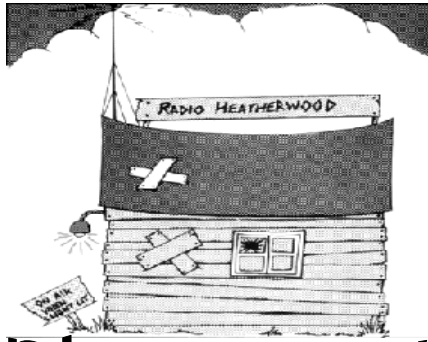


RADIO Heatherwood



Presenters Newsletter Iss 68 Nov/Dec 1995

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 (68)

a newsletter originally published in December 1995.

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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Presenters Newsletter



RADIO Heatherwood

In this your Christmas edition newsletter:- A look a Dave's Crinkley Bottom, loan radio sponsors and news, November 4th a day in the life, plus all your favourites.

★ Loan Radio Sponsor

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In memory of Meg Probert. On the 1st November in the post bag was a card from the Forget-me-not club of South Ascot. A cheque was enclosed £45 to be used in memory of Meg Probert one of their members who had passed away. In 1993 the forget me not club first contacted us and radios were sponsored by Betty Lacinski(3 units) and Kathleen Liddell (2 units). It's nice to know that the club are still supporting the loan radio service. This raises the total to 9 units in memory of former members of the forget-me-not club.



Feedback (Thursdays)

Thursday 9/11 Marjorie on ward 5 was so pleased with the service we provided she said it really cheered her up and helped her get through her stay and wanted to personally thank us, she then presented us with a box of chocolates as she was hoping to go home on the Friday.

It's nice to be wanted !!

Rebecca & Lisa



New Phone Number

Lee Henty the man in the shades has a new work Tel no .

★ Loan Radio Sponsor 175

From the post bag :-

Whilst in Heatherwood Hospital for 3 weeks following a road traffic accident, I used the loan radio service and had several requests played. I should like other patients to enjoy the facility and enclose a cheque for £10 to sponsor a radio.

*Regards Anne Coburn
Nice one team.*





Mission Impossible

Your Mission Mr Holder, should you decide to accept is to spend a dirty week in Devon returning by way of the M4 without being noticed.

(ED: Poor Alan failed in his mission having stopped for a comfort break at Leigh Delamare services the old bloodhound yours truly was their to report on his progress).

Footnote

Alan left me a note saying good job we weren't creeping away for a dirty weekend !!!

Why do it at the weekend when you can do it in the week ??????.

PJ.



Feedback (Mondays)

Lee writes;- Monday 6/11 a popular night the whole of ward 5 said they enjoyed the evening when I delivered the mug at 10pm also at 8.20pm Jean Burnham phoned up for a chat, what a chat (30 mins in total). She first wanted to talk to Radio 2 or BBC Radio Berkshire who were both engaged. Then she looked in the yellow pages and guess whose number she ponders, she gave me her life history & enjoyed listening to the music when I was on air. I explained that she couldn't hear us but that didn't bother her, all she was interested in was a chat with the presenters.

(ED: Hey Mr Presenter " Play Misty for Me ")



Radiators

Remember these all leak: don't switch on!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Crinkley Bottom or Bust

On Sunday 22nd October a coach load of Radio Heatherwood Supporters left to find Dave's Crinkley Bottom. Three hundred miles later and still no sign: however they did find Mr blobby and Noel's Crinkley bottom. Mr Blobby was celebrating his birthday with the aid of the RHSG.

(ED: It's a sad state of affairs but the court case has been deferred for reports: If you've seen Dave's Crinkley Bottom answers on a post card to the Ed).



November 4th

Diary of a Broadcast Day

Rebecca Loader

Saturday November 4th Arrived bright and cold, the day was the culmination of a lot of hard work put in by Kevin and myself, weeks beforehand, many Sunday afternoons had been spent, slaving over a computer to design the leaflets, which were distributed to all the patients, along with the competition leaflets.

