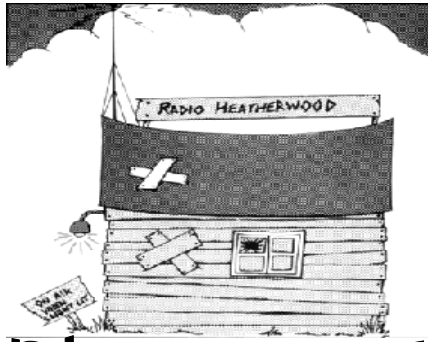


RADIO Heatherwood



Presenters Newsletter Iss 56 December 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 (56)
a newsletter originally published in December 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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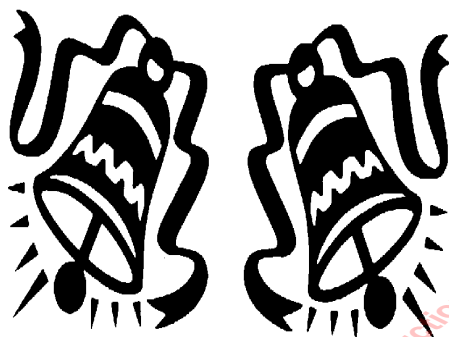
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Presenters Newsletter

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In this month's newsletter:- It's only hospital radio, the story of NC, plus all your favourites

✓ *Donations*

William on ward one donated £1 on Monday 8/11 and then donated another £1 on the Saturday 13/11.

Yakkety Yak

Who was recently spotted in a record store buying ?

Has Billy Ocean become popular again ?

What person from north of the border has some secret admirers of the female kind ?

Which Friday presenter said Baldocks on the air ?

Which presenter called Francoise, Frank ?

✓ *Donation*

On Monday 22/11 a donation of £1 was received.

Feedback

Whilst on ward rounds recently a gentlemen named Roger on ward 4 informed us that Amanda had been a wee bit below par of late, but that he was pleased to hear she'd done a better job the night before. This decision was reached by the whole of ward 4 after a heated debate apparently!!!.

(*ED: which golf course were they on then ?*)

Christmas

Broadcasting

Due to nobody responding to the notice displayed by the station manager. The station will close on Thursday 23rd December and remain closed until Saturday 1st January 1994.

Did You Know

The station sends out Christmas cards to all wards for their support over the last year. !!!!!



It's only

Hospital Radio

It's only hospital radio what does it matter ? We are often ridiculed by people who think we are just amateurs and anything we say or do will go unnoticed. This proves not to be the case as recent events have shown.

Council Radio is Rocked by Elvis

The following story was taken from the Sun newspaper 12/11.

Radio watchdogs tuned into a council's short wave airways and heard dustman and security workers doing impersonations. The unofficial Elvis contest was picked up by department of trade inspectors as they carried out a random check.

Scores of town hall staff were entertaining each other with versions of love me tender and jail house rock. Some even used the radio to order food from colleagues passing a chip shop.

The inspectors accused the council of Easing ton of clogging the airwaves and threatened to withdraw it's licence. A DTI spokesman said " We have to be very strict about responsible use of frequencies ".

We have always known that random listening takes place by the DTI inspectors, this story above is obviously an extreme mis- use of the airwaves but the message here is, we are not left to our own devices and sooner or later if you are improperly using your frequency, they will act.

The obligations which are being put upon us indicates the powerful position that this station has in influencing members of the public anything we say or do over the air must be responsible at all times. We may be amateurs in the eye's of the public but we offer a professional approach and have always been responsible.

Don't let any one persuade you otherwise.



What a load of mugs

Saturday 27/11 and Joan and Betty on ward 4 purchased a mug each at £2. On Wednesday 1/12 Joyce on ward 4 also bought two mugs.

(*Ed: In the same week Alan Leary Shirt Holder also bought one ???????*)



Fight For FM

On the notice board you will have seen a copy of a letter from the trust regarding endorsing the loan radio service and the use of personal radio's. I forwarded a letter to the trust in August asking for their endorsement of the service. This is part of the continuing campaign to secure endorsements from the different trust boards around the country. A copy of the letter has been forwarded to the national campaign office.



Donations

18/11 and Fred on ward 3 donates £10 after winning the mug.



More Yakkety Yak

Who is woken up in the mornings and receives a big wet soggy kiss and is leading a dogs life ?

Are the men in this station frightened of the women ?

Who is rating the men with stars for their sex appeal ?

