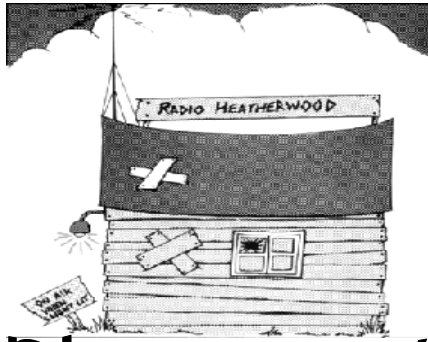


RADIO Heatherwood



Presenters Newsletter Iss 58 Mar/Apr 1994

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 (58) a newsletter originally published in Mar/ Apr 1994.

This was produced using Microsoft publisher and was 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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Presenters Newsletter

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In this month's riveting edition of the newsletter, Presenters with nylon knickers, mother & baby doing fine, RHSG gifts to the station, Hospital Radio fight for Fm the story continues, staff may come and staff may go and mugs batteries plants and biscuits, where did they go over the last year:-



Sweethearts Ball 2

The final result of the ball net's a profit of £1400 for the station, a splendid achievement by all those concerned.
Well Done Team.



Departures

Trainee Marco Sartori .

Presenter Yvonne Smith for reasons of pressure of work, may return later.



Money Money Money

The stations finances are not as rosy as it would seem. The money raised by the ball replaces the emergency fund on deposit which was swallowed up by the changes to the licence. The Grand Draw, will this year cost more to put on due to a very poor response to our pleas for prizes. In the unlikely event that a further room was added to the radio studio (see

last month's newsletter) we must have some funds available for this, should it happen.

At the present moment in time we have no plans to spend any unnecessary funds but to accumulate as much as possible.



Care of Records/ CD's

If you find a CD which has it's case broken or the record needs a new sleeve. it's no use you leaving a note in the CD case /record saying that the widget is broken etc. The next time the librarian sees that might be years away. If you have a CD case which is broken or you require the cover of the record to be replaced leave a note of the number on a piece of paper and put it on my clip as well.

Dave.



Mug Sales

Maurice on Security 5/3 Doris on ward 5 7/3 and a mystery mug sale of £1:30 which wasn't recorded in the log or the reason given as to why it was at a discounted price.

Log those Mugs Please.



Hospital Radio Fight For FM

The following is a copy of a letter which has just been sent (28/3/94) as part of the on going campaign, it details the current state of play with the Radio Authority.

Mr Andrew McKay MP
House of Commons
Houses of Parliament
London SW1A 0AA
Dear Andrew

**Subject :- Hospital Radio Fight For FM
(Update)**

I am writing to inform you of the latest developments and also seeking your further support on the above issue.

Last year during the month's of February and March a concerted campaign was launched by our National Association and member stations to persuade the Radio Authority to allocate an Fm frequency to improve the listening facilities for patients in hospital. As you know from your visit to Radio Heatherwood we are very keen at Heatherwood to provide any opportunity we can for patients to listen to the hospital radio, by what ever means.

In the letter from Peter Baldwin Chief Executive of the Radio Authority dated 13 March 1993 the Radio Authority taking into account the paucity of available frequencies along with other unfounded statements declined to offer a suitable frequency for all stations to use. They proposed two more trial sites which at this moment in time only one is operating. They also proposed further investigation into a cable system. Any development along the cable system solves very little for stations who already broadcast by cable networks which are in disrepair (costly).

The Radio Authority have just published a consultation document " future

Use Of 105-108Mhz ". It invites submission from interested groups by 22nd April 1994. Their document proposes four possible uses for this area of the radio spectrum. Briefly these options are

a) A New National Commercial Radio Service- *Richard Branson and the Virgin group have launched a campaign for this option to be accepted, to enable Virgin to move from AM to FM.*

b) A New Regional Network of Stations- *Similar to, but in addition to the existing ILR network*

c) A New Lattice of Small Stations- *With a radius of say 10km.*

d) A combination of B & C above- *But effectively giving the RA the ability to allocate the frequency as they feel appropriate.*

Option C is the only option which could benefit Hospital, Student and Small community radio groups.

