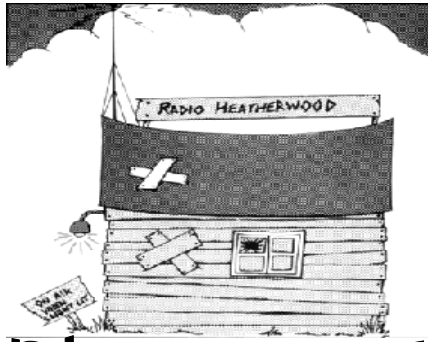


# RADIO Heatherwood



## Presenters Newsletter Iss 55 November 1993

The Radio Heatherwood staff newsletters took many styles and methods of production during it's publications.

The originals have been lost, but to show the flavour of the content we have recreated an issue (55)

a newsletter originally published in November 1993.

This was produced using Microsoft publisher and would have been printed on a coloured sheet of paper. All the layout mistakes and poor positioning of items are still shown, so as not to change the history of the development of the newsletter.

A copy was then left in the team trays for each volunteer.

The only changes made to these have been the removal of personal phone numbers.

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In this months new look newsletter: the loan radio service, security issue's, the end of Crown exemption and it's implications for the station, plus all your favourites:-



### Feedback

( Saturday Donation )

On Saturday 9/10 a visitor to ward 8 was reminded of the wonderful service the radio had given him whilst taking a stay on the general wards. After taking one of our booklets he promptly handed over £10 for a loan radio to be put out on the wards with the name of Pete Ashton.



### Yakkety Yak

Which night of the week will be playing the following :-

Alone again naturally.

Miss you nights.

Silence is golden.

Me & You and a dog named boo.

Wired for sound.

and finally Turn it On.

*Answers on a postcard to The twilight zone c/o Roger & Jools Fridays where happiness is a hot turntable.*



### *It's a funny old world*

While watching the programme, the

time the place on Monday 11th October when they were discussing plastic surgery, I'm sure I saw a certain presenter from Wednesday nights, none other than Kevin Donaldson talking about the nose job he'd had done.

Don't worry Kev, your secrets safe with me.

*Anon.*

*(ED: all for charity Donaldson strikes again !!)*



### *What's in a name ?*

The presenters newsletter has undergone many changes over the last few years the latest brings a change of style and maybe a change of name. Next year we would like to start the newsletter with a new name, all suggestions please on my clip. The newsletter relies on your input so lots of stories please !!!!!.



### *Christmas*

It's almost that time of year again, when people have a good time with friends and families and go completely mad: remember some of our patients may not be lucky enough to be celebrating with their families or friends, so no brainwashing them. The national stations **will provide that service.** No fillers (Xmas records) before 10th December.

# *Christmas* *Cotswold in the Holidays Autumn*

If you are expecting to take additional time off over the Christmas and New Year: tell Gordon as soon as you know, so that contingency plans can be implemented

Having survived the lions of Longleat last month the RHSG spent Sunday 17/10 touring the wilds of the Cotswolds all in the cause of Radio Heatherwood.

## *C a p t i o n*

### *Competition*

" What a fine pair you have there madam " from Anon

" Evie with her preferred replacements for the Saturday Team "

## *Studio Written Records*

In the course of your evening you may need to fill in one of the logs which are part of the station i.e. battery log, loan radio faults, playlist etc. Every member must make himself aware of these and ensure that they are filled out in the way required. If the team leader is busy he may have neglected one of the items required, this is where you can help and ensure your night meets the required level of support for the management.

***Fill that log in !***

## ✓ *Donation*

£2 has been received.

## *And then there was ?*

The annual staff recruitment got under way this month with the advert for more volunteers being placed in the news extra 24/10. Interviews are due to take place during November.



## *More Yakkety*

### *Yak*

Which female has seen Lee's Knickers !!!!

Clue it's not Benny or Gordon.

Who keeps flashing on a Wednesday night.

