

# Radio Heatherwood

## Presenters Newsletter Issue 74 Winter 1997

The last newsletter of 1997 and a chance to reflect and say well done to everyone and a chance to look forward to 1998: plus all your favourites:-

### Departures

13/11 Gary Butler has moved to the Isle of Wight and is unable to meet his weekly turn up time of 6.15 Gary had been with the station just over 18 months.

### Feedback

Alan Writes 14/10

Thanks for doing Mum's radios. last week on ward 8, whilst doing the rounds one of the patients was apparently a "lady" but said that we could call her by her Christian name, how true it was I'm not sure, but my mum would have been "chuffed" that she used one of her radio's.

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### Feedback

When collecting requests from ward 5 this morning the curtains were around a couple of the ladies just voices in the background making requests. On return to the ward to deliver the mug it was discovered one of the voices belonged to Sylvia Sergeant the lady on the front of the booklet. It transpired her original copy sent to her was damaged so we obliged with a new copy and another mug to join her first one. Dave declined the kissing part and the picture as it could lead to matrimonial problems.

### Saturday 25/10

A memorable day on the wards this morning as radios and patients were joined together George on ward 5 was happy for the attention and promised a donation, Eve on ward 5 promised to support the loan radio service. True to their word the following week donations were received plus a donation from Olive who was in the next bed to Eve.

A nice bit of positive response to the Saturday morning radio service.

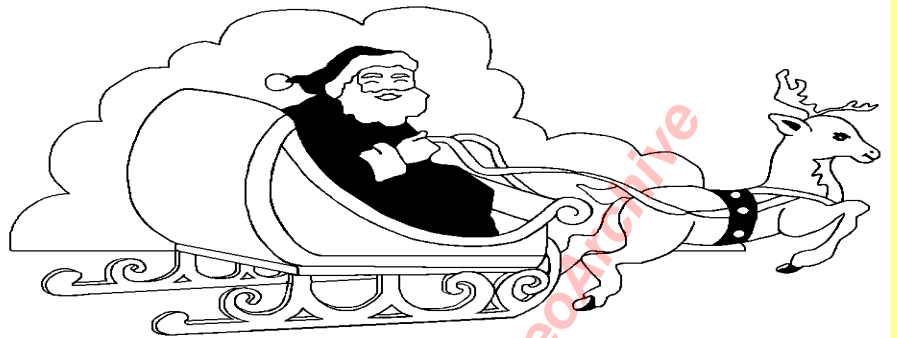
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### Donation

Amanda received the donation from George on ward 5 £10

### Loan Radio Sponsor (226)

Andrew Sabey ward 4 donated £10 Tuesday 11/11



### Loan Radio Sponsor (224) ( post-bag )

Eve Jones ward 5 donated £10 for a radio after responding to our sales pitch one Saturday morning.

### Loan Radio Sponsor (225) ( post-bag )

Olive Maynard ward 5 didn't supply her address but writes:-

All at radio Heatherwood thank you for the good selection of music played whilst I was a patient on ward 5. I'm enclosing £10 for a new radio to be dedicated to ward 5 and hope they get as much enjoyment out of it as much as I and my fellow patients did.

Thanks a lot.

### Friday Feedback

David Writes:- On the wards Ian asked a patient would you like a request on the radio tonight Answer:- yes I've had it done !

Whilst leaving wards I overheard one patient say "isn't he a bit old to be a DJ but I did overhear another say isn't he a nice man.

Fridays mug winner said on receiving her mug I thought you were playing my request at 9pm Saturday.

Lady in bed opposite mug winner in ward 1 said haven't I won a mug I replied not this time, she replied I won one in April but I want the set.

### Thursday Feedback

Amanda Writes:- 6/11 whilst on ward rounds( or should I say ward round ) We had such an interest we managed to fill all time slots by just visiting ward 4.

### Did You Know

Somebody laughed at my stonker ( Terry on ward 4 )

*Ed: He's a sad case*

A couple of patients had told me about a gentlemen on the other side of the ward who was quite a character apparently. They told me how much he had enjoyed his record. I came to take his request and impressed him with my mind reeling powers when I told him what he'd had the night before. I asked him what he wanted tonight! he replied the old rugged cross by whom I replied "pardon" he said, we have various versions I said What virgins he replied young virgins I've been looking for them I eventually after the blushes ascertained that he wanted Harry Secombe. I couldn't find any virgins for him except Madonna.