The green paper issued in 1987 " Radio choices and Opportunities " indicated that it might be possible to fit up to 400 stations with a service area radius 5km into the 105-108mhz block. The Radio Authority have issued their document which only considers this as an option amongst the four they have proposed.

The Radio Authority appear to be ignoring the requests of the Hospital Radio community, 100 plus aspiring community groups and 25 student radio groups for an area of the spectrum that can be used for truly community and specialist broadcasting. From the representations we and the other groups have made to the Radio Authority they cannot deny there is a demand for this type of service in line with recommendations of the aforementioned "Green paper " . The Radio Authority suggest that it may not be financial viable to allow a large number of small scale broadcasters. Over 300 hospital radio's have been serving hospitals since the 1950's clear

evidence of financial viability.

In Europe and North America there are many hundreds of " low power " small scale broadcaster's, indeed the UK is now the only area where this facility is not available to groups such as ours.

Radio Heatherwood has proved with the loan radio service the need for a freely radiating signal and what can be achieved.

We are very concerned that the Radio Authority may be considering alternative uses for this the last area of the FM spectrum and ignoring the recommendations of the green paper and are preparing to ignore the small community groups who could benefit from a frequency allocation in this band.

Last year we were told a shortage of frequencies contributed to the Radio Authorities decision not to award hospital radio an Fm frequency. In 1996 the frequencies 105-108 become available to the Radio Authority awarding this band to any other option other than option c will deny the development of hospital radio until well into the next decade.

We have been asked to submit to them before 22nd April our comments on their proposals. We would be grateful if you could write to the Radio Authority on our behalf to endorse the need to adopt option C and also write to the Heritage Secretary Mr Peter Brooke MP once again voicing our concerns and those of our National association.

We thank you for your support, I look

forward to hearing from you personally .

Response

In a letter dated 30 March from Andrew McKay, he has responded and pledged his continued support and will be making representations on our behalf.

Peter Davidson-Smith
Secretary Radio Heatherwood



Feedback (Wednesdays)

The other week Carla Said to me I had to go and see someone because they knew me. Well I went to the part of the ward they were on but I didn't recognise anyone. So I asked Carla where they were, she then said that they had asked if i was Rebecca and Carl said yes. Well of course I wouldn't recognise them would I because it was Rebecca's boyfriends aunt !!!!

Talk about a case of mistaken identity. Please in future remember who is who.

From one of the loader sisters Sarah who is on a Wednesday night.

(*ED: Will the real Rebecca please stand up*)



Donations

5/2 £10 from Leonard Dodge in ward 4



RHSG

The supporters group run by Dave has had it's finances separated from the radio stations accounts, this will give a clearer indication of how much it actually costs to maintain the station each year. In future the supporters group will donate gifts to the station. The planned gifts for this year is the sponsorship of the broadcasters cue sheet, and the replacement of the library computer at some stage.



Electric

Knickers

Why do Sarah & Carla keep getting electric shocks every time they walk past the radiator or touch the controls ?

Gordon's Answer is that they are wearing nylon knickers. What we would like to know is how does Gordon know this !!!



Yakkety Yak

Which certain person who visited us on a Wednesday night 16.2.94 smelled the place out with their garlic breath. Obviously Gordon was trying to keep away all those evil spirits that were after him and may be his nylon underwear.

(*ED: How do you know he's got nylon underwear*)



Feedback

(Mother & Baby)

16/2 Much to the disappointment of Jane on ward 7, she was disturbed by the nurses to be told that she had not as she thought, slept through the birth of her child but had won a mug.

Latest reports are that mother and mug are doing well !!!

We were all proud to be there at such a special moment.

Ben & Sarah



TV or Radio

The patients have now got a choice of renting a tv for the duration of their stay it costs £11:80 a week according to the leaflets left by the company in the lockers. When you're on the wards checking empty lockers for loan radio's make sure you leave a booklet in the locker.



Operations

Manual (Blue Book)

The new look code of conduct is now available with all the new areas of legislation and operating procedures which every presenter must become familiar with. To those who have been here some time the new look book has many areas of change too numerous to list. A re-read of the book will clearly show the changes which have been necessary. Each year on the 1st April presenters will be asked to sign the declaration stating they have re-read the manual especially the Radio Authority sections. In sixty days time you will be asked to sign for this years familiarisation.