## ✓ *Donations*

On Wednesday 27/10 and Saturday 30/10 Fred Henniker on ward 10 donated a total £2 to the radio station. Fred has been a frequent visitor to the hospital in the last few years.

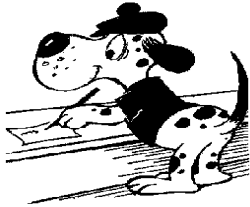
( See last years Radio History file for copies of letter's received from Fred )

## ✓ *Record Donation*

Saturday 30/10 and Michael on ward 10 has donated another James last CD.

## *Last months newsletter*

In last months newsletter a story provided by the secret seven and Timmy the dog had lost it's end !!!



The editors comments should have read :-

*I always knew that dog would stab me in the back one day.*

## *Crown*

### *Exemption ( The Bad News )*

In April 1991 all hospitals lost their crown exemption status which meant they now could be prosecuted in a civil court. The inductive loop radio system when installed benefited from crown immunity in that we didn't pay a full licence fee and didn't have to comply with all the aspects of the radio licence.

The recent correspondence generated between hospital radio's and the radio authority has made them aware of this change, subsequently they have decided to impose a licence fee and impose full compliance with the requirements of the inductive loop licence.:-

1) As from the 1st January a licence fee of £225 to be paid each year.

2) All output to be recorded for the station and kept for a minimum of six weeks ( inc. sustaining service ( 24 hr's a

day ).

On our behalf NahBo and Wireless workshop have been negotiating with the radio authority to reduce the recorded output; to the transmitted output generated by the station and not the sustaining service. They have agreed to this, saying only speech and adverts need be kept. It was the intention of the radio authority to backdate the licence fee till April 1991. Strong representations to them over the issue has prevented them imposing this but all stations will have to comply with the new fee from 1st January.

To set this up we will have to change the way we operate and the cost of this will add a bill of £700/800 to the running costs for next year. We have very little time left to set this up and changes which will be required will be notified to each presenter with training for team leaders on our legal obligations in the coming weeks.

A video recorder will be installed in the studio recording audio only at long play, which will give us six hours on an E180. The tapes will be rotated over the six week period.

*PJ.*

## *Stonk of the Month*

A bloke goes into a night club without wearing a tie. The doorman said " your not coming in ere without a tie mate " !.

So he returns to his car and rummages through his boot. All he can find is a set of jump leads which he puts on.

He returns to the night club and says to the doorman " ere I've only got these will they do " ?

" suppose so " says the doorman " You can come in but don't start anything "!!!!!!

*Copyright Roger's Stonks.*

# ★ Loan Radio Service

## *The Battery Question ?*

The recent profusion of graphs on the notice board about battery sales after the first six months of this year was to give you an idea of how well the loan radio service is working on the wards. The sales are encouraging and are certainly up on the previous year.

The radio station is obliged to account for all monies received or used in the running of the station. This information is part of the annual accounts submitted to the charity commissioners. It makes our job very difficult if we can't account for money or stock.

What the graphs don't show is that during the first six months 55 batteries have disappeared and were not recorded in the battery log !!!!!!!

The units may be free to the patients but they are not free to us. In this last month alone we have a discrepancy of six batteries already.

First impressions of the issue of freebies indicates the station is within the target guidelines as laid down of 3 freebies per night in a three week period. The un-recorded sales or freebies figure now puts us well in excess of our guidelines. This means we owe money to the trolley shop.

The good news is one member of the presenting staff has donated £50 to cover this shortfall of which we are very grateful for.

We cannot continue along this path and the whole project is under jeopardy unless we are more careful. We don't want to point the finger at any one individual but we require a team effort in resolving this. Freebies must be strictly limited: only desperate cases, we have no wish to suspend the service but

we may not have any choice

*The message here is the station cannot afford to give away batteries in excess of the guidelines. Every presenter must record where that battery has gone( Sale or freebie ) or if you even put it in the station radio:-*  
**Record that Battery in the log !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*Footnote:- The station in this last six months has now contributed £98 of it's hard earned cash for the loan radio service.*

## ❖ Did you know

Last year we lost a bag and numerous amounts of money and batteries.



