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The Radio Heatherwood staff newsletters took many styles and methods of production during its publications.

We have recreated an issue distributed by email to radio staff and also posted on the staff noticeboard.

This newsletter originally published as above date.

The only changes made to these emails have been the removal of personal phone numbers and email addresses.

### **Background Story to Email:-**

League AGM Etc

*PJ Davidson-Smith Former Secretary*

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Hi Guys

Last night David & I attended the AGM of the league I have included the radio report submitted to the league written by yours truly.

In addition we have been asked to attend a meeting with the works dept director on Monday 28th October. We assume it's to update us on the Patient Power Project, but this guy does have a habit of dropping bombshells. So we await with trepidation what might be in store ?.

#### Radio Heatherwood AGM Report May 2001 to April 2002

This past year started at the beginning of May 2001 with the station engineer suffering a severe back injury. This seriously hindered any work for the station as well as the league. The injury prevented the engineer attending the official opening of the new studios by Margaret Edwards. 10th June 2001 and the station also celebrated 25 years of service at Heatherwood. The day went well and was well received by those on the wards and in attendance.

The radio service has just completed it's first full year in the new premises. This hasn't been without incident. The leaking roof and the high temperatures have caused problems. The initial idea of sharing the kitchen facilities with the porters has not proved to be successful and we are making plans to put our own sink and cold water supply into the engineering room.

It wasn't until September the engineer could return to his duties. The first task was to submit a request to the Ascot Authority for assistance with the 24 hour project. This however proved fruitless with the authority not even communicating with us; that we were not successful. We found out through the local press. This hasn't deterred us from getting this project off the ground, further work has been carried out throughout the year and we would hope in our report for 2002/3 to be able to confirm it's implementation.

#### Web Site Makeover September 2001

The long awaited update to the web site makes an appearance. The first web site for the radio made it's appearance at the end of March 2000. In the first year over 400 visitors found the site.

Recruitment continues to be problematic and the web site and new leaflets available around the wards are helping to secure new interest. Three people are now working for us as a direct result of the web site.

The station lost one of it's long term members during the year. Bruce Crosland

A significant change to the way the station operates has been forced upon the station with the implementation by the PPL to levy charges for the records we play. In January we received the news of £488 to be paid each year. The first year's licence was paid for us by the local rotary clubs who all chipped in and donated funds to cover the cost.

We still receive a steady trickle of sponsors for the loan radio's, last year was no exception and during February new radio's were added to the wards.

The introduction of the new style mugs on the wards in April continues to create a talking point with the patients and does create an atmosphere of feeling happy and contented. The new style mug celebrates the twenty fifth

birthday of the radio station and also carries the web address for the radio service.

Radio Heatherwood played hosts to the Victoria Hall Trust in April 2001. Members were treated to an informative tour and presentation on the work of the Volunteers. Mr John Green Chairman of the trust thanked Radio Heatherwood on behalf of all patients for the work carried out by the volunteers. Radio Heatherwood has received a donation of £225 from the Victoria hall Trust. The Trust has been a regular sponsor of our Radio Authority licence and over the last 12 years have ensured our radio service continues to broadcast.

The day to day activities of the radio service continue to bring rewards for the staff and patients with notes of thanks from the patients bringing high praise for the service.

Margaret Says Thanks Radio Heatherwood December 2001

A Christmas card is received by Radio Heatherwood from long stay patient Margaret Powditch She Writes:-

With our grateful thanks to you all for all your hard work coming out into the bitter cold to visit all the wards, getting our many requests and keeping us all very happy, contented and often amused too. In the ward 4 we all salute your many talents etc and pray they may continue with all new patients coming in for Christmas etc.

I myself have had great pleasure in listening to all your team, so thanking you all. God Bless you all and have a lovely Christmas from Margaret Powditch and all the other very grateful patients in our lovely ward 4," The best ward in Heatherwood ".

The station continues to look at new technology and new ways to improve it's service. The radio staff are optimistic for the future of the service. The patient power project by the nhs looks very promising and will no doubt improve the stay for the patients. Where possible we as a league/radio must ensure we are involved in it's implementation at Heatherwood. It not only offers the possibility of new listeners but offers a chance to make people more aware of the role of the league/radio and gives us a new avenue to promote ourselves

On a personal level, it's been a tough year but the radio remains vibrant and well loved and this is due to the commitment of it's volunteers without which the radio wouldn't be.

Our thanks go out to the volunteers for their continuing commitment. Long may it continue?

A Friend At the Bedside - Radio Heatherwood

Peter Davidson-Smith Secretary Radio Heatherwood

28 August 2002

Regards

Peter J Davidson-Smith

Radio Heatherwood & League of Friends

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