Footnote:-

We are not expecting you to become proficient in all that is contained, but at best you will know what the station policy is on an item or if not, you will know which section to look at.



Arrivals

Radio Heatherwood welcomes Craig Titley on Fridays starting on 15/4.



New Presenter

On Sunday 13/3 Tony Gardner completed his training period and is now a full presenter. Tony started with us on 3/8/93. keep spinning the disks Tony.



6 years On

On Tuesday 15th March Wireless Workshop returned to carry out the third maintenance on the medium wave transmitter. Every two years essential maintenance offers us fault free transmission. A charge of £468.83 works out at just under 65p per day.

A bit of a surprise for Amanda on Tuesday evening though: Where's the transmitter ?. The transmitter was removed from the rack as the maintenance went into a second day. No programs could be broadcast that night, but there was one saving grace it was fairy cakes all round and a chance for some friendly banter about someone's bum !!!!

(*Ed: The real reason the transmitter was removed was to prevent newly trained Tony from damaging the patients ears with his new found expertise.*)



Yakkety Yak

Whose got a bum that likes a hand ?

What night has more cakes than the oven door ?

Who takes their wife and child to the sea side in February ?

Where are the pictures that failed to come out ? (Gordon's back pocket).

Whatever happened to spreadsheet man ?



Hello Good-bye

The station said hello to two new trainee's on Saturday 12/3 and said good-bye on Saturday 19/3 before they even arrived at the studio.

The station also said Hello to Rosie Whitfield and the following week said good-bye.



Tuesdays Stray H'S

On a Thursday night recently, one of our regular listeners on Ward 5, Jack, told us to tell the Tuesday crew to practice their pronunciation. He said "Tell them it's 'ammersiff, with no H at the beginning and two f's at the end". Tuesday Team - consider yourself told by the guvnor! And that doesn't mean you can say we are Radio 'eafferwood!



Luigi From Ward 12

I'm sure many of those of you who have been here for a while will remember Luigi from Ward 12, who regularly requested the Blues Brothers. I bumped into him in



Grand Draw Jingles 1994

Budding Jingle freaks should start to script their entries for this years draw, are you going to contribute this year ?



Camberley recently and so stopped to have a chat. He is doing well and said how much he had enjoyed the service whilst he was in the hospital.

GY

Did You Know

A certain presenter was gutted when he realised that all the books on Sprocket and his friends had been sold !!!!!

Staff May Come... And Staff May Go

The recent interviews were almost as bad as the last ones. This time everyone turned up for their interview on time and we decided to recruit all four applicants. Within 2 weeks of the interviews, 3 of the 4 decided not to join after all!!

Evie has decided to leave the station due to a high work load at P & G. After nearly 2 years of Saturday's she transferred to a Thursday night earlier this year. It was a very rare occasion that Evie missed a programme and she was always one of the first to volunteer for extra duties when fund-raising activities were required. We wish her luck for the future.

GY

Charity Stall *26/3/94*

This years long awaited impersonations of street traders by members of the staff took place on 26/3. Dave, PJ, Colin, Amanda, Rebecca, Alan, Lance, Jo and not forgetting Kevin all gave up part of their Saturday to prove they could star in Eastenders. The day was a great

wheeze and a lot of one liners were had during the day. £217.58 was raised, the total down on last year but still a great result.

Well done and thanks to all who shared the Eastenders experience.

PJ

Stonk of the Month

This month we lost the stonker that Roge gave us, so instead here's some elephant jokes we made earlier !!.

How many elephants can you get in a mini ?

Two in the front and two in the back!!!!!!.

How do you know if an elephants been in the refrigerator ?.

It leaves it's footprints on the butter!!!!!!.

What time is it when an elephant sits on your car ?.

Time to get a new one!!!!!!.

How can you get four giraffes into a mini ?

You can't , its full with elephants!!!!!!

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Did You Know

Signing up for the charity stall reduces your time allocation on the Grand Draw !!!!

★ Loan Radio

7/2 £10 for a Radio In Memory of Cyril Ellis received from his daughter. Cyril was a patient who avidly listened to the service. Requesting the Welsh choirs. (See feedback letter)

★ Loan Radio Ward Rounds

Each time we go round the wards the staff seem to find more devious ways of hiding the loan radio's here's a run down of where you can find them.