Planning

First of all there was the format of the day to be considered, how would we allocate the 12 hours then came the names for the shows, the lunch bunch was originally to be called music while you masticate, could accidentally be said wrong !!! The requests top twenty had to be carefully worked out, once it had been compiled, the record times had to be worked out and then all added up to see how long it would take to play them, approx. 74 mins which means it was allocated 90 mins, we then had a problem what were we going to do with the odd half an hour between 4.30pm and 5pm. We came up with room with a view a short documentary show about why the whole day was being staged. Kevin would interview PJ. and it would be linked with appropriate music, was it to be live or



recorded, it was decided to do the show live. A leaflet went up in the studio's asking for volunteers for the day. once this was completed, shows were allocated, presenters informed, playlist were then produced for the shows, we tried to link all the records in the lunch bunch as they had a food theme to each other. All lists were done apart from the morning experience show well it was Kevin's and myself's show, we could do that at the last minute. next came the jingles for the day (full story on the jingles, next month).

Six days to go

Sunday 29th October final adjustments to the main leaflet, photo's of various presenters had been digitised into the computer, lots of cutting and pasting to put them in the right place and it was ready. What colour paper shall we print it on ?. Then the poster was designed, yet again what colour to do them in, and finally the competition leaflet was designed, questions were devised, making sure we remembered to put a space for them to put their names and wards on. The drafts were finished, now all Kevin had to do was print them all off. Easier said than done, it was Sunday we had no paper, but not to worry Kevin would buy plenty on Monday.

Monday

The stress was beginning to show when on Monday evening Kevin phoned me by accident, thinking He was phoning someone else,, and he didn't even recognise me until said who I was, but the printing was under way, we were getting there.

Tuesday

Tuesday 31st October a telephone call at work, Kevin wouldn't be in Thursday as he was going to Manchester to do some filming for BUPA; on the Friday night and he wouldn't be finished until 1am Saturday morning, but he would be leaving Manchester on the first flight which was about 7.30am and would therefore just make it but he would be tired.

The problem of getting the leaflets to me

cropped up again, but Kevin said he would come up Wednesday evening to the hospital and help put the posters up around the hospital.

Wednesday

We went round the wards and asked to put posters up and asked some of the patients if they were still going to be in hospital on Saturday, once or twice I had to be very careful how I phrased it, as I found myself saying "Are you still going to be with us on Saturday ",whoops not quite what I meant, most of them said they were going home Friday-did this mean everyone was getting chucked out at the weekend, would we have any listeners ? There was nothing else to do but get up very early on Saturday morning to go and see the patients before we started broadcasting.

Thursday

Normal Broadcast evening.

Friday

Friday 3rd November, one day to go and I still hadn't done the playlist for the morning experience, time was running out and a very worried Rebecca struggled to get through the day at work. 4.30pm phone call from Kevin, Oh no I didn't want to hear what he just said the earliest flight he could get was now leaving Manchester at 8.30am, which meant there was no way he could get to Ascot in time. the other problem was the CD with all the jingles had arrived at Kevin's house he had left a message for Dave to collect them, but he was worried Dave might not get the message, could I find out. I got home phone call to Dave, still the answer phone, had he left the country ?. At





8.30pm David phoned good news he'd been to Kevin's house and collected the CD and he would also be in at the station early in order to meet the two people rule, but the bad news PJ was not very well and too ill to broadcast, so the evening session had to be juggled around and Kevin had no-one to interview on room with a view, but as they say the show must go on. I then managed to complete the play list for the morning experience, but had no idea what to talk about, but by now it was too late to worry after all I had to get up early next day.

Saturday

The big day arrives armed with my bible-the red book full of everything I need to get through the day, plus the leaflets and competition forms, I get to the hospital at 8.30am Once my records are out I embark on the test of trying to sell the day to the patients, I started on ward 4 and the response wasn't too bad , I carried on round Dave caught up with me on ward 3 I was talking to Harold and Ian who were desperately trying to cheat by asking me what the answers to the questions were, I just told them to listen at 10 am. but they Kept on, so I said there wouldn't be any first record at 10 am if I didn't get back.

I go into studio 2 and try and keep calm it's 9.50 am ten minutes to go, a message has been left on the answer phone Kev's landed at Heathrow and on his way. Listening to radio two whilst getting ready I can't believe what I'm hearing the show is dedicated to 60's music and guess what

the morning experience was a journey through time playing the same sort of music as they were playing in fact they played out on Only the lonely which was about the fifth record into my show. Why did it feel as though I was taking my test again, i thought I've done this for 3 years now I know exactly what I'm doing, but the little butterflies were still there,, as I reminded myself this is the first show of the day, it rests upon me to make a good impression- help and hurry up Kevin.