**This space requires your Feed-back.**

**All stories treated in the strictest confidence.**

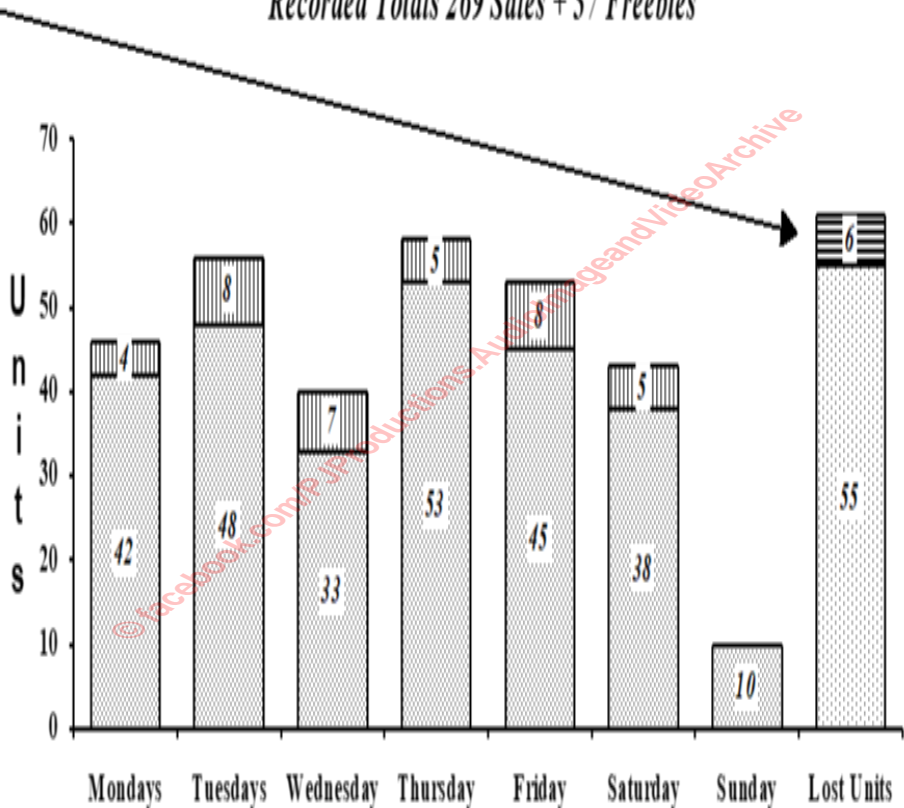


## *The Story So Far:-*

*55 lost units in first 6 Months*

### *Loan Radio Battery Sales*

*Recorded Totals 269 Sales + 37 Freebies*



■ Sales ■ Freebies ■ 6 Mths ■ October



## Security ?

The code of conduct has served us well over the years, because it brings together all the previous problems of which we are able to learn from and pass on to the new people.

### *Studio complex 3-3:7*

I won't quote the section in full but simply it refers to not telling patients where we are !

recent surprise visits from the patient on ward 12 highlights the need to be wary of disclosing any internal info on the station.

This person may have found us by accident but his repeated visits to nights where he certainly wasn't welcome has put un-necessary stress on our women presenters and made it uncomfortable for others.

When we wrote that section of the code of conduct it was with this type of patient in mind who may become a nuisance.

***Remember they don't need to know where we are !***

***Ps a simple answer if people ask you is, we are in the basement, or the bowels of the hospital(full stop).***

***( Ed: Even Reg doesn't know where we are ? )***



## Even More

## Yakkety Yak

***(Questions of the month)***

How does Amanda manage to squeeze into those tight Jeans was a question posed by a patient recently. Gordon will investigate and report in a future edition!