Ward 1:- In the blue basket just inside the door of the ladies end on the shelf.

Ward 3:- In the draw of the desk just outside the office, or in the bottom draw of the grey filing cabinet.

Ward 4:- In the sisters office on the

back shelf or in the store cupboard just inside the door in a box.

Ward 5:- In the sisters office on the shelf as you look through the window.

Ward 10:- In the cupboard as walk towards the nurses station on the right, or in the draw behind the staff at the nurses station.

When carrying out your ward rounds make sure you check these places, some of the radios still have batteries in them which are dead.

★ Loan Radio Sponsor

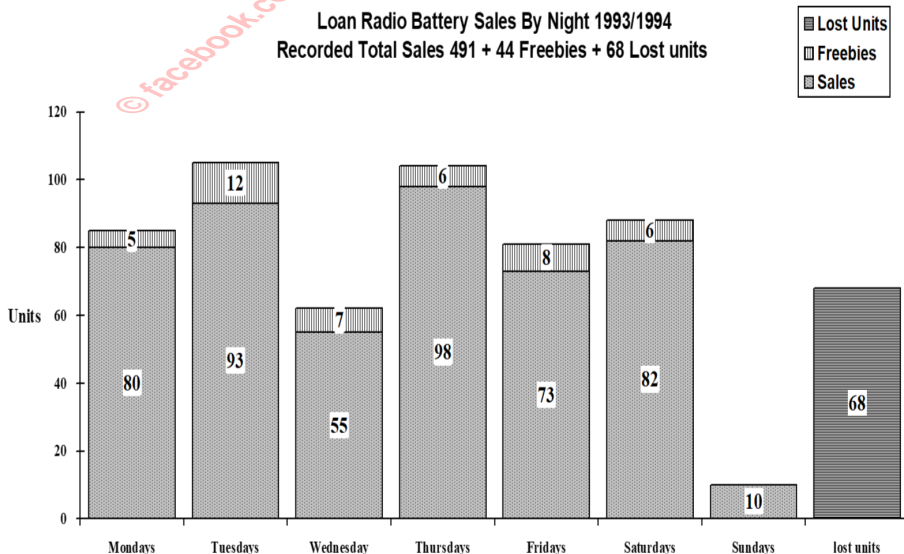
Tony Gardner of the Tuesday team has donated £10 for a loan radio to be put out in his name.

Nice one Tony.

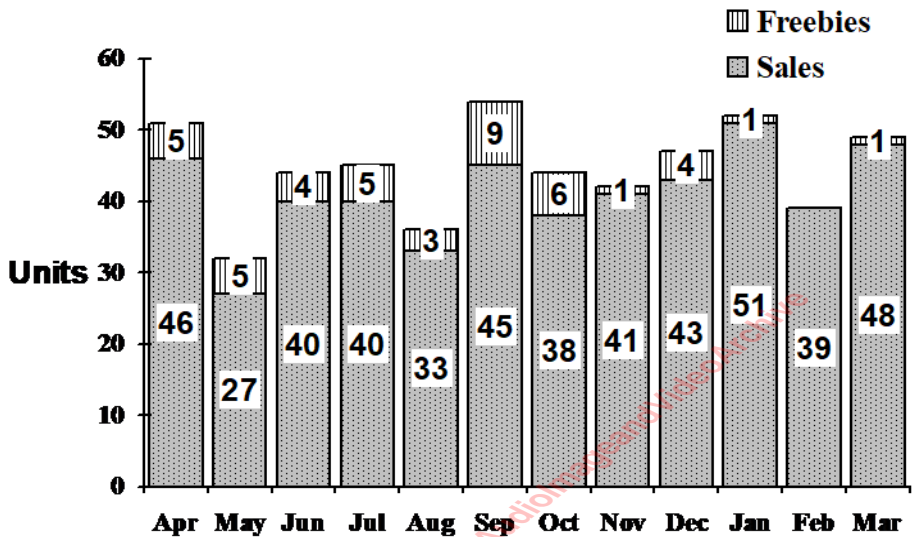
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Year End April 1993- March 1994

