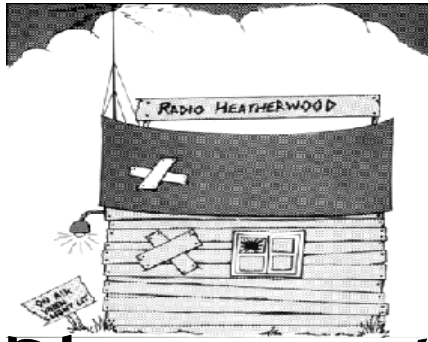


RADIO Heatherwood



Presenters Newsletter Iss 59 May/June 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 (59)

a newsletter originally published in May/June 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

Iss 59 May/June 1994

In this edition of the presenters newsletter, a room with a view, what kind of service will the hospital require from the radio station, Yakkety yak , "rocking all over the world with Alan Holder ". and last years £ donations when and where did they come from.



Trainee Talk

I'm starting to think somebody up high has it in for me. After introducing me to the pleasures of alcohol (amongst other things- say no more !). On a Saturday night the first time the management want me to go live follows an all night heavy drinking sesh in London resulting in a very " not with it " Radio Heatherwood trainee Zombie turning up for work.

" Cheers Lads, " chuck me in at the deep end and watch me drown, why don't you ! ?

Jo.



Tuesdays

I can now reveal why I'm so pleased to be working with such a nice group of people on Tuesdays. It's the camaraderie (actually Amanda prefers strong mature cheddar !).why only this evening Graham Hyman introduced my last half an hour as

" coming on at 10:00 to send you all to sleep is Alan Holder " !!!!!!!.



Feedback

On Tuesday 5/4 poor old Tony Gardner appeared to have lost his false teeth. One request was for a lady on ward 6 who had just given birth to a baby " Elephant ". Twice Tony tried to pronounce the new born baby's name and both times it came out as " baby elephant ". For the record the baby's name was " Elliot ".

(*Ed: I bet he'll never forget his name ?*).



Departures

20/4 Carla Davis who joined us in January 1992 has decided to leave due to outside commitments. Carla was the first woman Team-leader since the station started on the medium wave and it's a sad day for us. No more " oooh Carla Davis oooh Carla Davis on your radio " She may return in the future. We wish her well.



Feedback

(Postbag)

Lilian Harfield a lady who donated records and bric-a-brac for our charity stall dropped us a line recently thanking us for a booklet we sent her and how she wished she could do more for us.

★ **Loan Radio** **150 not out**

During the Saturdays in April the station engineer gave up his programs to enable faulty radio's to be repaired. Last years sponsors of radio's finally had radio's allocated and this has raised the total on the wards to 150; thirty per ward.



Press Release

15/5/94

★ **Loan Radio** **Service**

Radio Heatherwood the hospital radio service at Heatherwood this week released it's 150th sponsored Loan Radio.

The Loan Radio service started in 1990 provides an opportunity for patients in the orthopaedic & general wards at Heatherwood to listen to the hospital radio service. Patients on five wards have the benefit of listening to the radio during the day (Radio 2) and the ability to listen to Radio Heatherwood in the evenings.

The AM personal radios modified by the radio staff have all been sponsored by former patients, the league of friends and Radio Heatherwood (£10 per unit). Each radio carries a plaque acknowledging the contribution. Thirty two units have been sponsored by friends and relatives in memory of a loved one.

The loan radio service has brought many hours of enjoyment to patients who would have otherwise been without entertainment during their stay.

Radio Heatherwood and it's parent body The League of Friends would like to thank all those former patients their

friends and relatives for their support of the loan radio service.

The article was carried by the Ascot Observer 20/5/94. and the Bracknell news 25/5/94.



Station Log

The station log completely revised in an effort to make it easier for presenters to fill out and also easier in collating information about batteries, mugs etc.

In our working lives we are bombarded by statistics on our performance etc. Like our day time jobs the only way we can influence the hospital and also make changes which are of benefit to the service we provide, we need to collate the information of our day to day operations.

Remember your part in this; record all such operations as requested.



Special Offer

Tickets are now on sale for the private viewing of Amanda's version of the birdie song dance, as performed on Saturday 30th April £5 each " cheep " at half the price !!!!!.



Yakkety Yak

Which presenter said to another ?

" If I kiss you will you go away "

Which presenter tried to put a CD in the tape player on a Thursday night ??, what else would you expect from a Scotsman !.

Which lady presenter was caught with the secretary in the men's loo ? (doing the washing up).



Record

Donation

Lee reports:- Walter Biggs of ward 1 23/5 donated some records for Radio Heatherwood.



RHSG Mini Break

On Monday 16/5 the man (Dave the Rave) and his band of cut-throat pensioners set off for the wilds of the north for a week. Karaoke and other devious games were all part of the week of fun.