On-Air

J1 and we're off, I nearly said good evening, instead of good morning, but not too bad, but I wish the nerves would settle down I wish they didn't make records so short in 50's, it's not even 10.30 and we've now just moved into the 60's. It's Kevin he's arrived, shattered and suffering from severe hangover, but at least he's made it.

We need to hit the news at 12.00 with radio two , now which clock shows the right time, and will the records fit together OK, so that we don't overrun. It's close we've made it, we get the news as they go into the jingle at the beginning. Oh is that it our bit over and done with, I've just started to relax and enjoy myself. No rest for us, records to put away just time for a spot of lunch before collecting the competition entry forms, that will be a real; test; did anyone listen and did they bother to enter.

feedback 1

Off to ward 4, Derek and Bertie had a little help with their entries, after all they seemed to

be the only ones aware of the event. but ward 3 was definitely the ward to go on to boost our confidence; Harold had his form completed, ready and cut in half ready to hand over, but Ian in the bed opposite had forgotten to enter and was a bit miffed, so Harold said he could copy the answers, but if Ian won he would smash Ian's mug !!Maureen saw us go into the female side of the ward was waving her entry form at us and Ann in the bed next to her was equally enthusiastic, we also managed to collect a few more entries- it worked we didn't have to check, we did have entries, we even had enough to do a proper draw As there was two mugs to give-away, it was congratulations to Derek on ward 4 and Maureen on ward 3, off I went with the prizes.

In need of Help

Kevin was now feeling the effects of his hangover and was in need of some help, off he went to casualty. The waiting time was 1 hour-did this mean we were stuck here for that long. The nurse said she would have to get someone to unlock the drugs cupboard, a few minutes later a doctor came out and shouted where is he, I think he must have had a sadistic streak, poor old Kevin had been shouted at when he was in a bad state.

Back at the studio more wards to visit

It's the request show one mug for each half an hour was being given away, so off I went to deliver the first one, all the way to ward 5, back again another mug drawn, this time its off to ward 4, it's a good job I took the battery bag with me as a lady is in need of a battery- sales up today. Lisa comes off



air at 3pm, Kevin now is beginning to try and sort out what he is going to do in room with a view without PJ to interview, a few minutes rest then it's off to help Lisa collect requests for the 5pm-6pm request show, via the vending machine for a much needed chocolate boost, oh my legs are starting to get tired. It's 4.15pm, my heart sinks ,the next part of the competition needs collecting at 4.30pm, back to the studio collapse on the floor- exhausted, it's so cold outside, but as the wards are so hot I don't think I could wear a coat.

Lee says he'll help me collect the competition entry forms, on ward 4 an elderly man says to me instead of me asking the question he would ask me a question and if I got it right he would give me £5, he said what was the song that Eddy Nelson sang. I said I didn't know, could I go back and look it up, no he said that would be cheating, oh well there goes £5, he also gave me some advice on having a long and happy marriage, he had been married for 61 years and when he said how long do you think you'll be married for, I said I've no idea I wasn't even close to getting married yet, that was where the conversation ended as he had no answer to that. Once again Maureen on ward 3 was listening and was most impressed with the requests top 20 she thought it was a very good idea. Harold had asked his granddaughter to listen to the radio to get the answer to the last part of the competition as he didn't want to miss out as he was having a wash at the time. Entries



collected, we rushed back and managed to announce the winner as Kevin goes off air, back out to deliver prizes, it's so nice to go out and see people listening and enjoying the broadcast. As I arrive back at the studio, Lisa does another mug draw why did the winner have to be on ward 10 off to see Donald who said he won a mug exactly two years ago. I asked him how he knew he said it was his birthday week so I asked when it was he told me 9th November in fact that's the day after mine, his wife- said oh no not two Scorpio's together.

And in the end

The last mug draw of Lisa's show took place and yet again it was to ward 10, but all too soon it was 6pm, is that our bit really over and done with, it went so quickly, all those weeks of thinking of nothing else. All my energy has been zapped, time to go home, it's Saturday night, I'll think I'll just collapse in front of the telly, but guess whats on " it's casualty !! aargh I think I've seen enough of hospital life for one day.