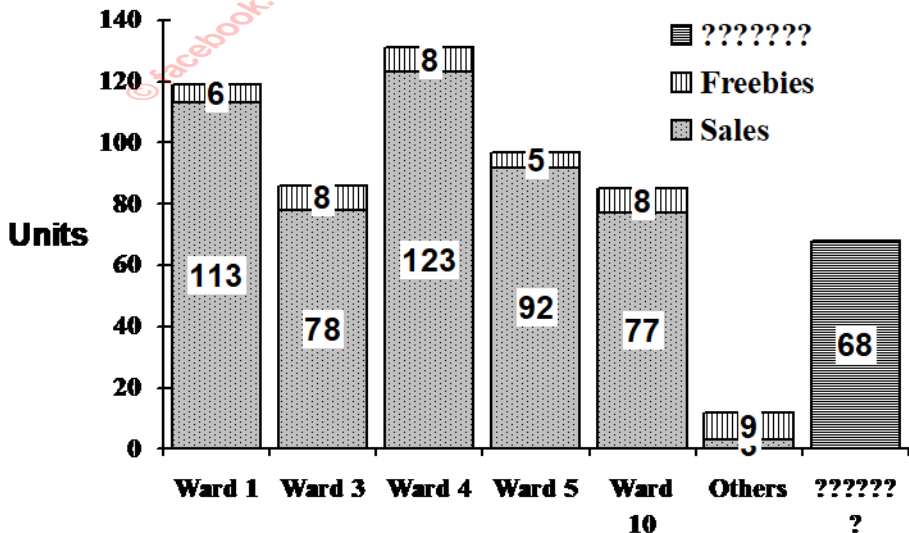
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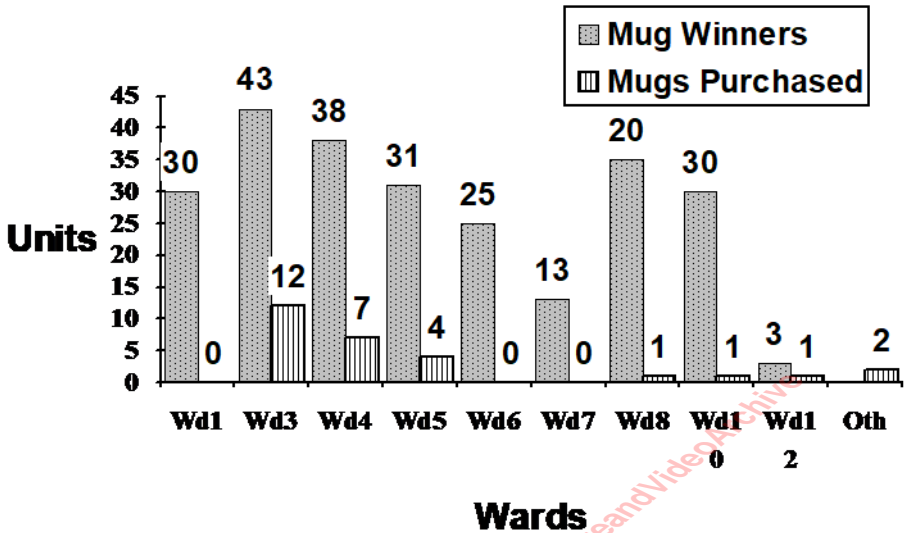
March 1993/1994
Loan Radio Battery Sales By Month
Recorded Total Sales 491+44Freebies



Loan Radio Battery Sales By Ward March 1993/1994
Recorded Total Sales 491+44 Freebies+ 68 ?????