New Presenter

The lady presenters total has just increased by one with the completion of Sarah Loader's training. Now a fully trained presenter of the Wednesday team. Well done Sarah.

13/11/93

Feedback

(Saturday 27/11)

Whilst carrying out my duties on ward rounds, I was accosted by the ladies of ward four(I loved every minute of it) was I the guilty party who on Thursday, pronounced a French ladies name wrong !!!!!. " It wasn't me " I replied " " you've got the wrong guy " a letter was thrust into my hand it reads:-

Dear Radio Heatherwood

Apologies accepted for the various mutilations to my name on Thursday. However I am considering a sex change !!.

Apparently the ladies on ward four were in hysterics after the problem with Francoise ??

Ps. A well known person from north of the border had apologised on behalf of Radio Heatherwood.

(ED: Some presenters when on the transfer list, just go to pieces !!!)

Xmas Stonker

We had such a scrap in our house last Christmas because everyone wanted a leg of the turkey-this year we're going to have an octopus- then everyone can have a leg !!!!!.

Did You Know

When you have finished reading your requests on your show most people throw them away, tear them up, or

scribble on them. One presenter tears them up before the program commences !!!!!

(Story from an attractive spy.)

✓ **Donations**

The Victoria hall fund has responded to our request for assistance this year by donating £225 for the first years licence.

Promises

Promises

When you are out on the ward and a patient asks for something mug, battery etc. and you say you will bring it down later do so, don't make a promise and then forget about it. They tend to get most upset if you walk off and don't return.

PS. Don't accept money for mugs/ batteries until you have placed it in their hand, none of this we'll deliver it later.. COD operates on this station.

More Yakkety Yak

Why did Jenny on ward eight gain a mug from a Tuesday presenter ??

Feedback

It's nice to be thought of !!!!! ?

As you know, I recently moved to Tuesday evenings from Wednesdays so as to accommodate Carla's Russian (What's he like is he coming to the sweethearts ball ???).

There I was on air when in comes Kevin Donaldson (what does NC stand for in the newsletter ? It must be noisy something or other !) and also Graham Hyman comes in with a gift of a cake kindly baked by Debbie Hyman. The candles lit up the iced lettering I was Gobsmacked. Tears rolled down my face, I was overcome with emotion as I read

Considerate

Reliable

And

Professional !!!!

Well done chaps and Debbie I was really touched(that man Donaldson again) and my kids enjoyed the cake.

AI

The story of NC

On the back of the newsletter two presenters have been attributed the above letters. What does it mean ???

NC = Nice Chap

NC = Nice Car

NC = Nice CD

NC = Nice Character

Nothing so grand it means No Copy to these presenters when their are no official notices printed in the newsletter.

Sorry Guys!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Engineering Corner

The clock on studio two console has decided to jump 24 hours in a second if you blink you miss it, unfortunately at this moment in time we don't have the money to put it right.

Fault Reports

It is important that you fill out the fault reports on your play lists every time something seems not right. You may have written the same report two weeks earlier but I need to know how bad a particular fault is and I can only do something about it if it becomes a regular irritation.

Cd Players

The cd players in studio two have suffered a bit from the atmosphere in the studio I have recently cleaned the machines with a cleaner disc. I still need those reports of any continuing faults.

PS. Treat the players with some TLC don't rush to select the track until the

machine has scanned the disc first.

Studio One Mixer

The mixer in studio continues to throw up faults with channels dropping out or crackling on the module for studio two. To correct the fault on this would mean a total dismantle of the mixer with the studio off air for some time to track down the particular dry joint which causes this problem. I do need to know more detailed reports on which channel drops out on the modules. If it happens try and note which it is.

I have swapped the studio two module input to L2 to correct the crackling and breaking up if it returns let me know through your fault reports.

(TLC = Tender loving care)

Arrivals

The following people have been successful in this years staff recruitment and are now training on the nights indicated.

Jo Birrell Saturdays 27/11

Colin Archer Thursdays 25/11/93

Marco Sartori Wednesdays 1/12/93

Lance Scovell Mondays 6/12/93

Ben Coombes Wednesdays 8/12/93

We wish them well and hope they will enjoy the work of Radio Heatherwood.

Presenters Newsletter

In last month's newsletter I asked for a contribution for a new name for the newsletter, nobody responded so it stay's the same for the time being.



Code of Conduct

General Conduct (1:1)

Training (7:14)

A reminder to those people who neglect to tell their Teamleader they won't be in or fail to turn up on a regular basis, every time you do this you jeopardise the station's output for that night and deprive the patients of a service which they may have been waiting all day to hear. Don't leave it until the last minute to tell the team leader you are not going to make it.