*Ed " I thought they were all virgins on Thursdays "*

### Arrivals

Christopher Hune & Anne-Marie Houghton to Thursdays 20/11 training in the hands of AC/BC.

### Now you see them, Now you Don't ?

Amanda does her scary spice impersonation and the new arrivals decide this isn't the job for them.

Like an episode out of depressed Eastenders a couple arguing in the front entrance of the hospital turn out to be our new trainee's a few cross words later and a broken engagement. Where did we hear this story before ?

*Oh well back to the recruitment drive !*

### Departures

*Keith Smith Saturdays.*

Keith who has had heavy work commitments over the last few months has decided to call it a day for the time being. He has been with the station off and on since April 1990.

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### Departures

#### Lee Henty Mondays

Lee joined in September 89 and was promoted to team leader for Mondays. After the departure of Gordon Young he took over the role of studio manager. His work commitments and the entry into married life have obviously left him with very little time to spare for the radio. We have tried to contact him to confirm his position but he has failed to respond. his last appearance was at Waitrose Sunningdale when he arrived to help with some ticket selling.

A letter of thanks was sent to him November 17th.

### Donation

Saturday 15/11 after my annual appeal to the Victoria hall Fund for sponsorship of next years radio licence they have responded and we are £225 better off.

### Feedback Tuesdays

" How long will the battery last for ?" asks the patient " until it runs out !" replies Sylvia.

" Would you like a request?" asks Ada "no thank you my eyes are bad !" says the patient.

### Feedback Fridays

" Did you enjoy your request?" asks David B when delivering a mug to a lucky winner.( he did not have his headset on )." I didn't hear it replied the patient he continued " you haven't played it" after about two or three minutes of persuasion the patient was encouraged that if he put his headset on he may actually hear his request.

### Yakkety Yak

Whose theme tune is " Man of Action "

Which kind person gave Roger a book called 3001 jokes ! Answer his niece Louisa.

*Ed: bet he still uses the same joke in his show though !*

Which 8th Army war veteran wants to be Amanda's toy boy ( Fred ward 4 )

Chelsea are still in Europe ! ( Who cares ) ?

### Feedback Tuesday

11/11 Roger Writes:-

Our first request is for all the nurses on wards 1 and 4 and it's the beautiful south " Don't marry her Marry Me - all the nurses that is except Peter on ward 4 Phone rings " Why not Me ! " says Pete !!

### Funny old World

What a lovely plant " said a grateful winner to Alan - " you don't sound that tall on the radio " She said.

Victoria Arms Binfield Sunday Music Quiz

Barry & Roger Won ( rest of the world nowhere ! )

### Love at first Bite

Maurice has been in and out as a patient recently - he has a soft spot for Sylvia ( his compost heap ) and asked her to play " Halfway to Paradise"- ( so close yet so far away ) Sylvia's reply " Dream on Mo ! Dream on !.

#### Ode to Amanda

I don't want to play in your yard

I don't like you anymore

You'll be sorry when you see me swinging on our garden door

You can't holler down our rainstack

you can't climb our apple tree

I don't want to play in you're yard

If you won't be good to me

Who loves ya baby !

What is a mummy daddy ?

Everybody got one but me.

Is she that lady that lives next door that cooks you're dinner and sweeps up the floor.

I've got no mummy to put me to bed or tell me to go out to play'

Daddy I'll be such a good boy if you'll bring me a mummy some day.

*From your secret toyboy*

*The Dunkirk and 8th army veteran*

*Fred Ward 4.*

### Donation

Ron Baker television winner some years ago on the grand draw has just donated £25 to radio Heatherwood.

### Operations Manual

#### Version 8

At long last the revision to the manual is published some new guidelines and the removal of others heralds a new edition complete with a new route for trainee to gain presenters status. All members should take the opportunity to read the new edition. Team leaders will especially need to familiarise yourselves with the new manual as they will be responsible for marking trainee's progress.