Kevin & Rebecca would like to thank Lisa, Dennis, Caroline, Lee, Keith and Dave for the input into the days broadcast which turned out to be a much bigger success than we could have imagined. We would also like to thank PJ and Dave for asking and giving us the chance to do this and having the faith in our abilities to put it all together.

PS Rebecca would also like to thank British Airways for getting Kevin to

Heathrow on time and in one peace.

(ED: was it coincidence or was it another part of the days events, but did you notice as the event came to an end the Ascot sky line was lit up with a magnificent fireworks display, and all on a budget of 2/6d)



Feedback (Saturdays)

Whilst going round the wards on Saturday 18/11 the ladies on 8c were very impressed with the Friday nights show thought it was very funny and thought the DJ's were good looking.

(ED: Must have been listening to the wrong station !!!)



Charity Stall 1996

The charity stall at Bracknell market has been booked for 30th March 1996. We will be looking for volunteers to man/ woman the stall for the day. If you have also some old bric-a-brac how about donating it for the stall. More details next year.



RHSG Tenby 17/18/19/20 November

On a cold Friday morning in November a coach load of supporters set off for the wilds of Wales. Where men are men and the sheep run scared. So would you if you saw David's dress !!!!.

★ Loan Radio Sponsor

No 176,177,178

In memory of Elizabeth Gambriel who passed away in Heatherwood's ward 15. She was the sister of one of the RHSG members. Mrs Bailey asked that the radio's be put out in her sisters name.



Saturday Broadcasts

From the 6th January the Saturday broadcast times will change to 7pm til 10pm a reduction of 1/2hr.

Missing Persons

The month of December and Kevin Donaldson is missing because of work commitments and Keith Smith is missing from Saturdays because of an opportunity to work on a restricted licence service station which is on air for a month (Pilgrim Radio) in Canterbury.

(Ed: or have they run away together).

Emergency Contact

With the introduction of a phone system which allows call barring. We have decided to arrange for the telephone line 25818 to be out going calls allowed. In the new year once BT have been contacted to arrange the change, it will be possible to call either the emergency services 999 etc or using the speed dial facility call Dave Smith, PJ, or Lee without the need to nip along to the public callbox.

Speed Dial 60 = PJ Davidson-Smith - Home

Speed Dial 61 = Dave Smith - Home

Speed Dial 62 = Lee Henty - Home

All other types of call will still be un-obtainable.

Have you paid your rent yet ?

On Saturday 11th November we received a communication from the estates dept informing us the trusts intention to charge rent and to lease the three rooms to the radio on a three year lease £100 a year rent plus £400 service charges.

This letter has come as a complete stab in the back for all the hard work and effort we have put into the hospital over the years.

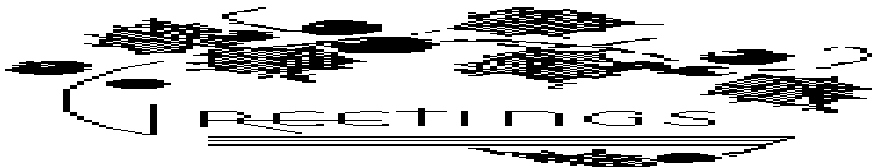
After some very strong phone calls to the trust management expressing our total disgust with this idea. A re-think by them is under way and it is hoped in the New Year we will be able to report a climb down, with the rent set at £1.

Please be aware we will not rest on this issue until it is concluded in our favour. We have no intention, in paying large sums of money just to pay rent etc.

Feedback (Saturdays)

On Saturday 2/12 whilst carrying out ward rounds on ward three having equipped Eric with a loan radio and showed how to turn on and off





the radio as his eyesight was failing. he said " I don't suppose you carry a tin opener around with you ". A strange request I thought until I looked down at his bedside table and saw that someone had brought him in a tin of peaches.

Maybe we can improve our service to the wards by issuing all presenters with a tin opener.???

(Ed: as the boy scouts would say " Be prepared ").