Feedback

Thursdays

Diary of events of the night of Thursday 18th November. Regular presenters(Just the two of us arrive to find a presenter who has defected from Wednesday night pretending to read the important notes on the notice board. We depart for the wards and by some pure chance the refugee from Wednesday is able to remember our names but not able to remember which ward we are starting on !!! This might have something to do with the fact that he wasn't really reading the notices. On the way back to the studio there is a vote to visit the vending machine the one that sells the different flavoured c---s(no goodies).

Does the new member offer the faithful Thursday nighters, one of his goodies-no of course not he's a selfish male.

Later back at the den of inequity the requests are sorted and interpreted as of course the new member can't write or spell properly . Half seven and on the air. Is this a compact disc playing well it's not now someone's ejected it.

As he had impressed us not, we decided to send him on an initiative test taking the mug to the right ward " now

was Fred on ward 10, 1 or was it ward 3.

The standards of Thursday night have been thrown into disarray- but welcome to Thursday Kevin.

Ps Can you last with us on a Thursday. ????

(ED: Suggestion here Kevin: suggest you offer the lady some of your goodies, the ones from the vending machine !!!!!)



Donation

Thursday 18th November was a really bad night for Kevin because it slipped his mind that a patient on ward one had passed him an envelope for the station controller. It wasn't until the Saturday evening when Dave almost threw it away: we then realized a donation of £250 was contained. This donation is the highest ever received from a patient listening to the service. It also transpires that he was the mug winner on the Tuesday evening. The patient responsible was Lee Perkins of Slough.

Well done Team.



Yakkety Yak

Station Manager :- " Give me three records you would choose for Love on a Saturday:- "

Trainee :- "Stevie Wonder I just Called to Say I love You."

Station Manager :-
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaargh!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.



Feedback

(Postbag)

A letter from a regular listener Fred Henniker who has recently had another stay, he writes:-

Thank you for the assistance(Roger)

enclosed as promised is a small donation (£5).

Keep up the good work

Fred. (Late of wards 1,3,10,15.)

✓ **Donation**

Monday 29/11 and Harry on ward 5 donates £1 to the radio service.

💣 **Even More Yakkety Yak**

Which male nurse on ward 4 was asking after " the rock chick " during a Friday ward rounds.

Who will have two mother in laws when they get married, Lucky them !!!

☰ **Feedback**

Wednesday

Sarah Reports:- While presenting the 9-930 requests in studio one, I heard what I thought were lorries going past, but surely not at this time at night ! Then Carla comes flying through the door and says " I don't want to alarm you, but six fire engines have just turned up " !!. Carla then went back outside to inspect the size of the fireman's hoses !!!!

from Sarah who was left behind to present and missed the adventure.

(ED: and didn't get a fireman's lift either.)

📖 **Wedding Bells**

These will be ringing in the near future as Roger the stonk has become engaged to Christine Terry a former presenter of Radio Heatherwood. Congrats to Roger and Christine.

Ps. How could you live with a man who tells stonkers all day ???.

📖 **Friday Mayhem**

I don't know, I pop along to see Roger on a Friday and guess what he gets me presenting, but I'm not complaining, just be warned though.

★ **Loan Radio Sponsors**

Just received Saturday 11/12 a cheque for £30 for three radios in memory of Betty Lacinski this brings the total units sponsored for the year to 11.

☰ **Wednesdays**

(The inside story)

Now you do have to feel sorry for anyone new that comes to Wednesday nights. First they could get completely embarrassed by what Carla talks about!! And then they get asked 20 questions ranging from what they do for a living to what underwear they are wearing. Perhaps this is why Kevin Changed nights, he just couldn't take all those personal questions ???

Who can blame him.

(ED: It's a women's world at Radio Heatherwood !!!! They are all modern women here you Know)

☰ **Feedback**

Wednesday 8/12/93

Someone on ward three wanted a radio, so I went in search of one for him. There was an empty bed so I checked inside the locker but I did not find a yellow loan radio. No instead I found a rather green cheesecake, slightly different to a loan radio.

Sarah

(ED: The only good news is, you don't

get stonkers from a cheesecake, only the wind or is that hot air from all the presenters).

The Right to Broadcast

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the station from the first of January must hold a full licence and comply with the rules governing the issue of the licence.