Super woman

Thursday 28/4 the Thursday crew cannot survive without her. Gordon's full of the flu or is he just resting before his weekend away ?. Kevin can't make it, so that leaves Colin and so the super trouser rushes to the rescue only to find that having just passed his test he can't get one of the jingles to play. He says he didn't break it but I'm not so sure.

(Ed: she wasn't wearing a blue leotard with her red pants on the outside was she Colin ?)

✓ 1994 Donations

The donations of records, cash or other support for this year has been dismal. I have written only four letters for loan radio sponsors and five letters for record donations in the first six months. Large cash donations of any sort has been zero and donations below £5 almost non-existent.

Please make sure every effort is used to promote the donations tapes, plus the voice-box notes on support for the radio service.

We need your support: Encourage your listeners to support us with their donations.

(ED: Give us the money you -----)



Bracknell Bandstand (Bop while you shop)

It has been decided this year that we will not be playing music whilst selling tickets and old records this year. The logistics of carrying all the records old books etc. as well as looking after the ticket sales is just too much to arrange.

Bop while you shop will take a break this year but may return in the future.



Victoria Hall Fund Visit

On Saturday 30/4 Chairman of the Victoria Hall fund and secretary along with their wives paid the studio a visit and were treated to the full PR bit by the secretary. The Victoria hall fund paid for this years licence fee. The motive for asking them to visit the facilities was to encourage continued support and sponsorship of the radio licence each year. I'm pleased to announce that next years licence will certainly be sponsored by them and they will continue to do so after that for the foreseeable future. This is excellent news for us as it eases the pressure to raise yet more funds.



★ Loan Radio Sponsor (151)

Wilma Griffiths wife of the secretary of the Victoria hall trust, was so impressed by the service we provide: during her visit she promptly handed over ten pounds for a radio.

Voice - Box ?

A reminder to all presenters, the voice-box notes are provided to assist you in promotion of items which the radio station would like to promote and in a format which hopefully each evening delivers in the same style and manner.

The current issue on the script board should not take a back seat in your promotion because it is hidden behind the opening/closing procedure.

Please ensure you use your voice-box notes !!!!!!!.

More

Yakkety Yak

Who had secret liaisons with Margaret the cleaner one Friday and brought a tape measure with him.

Who said to Margaret why do you need a tape measure !

Who said Margaret didn't believe the rumours and wanted to check for herself !!!!!!!.

The Times They Are a Changing

On Saturday 21/5 the start time for Saturdays was changed to 18:25 thru till 22:00. This will be the new broadcast hours of Saturdays until further notice.

Jingles

Long before I started working for Radio Heatherwood as a presenter I was making jingles for the Saturday staff and making my own at home. I enjoyed compiling various jingles and got a great deal of satisfaction out of listening to the finished product. Over the years demands for my time in other areas has left me

little time to indulge in jingle

making or updating

what we use. The

current crop of

jingles in the studio

could do with

updating and yes

you can help by

indulging

yourself. We

need this years

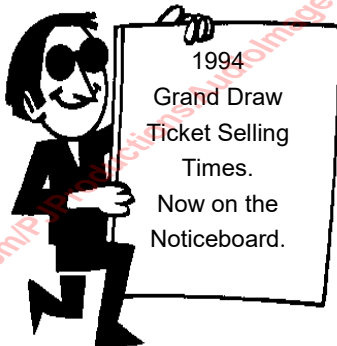
Grand Draw

jingles for starters.

Are you in a position

to help ?.

Can you encourage our presenters to assist and develop their ideas for jingles ?.



Grand Draw 1994

Just around the corner, this years fund raising will commence. All new people should familiarise themselves with the rules on ticket selling, and all presenters should by now have written personal allocations in their diaries.



Hospital Radio Fight For FM (See Iss 58)

A letter from the under secretary of state for heritage has been received but was very non-committal. The closing date for representations to the Radio Authority was 22/4. We will now have to wait for the out come of their findings. (see back page)

★ *Loan Radio Sponsor (152)*

On Tuesday 10/5 Dorinda on ward 5 handed over ten pounds for a sponsored radio and £1.10 for a battery for a fellow patient.



More Departures

On Thursday 5/5 Kevin Donaldson presented his last show for the foreseeable future as pressure of outside commitments prevents him from attending. he may return later.

Ben Coombes the man of mystery hasn't attended for five weeks and hasn't contacted us so we assume he has left.



Arrivals

25/5 The station welcomes Pauline Hipkin to Wednesdays.

(ED: We all wish her well, and anti Scotsman protective ear defenders will be issued to Pauline shortly.)



Rocking All Over The World

(A letter from Alan Holder)

Dear Dave PJ and all RH staff.

