nice one team )

Yakkety Yak

A member of the presenting staff had German Measles recently: was Colonel Yvonne Smit informed

Picture This

Graham Hyman responded to the caption competition by supplying " Memories are made of this "

Donation

Wednesday 21/7 and Ann M on ward 4 donated 6 tapes.

What a Mug

Friday 23/7 Diana on ward 3 purchased a special edition mug. Diana has over the years been a regular visitor to the hospital.

Summer Holiday

This will be the last newsletter for some time as I am packing by bucket and spade and will be on holiday by the time you read this. See you all on Grand Draw night.

Feedback

Joyce on ward 4 was discharged on Thursday after 11 weeks in hospital. She was really most appreciative of the work that we all do and thanked us for giving her so much pleasure whilst she was here. You may recall her she always requested Michael Crawford and would not be put off by Roger's impersonation

Al

Grand Draw

The procedure's for the selling of tickets has over the years been tried and tested. No member should deviate from the guidelines laid down. Please follow the guide.

Feedback

On Saturday 24/7 the Yellow Magic Orchestra gained a new name when Dave the Rave announced it as the " Yellow Maggot Orchestra ".

(ED: There's no flies on Dave's show )

Missing in Action

1712s Lily was here, has vanished from the studio: Please check your bags and ensure you have not removed it by accident.

Feedback

Working with Roger can be off putting. Julie our newest Friday lady managed to key in "Fill Collins" but we ain't got none of his!!

Joking aside welcome to Fridays Julie hope you enjoy it.

Rebecca & Roge

What's going On

The station is in a state of limbo at present as the Fm frequency for hospital radio's now looks further off than ever. The staff joining although peaked at 25 earlier this year it has fallen back to below 20. The hospital management has changed once again and they continue to stonewall our requests for further space.

All of the above prevents us from moving forward in the type of service we offer in the future. A copy of a sample of programs which is offered by other hospital radio's is being circulated to all team leaders the tape gives a great insight to what can be achieved with the right facilities, staff and funding.

It is our intention to continue to press the hospital for greater liaison and to pursue where possible greater involvement of nursing staff in the development of the services we can offer.

Roger & Rebecca

(Ed: Ear defenders for the Stonks will be issued later )

"T" Status

On Saturday 17/7 Tim Short passed out as a full presenter after completing his training period. Tim says at least now I can have something nice in the newsletter which is not derogatory, and written by Gordon.

Toy Fair

The toy fair on Sunday 18/7 raised £200 for the league of friends the next one will not be until December 12th.

RHSG

The supporters group left for Weston -Super-Mare on Sunday 25/7 and apart from the high winds a good time was had by all. The sandwiches at lunch time though really did contain Sand in the wiches and in the hair and in the eye's and in the parts that other beers cannot reach.

Arrivals

The station this month welcomes Julie Mallinson who will be training on Fridays. Julie's daytime job is working for Honeywell.

(ED: She has my every sympathy )

Look alike

Have you noticed the resemblance between a female Tuesday night presenter and a world famous superstar - Yes we're talking about Benny from top cat ,the looks, personality, it's uncanny you would think it was the same person, except she hasn't got the tail," wait a minute what's that " ?

From anon who works on Fridays.

Departures

Kelly Lewis from Thursdays. If you blinked you missed her!!!  
Jan Gardener from Tuesdays. Jan has not been able to provide regular attendance's and this has caused uncertainty for her fellow crew members not knowing if she would turn up.  
Tom Yeung has decided to leave because of moving from area.

( ED and then there were 17 )

#### Record Donations

If you receive any kind of record, tape or CD donation on your night. Please do not automatically assume you have the right to purchase them and take them away without the librarian seeing them. If you receive any donation leave them for the librarian with a note on the one's you would like first refusal on.  
Don't under any circumstance's remove them!!!!

#### Team leaders Reminder

The code of conduct under Team leaders(18.9) PG 22 refers to areas of neglect: please refresh your memories and apply the guidelines to your nights.