Mugs Where Have They Gone In 1993/1994



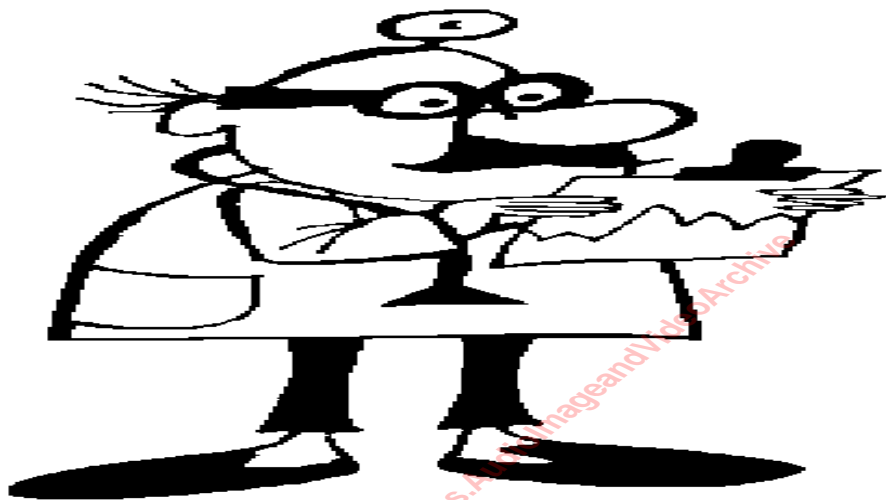
Mugs Mugs Mugs

The league of friends has sponsored the mugs for another year and 500 were recently delivered to the dismay of our trolley shop manager who had fourteen boxes placed in her store.

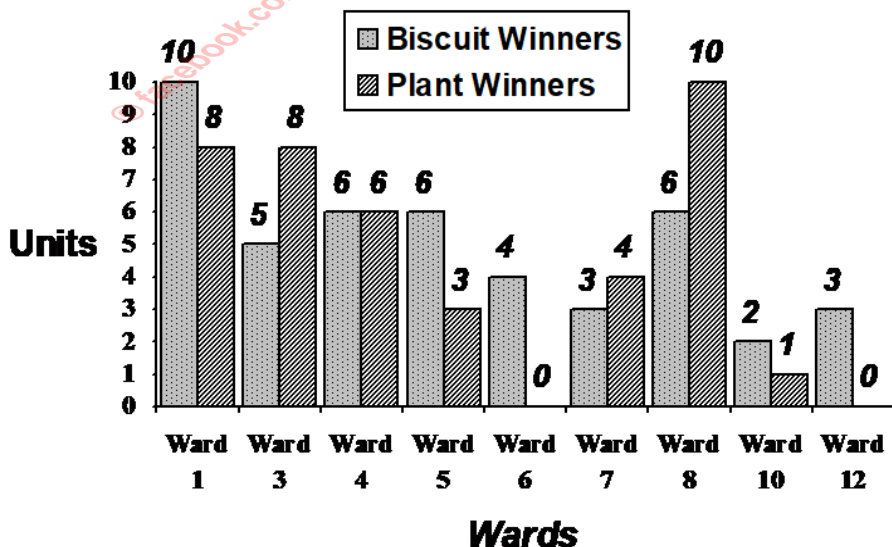


“ Now Mrs Jones the best cure I can offer you , is for the next two weeks you spend all your evenings listening to Radio Heatherwood with the exception of the Friday night stonks, this I’m afraid could bring on a relapse”.

Only Kidding Roge!!!!!!!.



Biscuits & Plants ***Where have they Gone In 1993/1994***



Team Players

Sweethearts Ball

Generates £1400 for the station and is an excellent public relations exercise.

Well Done Roger & Tom



And Finally

The newsletter only survives if you participate !!!!!

Don't Forget the Feedback

Some Useful Numbers

Manager
Dave Smith
0344

Secretary
PJ Davidson-Smith
0344

Studio Manager
Gordon Young
0344

Mondays.

Lee Henty Team-leader.

David Griffiths Presenter.

Mark Porch Presenter.

Lance Scovell

Tuesdays

Alan Holder Team-leader.

Amanda Chivers Jnt Teamleader

Graham Hyman Presenter.

Tony Gardener Presenter.

Wednesdays

Carla Davis Team-leader.

Sarah Loader Presenter.

Julie Mallinson Trainee.

Ben Coombes Trainee

Thursdays

Gordon Young Team-leader.

Kevin Donaldson Presenter.

Colin Archer Trainee.

Fridays

Roger Hawkes Team-leader.

Tom Beaumont Presenter.

Rebecca Loader Presenter.

Craig Titley Trainee.

Saturdays

Dave Smith Team-leader.

P.J.Davidson-Smith Presenter.

Jo Birrell Trainee.

**And then there
was 22**