What was Evie doing in the Thames at 11.30 PM recently? There are easier ways of getting a duck Evie (and that's

not a misprint)



## Sunday

## Broadcasts

***( THE RESULTS )***

Many thanks to those of you who responded (only the Monday Team failed to respond). There were no obvious conclusion from these responses: some people said scrap Sundays, some said don't; some people said allocate cover others disagreed with this idea. Looking at the people who have supported Sundays in the past it is clear that it is always going to be a struggle getting cover with the current numbers. It has, therefore, been decided to suspend Sunday broadcasts until such time as we have adequate staff to properly cover it. In the first week of the month, please announce on-air that there will be no Sunday Broadcast as advertised in the booklets.

**GY**

# Sweethearts Ball 2

## The

### Lovers Revenge

Following the huge success of last years Sweethearts ball the organisers Tom Beaumont and Roger Hawkes have decided to stage another ball on Friday February 11 1994. at the paddock restaurant Ascot racecourse.

So why are we writing to you now before Christmas ? well as I'm sure you realise during December and early January nobody wants to make plans for anything other than Christmas and new year celebrations. In order to be well on the way to a good function the ground work needs to be done Now- after January 1, it is only five weeks to plan and arrange everything.

The ticket price this year will be £8 ea which will include fish chips, or chicken & chips plus a sweet and a free glass of wine. The services of Mark Porch and his "strolling players" "skint til Pay-day " will be the local band providing a varied music choice. The disco " Big Sound experience" with Ricky rhythm should once again provide a contrast of entertainment to suit all tastes.

There will only be 220 approx, tickets available. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed couple and raffle/ Tombola prizes will be available. The success of the ball will depend on a contribution by everyone. We need prizes for the raffle if you have an



unwanted gift, last years Christmas presents etc. remember to donate them to the ball. If every presenter could find two prizes we would have 32+

Posters and information sheets etc. will be available from mid December.

We only have five weeks to sell the idea so every poster placed; where you work , could help. families and friends are always an untapped source of help.

Above all the plan is to increase our profit this year and have a good time.

If you have any ideas contact Roger & Tom.



## *Jingle Fever*

The services of the radio station and projects, it's involved in always need new jingles and we are always pleased if members can produce some which can be used. So how about putting pen to paper and devise your jingle for our next promotion.- Sweethearts ball, loan radio service, faulty radio's, answer phone etc etc etc.



## *Engineering Corner*

*(especially for Vonn Smit)Nothing to report this month*



## Arrivals

Tom Beaumont former member of Fridays has decided he can no longer live without the Friday night stonks and has decided to return on Friday 26th November. Tom an active member in the past is the man behind the Sweethearts ball and is due to play an active part in the mark two version next year. I'm sure you will all welcome Tom back into the fold.

*(ED: I've got a spare set of ear defenders for you: P.J.)*

## Departures

As expected Tim short will not be returning to the station.

# Team Players

### Some Useful Numbers

#### Manager

**Dave Smith**

**0344**

#### Secretary

**PJ Davidson-Smith**

**0344**

#### Studio Manager

**Gordon Young**

**0344**

### **Mondays.**

Lee Henty Teamleader.

David Griffiths Presenter.

Mark Porch Presenter.

### **Tuesdays**

Alan Holder Teamleader . N/C

Graham Hyman Trainee.

Tony Gardener Trainee.

### **Wednesdays**

Carla Davis Teamleader.

Kevin Donaldson Presenter. N/C

Sarah Loader Trainee.

### **Thursdays**

Gordon Young Teamleader.

Amanda Chivers Presenter.

### **Fridays**

Roger Hawkes Teamleader.

Julie Mallinson Trainee.

### **Saturdays**

Dave Smith Teamleader.

P.J.Davidson-Smith Presenter.

Yvonne Smith Presenter.