### Feedback ( Saturdays )

Saturday 6/12 was a memorable day for broadcasting it was the day we tuned in the radio for ward 1 nurses and ended up with Dave paying a visit to the side room to visit a depressed patient Mary Crabtree who also just happened to be the staff nurse on duty but had jumped under the bed clothes when she heard on the radio that Dave was on his way down to award a mug to the patient. It was all part of a plot by the nurses to get more records played for themselves but it livened up the morning and it embarrassed Diddy Dave.

On delivering the mug to the winner on ward 5 one of the patients said watch out here comes the short fat hairy one. I wonder whose show he heard that on ?.

The Saturday mornings has really produced some excellent feedback from the staff and patients and has also made it more interesting and rewarding.

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### Idiot Child of Radio Heatherwood

This might seem a very insignificant act to the individual concerned but where one incident like this takes place it encourages others to follow.

Continue along this path of an idiot and you will find yourself being shown the door.

*( If you wish to redeem yourself remove your waste and put it in the bin !!!!! ).*

### Mini-Disc

We all by now have had a go on the new mini-disc machine in studio one. In the new year studio two will get it's machine and further purchases are likely.

Remember when broadcasting not to announce the use of these machines to the listeners it is not necessary for them to know.

Pause:- Remember not to leave the machine constantly in pause it does get warm and will shorten the life of the machine.

Each night will be getting a mini-disc for them to practice with and to use. The disc must not be removed from the studio and it remains the property of Radio Heatherwood.

### Passing Out

On Saturday 6/12 Sylvia Dungate passed out, so Dave offered to give her the kiss of life, that did the trick she quickly came round and now she is a fully fledged presenter of Radio Heatherwood.

*( Well Done Sylvia Keep on Spinning the discs ).*

### Radio Heatherwood Supporters Group ( End of an Era )

As the year draws to a close so does the name of the RHSG. Accountability problems has forced Dave into the position of no longer running the group under this name.

I could not begin to quantify the hours, effort, and money which has gone into the studios we all use today. The personal commitment by myself in building and ensuring these facilities are the best. It took thousands of hours out of my personal life.

From the 1st January David will be running the group under the name of the " Sheda Travel Group ". Monies raised from these trips will still be donated as gifts to the radio station.

It's a sad day for us as we can no longer recognise his efforts in our literature and at AGM meetings.



### 1997 And in the End

Each year that passes seems to go quicker and quicker; have we really seen 1997 come and go.

The highlights this year include the Valentines Dance in February which was well organised by Roger & Ada.

David received a nomination for a Community Award for his work with the Radio Heatherwood Supporters group.

Larger donations this year came from The Crowthorne Rotary Club and Ascot Fire Brigade Trust along with donations from Victoria Hall Fund who once again sponsored our Broadcast Licence.

We also this year re-enforced our signal on ward 8 with the addition of two new aerials.

Our service to the wards by the loan radios increased substantially this year with additional radios for ward 8.

We have had some positive feedback from patients this year as well as some donations for new loan radios.

It therefore disgusts me when I see that some individual has not outgrown their childhood and decided rather than put their chewing gum in the bin they put it under the window ledge by the radiator where it currently remains.

We have lost this year more broadcast nights than we would have liked and the loss of Mondays doesn't do us any favours.

This years Grand draw played an essential part of our fund raising calendar and proved once again a great money spinner.

The year produced a welcome return to the station for Alan Holder but saw the departure of Lee Henty & Gary Butler & Rebecca Loader. It always causes great sadness to us when long service presenters are forced to leave because of family commitments.

The addition of the Mini-disc players sets the scene for the coming months in we hope a new direction towards program production and creative jingles from individuals.

We will in the new year be trying very hard to encourage new people to the station as well as being more brutal in our approach to newcomers: taking decisions which will be made early in their training to avoid un-necessary elongated training which stretches into years instead of being completed within months.

A major project for the station and the league will be to replace the bedhead amps in the studios along with the provision of full listening facilities for the day rooms on ward 12 as well as the re-instatement of the bedhead service for ward 10. This will be a major fund-raising exercise to be co-ordinated by the station.

Next year the Station celebrates 10 years on the medium wave and the league celebrates 40 years of service to the hospital.

As this year draws to a close on behalf of the League of Friends and all the management team we would like to say thanks for all your efforts this year and hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year and We'll see you all in 1998.

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Merry Christmas  
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