""""Gob smacked""""!! that's the way that I felt on air last Tuesday evening 2/5 when after much behind the scenes, deception and intrigue I was interrupted mid flow (well it's normally one or the other of the Tuesday team) by Dave who reminded me that it was five years ago when I was first welcomed to the Radio staff.

If I say I felt humbled then I meant it because I always think that it's me that benefits more from my evenings stint than the people that we are there to serve....the patients. No matter what sort of day I 've had, I'm better by far at the end of a nights broadcasting.

Radio Heatherwood' has been really good for me over my five years involvement and I hope that in some small way I've been able to add to what is a quality outfit.

Thanks to you all again
Keep On Rocking !!!!

Al

(ED: Is it really five years of leary tee shirts)



PS. Nice One Al

On behalf of the League Of Friends Let me add to your letter by saying We have very much appreciated the contribution you have made over the last five years and hope that you will long continue to offer a superb commitment to the service: Radio Heatherwood a friend at the bedside.

PJ.



Did You Know

To qualify for expenses for extra trips to the studio a presenter must have completed one years service.



What Kind of Service

During the month of April, Berkshire Health Council published a document detailing the health strategy for Berkshire. In these proposals for hospital services Heatherwood hospital would have it's services drastically cut and moved to other hospitals. This document is only in the discussion stage but should the proposals be implemented, our service on the hospital would not be as it is today.

The hospital would not have an EMI unit, Maternity unit and a lot of the long term orthopaedic operations would not be performed at this hospital.

The service we would have to provide should this take place would be one of music to the older generation and music from the 80/90's would not be as popular as it today. The average age of patients would rise to 65.

We are watching this very closely and hope that the plans will not get off the ground as it's not just program output which will be affected, it will have repercussions on recruitment, fund-raising, and our own ability to survive..



I Can't Make It Tonight !!!

The new job of recording our output has highlighted a problem which we are sure was there before but went unnoticed. When programs are lost through lack of staff a clear indication is given by the amount of tapes marked with no program broadcast.

I would like to remind everyone that we do advertise our schedules and patients might also be waiting to purchase a new battery.

When it becomes apparent you can't make it, Please let your Teamleader know as early as possible. Team leaders should let Gordon know if a serious staff shortage threatens a nights transmission.

The earlier a problem is highlighted the better chance we have of covering your absence. !!!!

Let's maintain a friend at the bedside as advertised !!!

Dave.

★ Loan Radio Service

When advertising the loan radio service be aware that it's not just yellow radio's on the wards. We now have a large quantity of black radio's, some pink ones as well. One special person will find they have a blue one.

(ED: Radio as well ?????)

Stop Press 27/5/94

A growing campaign by the local community to stop any discussions on reducing services at Heatherwood is gathering momentum.

In your broadcasts do not comment on the trust managements position in this.

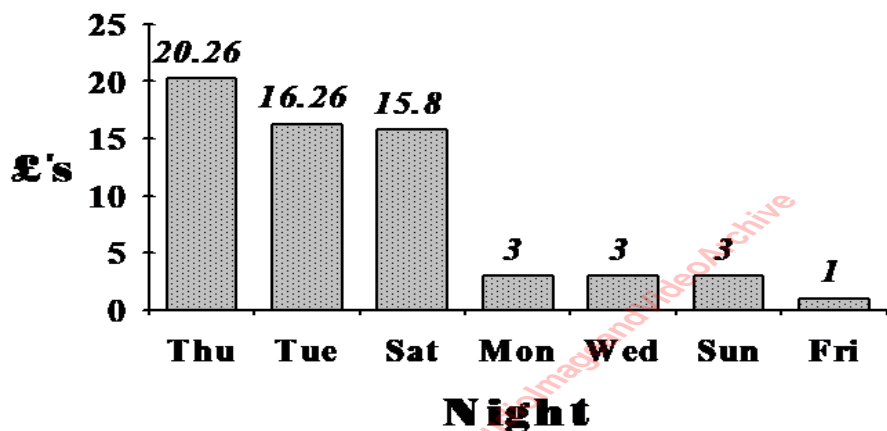
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Community Health Council