#### Grand Draw Jingles

Get your votes in now and vote for the jingle which you consider to be the best of this years bunch.

#### Engineering Corner.

The damage by Thorn securities to the am service has finally been paid for with a cheque from the hospital; only after some intervention by the hospital rep to the league.

#### FM Update

At long last an update has been received from the National Association. Only 57 members are actively supporting the campaign out of 345. A map of the UK has been supplied detailing where the rural areas might apply. If you are in a tent on Dartmoor or up a mountain in Wales or on a boat, on lake Windermere; we qualify, all other areas are defined as densely populated.

Trials are to begin on the proposal of Leaky feeder FM using existing coaxial tv cable around the hospital site. Winchester hospital has been chosen plus one other. The radio authority does not intend to go back on it's proposals and will only allow this type of frequency use for hospital radios in populated areas. This type of installation would once again put large cabling costs upon the hospital radios and be prone to damage as we have already found out. Nahbo intends to chip away at this subject, but I feel we are flogging a dead horse if we continue along this path.

#### Is that what I sound like ?

Are you allowing yourself to become complacent and think that you always do a good show. Wether you have been here 2months or 2 years the best critic for your presentation is yourself. if you record your program occasionally you can find the problem areas and improve!!!.

## Hospital Expands

Not official yet, but the hospital intends to spend 5 million pounds over the next 6/7 years on upgrading the old hospital buildings and to make the hospital a centre for selective work and day surgery. Wexham park will become an accident and trauma hospital. This change will see a large amount of building work to be undertaken on the site.

## Yakkety Yak

Roger goes In search of a Goldfish

Gordon Changes his deodorant to attract more people to Thursdays

Carla buys a new watch

## Roger's Report

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## Bop while you Shop

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### Stonk of the Month

A man in a music shop was surprised to see a mouse come into his shop

" Can I have a mouth organ please " said the mouse.

" what a coincidence " said the music shop manager. " we had a mouse in here yesterday ".

" oh that was ourmonica ! " said the mouse.

"oh I'm not paying £1 for a battery "

How many times do you here that on the wards when trying to do your battery rounds ?

If you do encounter disgust from the patient at having to pay for a battery, please take time to try and explain the leagues position in providing the loan radio service explain that the price is subsidised and that no profit is made from the sale of batteries, above all don't press the patient to purchase if they don't wish.

Nobody likes a rebuff from the patient when doing the battery rounds but if you do take time to explain, we don't end up sending a potential listener from the hospital, with the notion that the hospital, league or radio station are trying to rip them off.

A good idea is to leave them a booklet and advise them this booklet details the work and services of the league hospital.

( ED: and finally say give us the money you .....)

#### GRAND DRAW PROGRESS

We are now just over half way through this year's Grand Draw season. The total raised so far is well down on the figure for the same time last year and, as we also have fewer external venues this year than last, we would like everyone to make an extra special effort in selling your personal allocations to make up for this shortfall - contact Gordon if you would like more tickets.

The chart which appears on the wall each week shows the amount of time each person has spent to date selling tickets on our behalf. It is there to help you keep track of your hours and to show that everyone is doing a fair share. It only includes the time spent at external venues or going round the wards, it does not include any of the background organisational tasks (I think I'd need at least an A2 sheet - 4 times the size of an A4- if it did!). Sarah "Eagle Eyes" Loader checks it and doesn't hesitate to let me know when it's wrong - especially if I have inadvertently credited Rebecca with more hours than she has actually done!!

Make sure you know of all your forthcoming dates, especially if you volunteered to do extra hours. Speaking of which, the Thursday night team want to know why no-one is volunteering to cover these slots. Thursday night's offer Amanda's charm, Tim's chat and Gordy's wit - what more attraction could you want? Answers on a Postcard.....

#### CAPTION COMPETITION ENTRY

"I don't know what Margaret squirted up Gordon's shorts his time, but it's made him vanish!"