The radio authority supplied a four page questionnaire asking questions where we had to justify our application. The hospital also had to contribute to that application by supplying a letter of endorsement for the applicants. This caused a delay of over two weeks whilst we pressured the



hospital to

On Wednesday 8/12 our application was posted to the radio authority with our cheque and we now wait for the outcome. If for some reason we don't hear by Christmas eve, the station will not be in a position to broadcast from 1 January and not until such time as that licence is received.

The arrangements for recording of output will be finalised during the shut down period and I will be installing an alarm tied to the video which will mean you will not be able to broadcast until the video is set to record. What has emerged from this latest bombshell is the fact that in the future if for some reason the video does not switch to record, we will not be able to transmit a program which is not recorded. **No Recorded Output, No Programs.**

A warning tone will be heard through

both studio headsets to inform you of the status of the video recorder. A large red light above the studio on air lights in the reception will also give an indication of the recorder.

Further information and changes will be notified to you nearer the time.
PJ.

Under Attack

I love it when members of the management team are shown to be just human after all. Take the G.A.Young for instance, (well maybe not take him especially with initials like that.) Walking into the studio on Thursday night I see the errant studio manager chuckling over a note left to him by a young lady from Wednesday night. Is this a love letter I ask myself has someone decided that Geordie's body is everything they want in life !!!? (yes a bit fantastic , but weirder things have happened such as England beating the all blacks !! but I digress).

Nope this letter explains to him that even though he filled in his playlist perfectly, when he left the studio on Tuesday night, he left on all the tape and CD players and horror actually left a CD running. Tut Tut Mr Young, may your sporran shrivel.

Talking about the errant Scotsman gordie, Cor ! by the way what's happened to all the spreadsheets lately, seems as though PJ has now taken over, the spreadsheet mantle or is that chartman, anyway talking about the Scotsman:- He got his wrists slapped by a nurse on Thursday night(Actually not

literally). Did he enjoy it ? I hear you all cry, well he must have he didn't stop grinning all night.

When you join radio Heatherwood you're told all the tales of what not to do, well what does this bastion of tact do he walks into a side ward in ward ten and proceeds to get yanked out by said nurse, wrist slapped and shown a huge sign outside the door pointing out that it was a sterilised area you have to wear cap, gown mask and over shoes and gloves to go in. Exit one red faced Scotsman with the words " Don't you dare tell PJ about this" me would I do that Gordie.

Y(vonne) Smit

(Ed: There is nothing like a good spanking to bring a Scotsman into line !!!!!)

Stop press *Walking back to Happiness*

Another former member of Fridays nights, Miss Rebecca Loader big Sis of Sarah has decided she can no longer live without the radio, after four months without a regular adrenaline shot from her trip to the hospital, she will be returning to Friday nights. Welcome back Rebecca!!!!.

(ED: Stonk ear defenders can be obtained from the weeeee Scotsman)

1993

And in the end.

The year started on a high and new successes in the early part of the year have been overshadowed by the usual staff migration at the end of the year and also the bad news about our licence requirements which will add to the running costs for many years to come. We have been lucky to secure some very important donations this last month and this provides us with the morale booster I'm sure we all need.

We had planned this year to revise the Station ID on the jingle front with a



new style on CD but the surprise over the licence has delayed this until funds, become available.

The new year will see another Sweethearts ball, a charity stall at Bracknell market in March and all the usual events from the Radio Heatherwood Supporters Group. Next year will also see the Tenth Grand Draw and we will be looking to make this a very special Grand Draw with hopefully more prizes than this year.

As the year draws to a close and you take a break with your family and friends we would just like to say many many thanks for all your help this year.

The Management



Team Players

Have a Merry
Christmas
and see you all in 1994

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.
Lance Scovell

Tuesdays

Alan Holder Teamleader . N/C
Graham Hyman Trainee.
Tony Gardener Trainee.

Wednesdays

Carla Davis Teamleader.
Sarah Loader Presenter.
Marco Sartori Trainee.
Ben Coombes Trainee

Thursdays

Gordon Young Teamleader.
Amanda Chivers Presenter
Kevin Donaldson Presenter. N/C
Colin Archer Trainee.

Fridays

Roger Hawkes Teamleader.
Tom Beaumont Trainee.
Julie Mallinson Trainee.
Rebecca Loader Trainee.

Saturdays

Dave Smith Teamleader.
P.J.Davidson-Smith Presenter.
Yvonne Smith Presenter.
Jo Birrell Trainee.

**And then there
was 23**