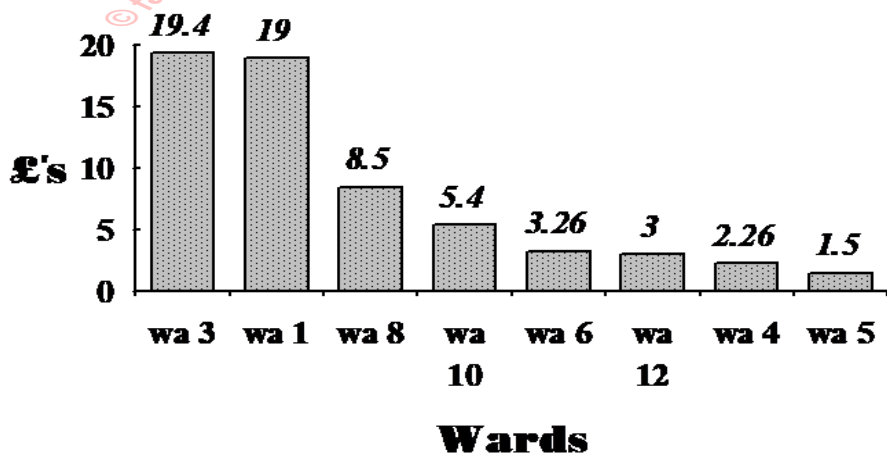
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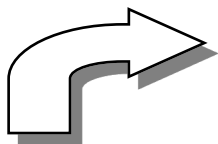
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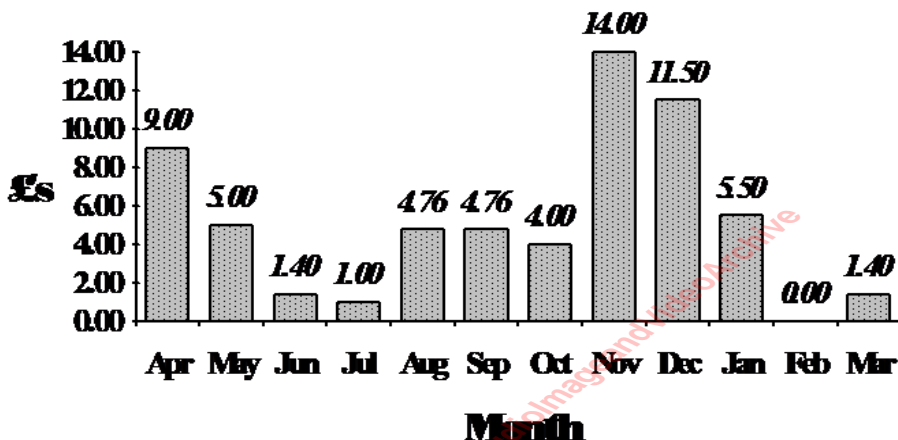


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✓ *Donations*

In this months newsletter three graphs show how when and where the donations accepted from the wards were received. It makes for interesting reading and shows quite clearly where the support is coming from.



Feedback

Graham reports:- On Tuesday 10th May I was returning a number of repaired radios. as I walked into ward 5 I was greeted by Dorinda who excitedly called me over, she asked for a request and insisted on buying a loan radio. She told me she had been in having her right leg fixed and in four weeks time she was coming back to the left one done. (she called them Laurel & hardy, It reminded me of a couple of Tuesday night presenters ???). Dorinda even bought a battery for another patient. Keep up the good work she says.

Graham.

Did You Know

We don't
offer work
experience at
present ?

**“ When the management ask you to send in
your feedback stories, Make sure you do pal
otherwise I'll come round and sort you out “ !!!!**





A room with a view

The continuing saga of whether or not the room next door is allocated to the radio station continues with fresh news that the room could be ours in 4-6 weeks and that access was made available for measuring and any plans we might want to make.

Prior to any hand over of the room: work has to be carried out by the hospital.

In the event the room is handed to us, there is two plans to integrate this room with the rest of the studio complex.

Interim Plan:- To open the doorway with this room to studio one: improve security of the room (windows) move the reception into the room with the computer etc.

Long Term Plan:- To look at ideas of how to best integrate this room with the rest of the studio to improve airflow, facilitate a new

library area, create a kitchenette area for drinks etc., and create a reception which offers comfortable seating. The long term plan will rely on encouraging funding from outside bodies and work on this will be an on going change which will take place, as and when funds are available.

Whatever happens we will need additional cash to implement any kind of changes and this possible addition to our facilities must be our incentive to sell as many Grand Draw tickets as possible this year.

Having waited since 1982 for more space we remain pessimistic at this moment in time having had so many hopes dashed in the past, we'll believe it when it happens !!!!!.

PS. If you have any ideas about our new addition let us know ?.

Team Players



Fight For FM

On Wednesday 25/5 the Radio Authority announced that Virgin were unsuccessful in their bid for an FM national frequency in 1995. This means they have deliberated on who will get the spare frequency 105-108Mhz..

We are waiting to here what option they have chosen. At the time of this issue we only know a broad outline that community radio groups have been allocated the frequency but as yet, does it include hospital radio ???

Operations Manual

Don't forget to ask your team-leader for your chance to read the manual at home. In thirty days time a new enrolment form will be signed by you acknowledging your compliance with

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 Trainee.

Tuesdays

Alan Holder Team-leader.

Amanda Chivers Jnt Teamleader

Graham Hyman Presenter.

Tony Gardener Presenter.

Wednesdays

Sarah Loader TR Team-leader.

Pauline Hipkin Trainee.

Thursdays

Gordon Young Team-leader.

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 19**