★ Loan Radio

Sponsor (179)

On Monday 4th December Lance collected a donation and thank you letter from ward 5. It comes from a patient John Webb he writes:-

To the ladies and Gentlemen of Radio Heatherwood

Thank you for helping me through the first 44 days of my stroke with your evenings of music. I have been tied to a bed for that time or in a wheel chair going to Physio, now I am starting to

Battery sales for Dec1994 to Dec1995 shows almost 700 units this because we can now show the contribution by the trolley shop ladies.

What will our financial year show in March. ?????

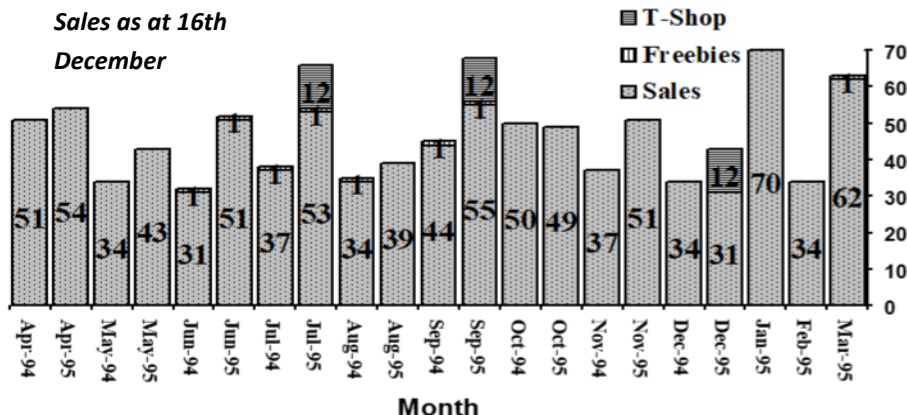
Loan Radio Battery Sales By Month 1st April 1995 to 31st March 1996

1994 Recorded Total Sales 518 + 5 Freebies

1995 Recorded Total Sales 462 + 3 Freebies

Sales as at 16th

December





Thank you for giving your time for people like me God Bless John Webb.
Well Done Team.

RHSG

The final trip of the year took place on Sunday 10th December. A shopping trip to the Lakeside shopping centre. Rumour has it Dave went as Father Christmas.

1995

That was the year that was!!!

It only seems yesterday that it was January 1995 but twelve months later where have they gone ?. The fortunes for the radio station this last year has been mixed. The station was on a high as we moved into the new year with work progressing on the new room, Sweethearts ball three took place in February, Staffing levels at the turn of the year were at 25 the highest it's been for many a year. The year also saw the introduction of the first jingles on CD courtesy of Kevin and crew. We introduced the leaflet for the loan radios which has helped tremendously with the sale of batteries and made more people aware of the service. We sent a letter to the hospital clearly spelling out the state of the radio systems and seeking some commitment from them.(still waiting for an answer to a project suggestion).

The room with a view project received support from royal connections with the Duke of Edinburgh trust donating to the project.

Room with a view finally comes to an end and is opened in July.

It was the year of the eleventh Grand Draw, a successful market stall and bandstand selling days.

The twelve hour broadcast in November proves a winner with the patients and also produces another quality batch of jingles on CD.

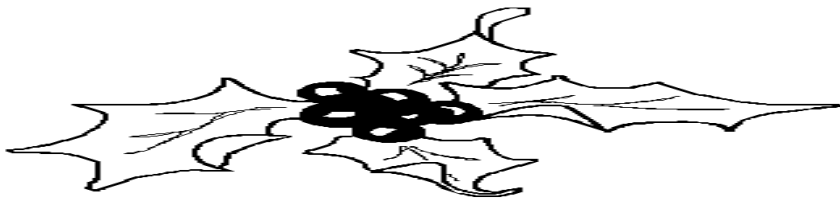
On the down side for the year we lost ward nine on the am service Channel 4 on the bedheads died, ward two a near disaster was averted over the re-siting of an aerial. Loan radios' were broken and a large amount have been written off, donations for the last three months of the year have been abysmal. The station has seen some good people go this year and some not so good.

We said hello to Arrivals 11

Dennis Wilkinson, Paul Bennet, Paul Hodgson, Ian Haskell, Barry Callan, Katie Hallet, Cecelia Cruickshank, Jessica Cruickshank, Amira Sagher, Roger Hawkes (Oh No It isn't is it), Russell Stafford.

and said good-bye to Departures 14

Paul Del-Nevo, Desmond Hutchins, Paul Hodgson, Paul Bennet, Katie Hallet, Amira Sagher Russell Stafford, Gordon Young, Mark Porch, Tony Gardner, Graham Hyman, Colin & Lesley Archer, David Griffiths.



And those we shall miss

Gordon Young, Mark Porch, Tony Gardner, Graham Hyman, Colin & Lesley Archer, David Griffiths.

At a time when David and I should be resting and enjoying the fruits of our labours of the last few years we have grave concerns over what lies ahead with the possible damage which will occur to both radio systems. Despite one step forward with the hospital we are taking three steps back as changes seem to occur.

The fortunes of the radio are dominated by many contributing factors; not least of which is the calibre of staff we have today. It's their contribution which determines how far forward we progress with the ideas.

Don't forget it's your radio station as well as the patients, your commitment secures the future for Radio Heatherwood.

On behalf of Lee David and Myself we would like to thank everyone for their splendid support this last year. It's been difficult but we came through and I'm sure we made thousands more members of the public more aware of the service we provide.

Best wishes to you and your families for the Christmas Holiday see you all in 1996, when we'll do it all again!!!!

PJ.

In the next edition of the newsletter, a report from Rebecca on how to make jingles for a broadcast day and the clock is ticking.

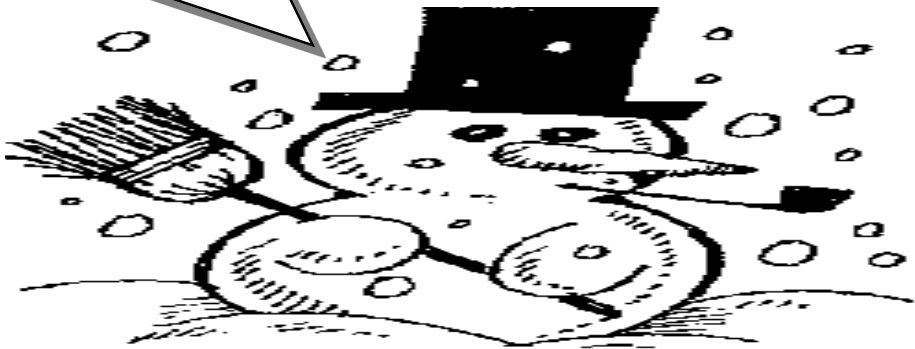
This page is dedicated to this years
christmas messages from your fellow
presenters.

*Your new car parking permit is attached to this
newsletter. This replaces the current one, as from
1st January 1996*

I have been overwhelmed with the response to my request for
Christmas messages, in last month's news letter "" Bah Humbug "

Merry Christmas Everybody.

See You All in 1996.



Team Players

Inc Service

Mondays.

Lee Henty Team-leader. 6YR

Lance Scovell Trainee. 2YR

Caroline Dandridge Presenter. 1YR

Tuesdays

Alan Holder Team-leader. 6YR

Amanda Chivers Jnt Leader. 2YR

Jessica Cruickshank Trainee. 0YR

Wednesdays

Dennis Wilkinson Presenter. 0YR

Cecelia Cruickshank Trainee. 0YR

Thursdays

Rebecca Loader Team-leader. 2YR

Kevin Donaldson Jnt Leader. 1YR

Lisa Jones Presenter. 1YR

Fridays

Roger Hawkes Team-leader. 6YR

Ian Haskell Trainee. 0YR

Barry Callan Trainee. 0YR

Saturday

Dave Smith Team-leader. 16YR

P.J.Davidson-Smith Presenter. 15YR

Keith Smith Presenter. 4YR

Bruce Crossland Presenter. 0YR

Sue Pullman Helper. 0YR

Supporters

Ada Hawkes

And then there
was 19

Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Manager

Dave Smith

Home

Mobile

Secretary

PJ Davidson-Smith

Home

Mobile

Studio Manager

Lee Henty

Evenings

Work

Mobile

Speed Dials in Emergency

PJ at Home-Speed dial 60

Dave at Home-Speed dial 61

Lee at Home-Speed dial 62

Available January