Subject: Radio Heatherwood Presenters Newsletters

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To: Radio Staff



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:-

Radio Heatherwood Newsletter May 2005

PJ Davidson-Smith Former Secretary

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Hi Guys

Some info for you

Rhapsody On-Air

After a disastrous week of engineering problems the hard drive on the Rhapsody machine decided to call it a day consequently just as we are leaving on a Saturday I find this out.

It was always in my mind that we would need to have some backup plan in place. Never quite got around to doing it. This has been a wake up call. We have installed new hard drives into the machine as well as creating a spare set which the next time it happens, we will only be off air for an hour; rather than days.

What's Going On

What's happening in the background by yours truly?. An ongoing task is the integration of one library at Heatherwood. The old library database on the old machines is currently being modified to the same as what's on the rhapsody machines. The purpose of this is to have one database which you will mark-up from, using the artist search as you now do on the rhapsody machines. When you mark up the requests you will have the opportunity to create a stack on the library machine as well as listening to any item which may be recorded. This task involves designing a new access front end for the database as well as turning 54,000 artists names the other way round I.e. from "Richard Cliff" to "Cliff Richard".

When this is complete you will be able to do the above without the need to be in either studio.

Computers

The above will also need us to change the two library computers. If thru your work you get an opportunity to have some old pc's, we might be interested. As long as they are in working order, they do not need any windows or software on them.

New Recruit

Martin Gillate joins the Monday team this week. This brings together the 4th member of the new Thursday team which is in training. The station welcomes Martin and hopes he will enjoy his stay.

Picture This

Your on the wards collecting your requests and an opportunity arises to have your picture taken with a patient or member of staff. Young Shep to the rescue from Mondays. As the official photographer Shep is tasked with collecting a number of pictures which shows us in action on the wards. Why Do We Need these Pictures ?

Promoting the work we do is fine on the web site if you want to see pictures of buildings or individuals but it doesn't show what we actually do. If you look at any hospital radio website they have nice pictures of studio's and nothing for the general public who might be interested.

Over the coming weeks shep is going to help rectify this with a few mug winners and pictures of you on the wards. In essence it's our aim to generate more interest via the web site. Potential volunteers can see what we are about!. I hope you will cooperate with Shep and come up with some real Web stars!!!!

In addition to the pictures shep will be looking for comments and feedback from patients that we can include on the web site with their pictures.

Web Site Content

Still waiting for content from Three on Mondays and One on Saturdays?

Web Site Moves

I'm currently engaged in moving the league and radio web sites to the pay isp's. As part of this move the email addresses which I have used from the start are to be lost soon. The only email addresses which are valid to use are as follows.

Secretary@radioheatherwood.org.uk or Secretary@lof-heatherwood.org.uk. If you have any email addresses in your address books which end in "fsnet.co.uk" delete them. I will not be checking or have access to these addresses in the next 60's days.

Pathe News

John is busy constructing news and trivia items which will become part of the down the decades programs on Rhapsody. Once complete they will also be available in Live assist.

Patient And Staff

Little reminder here, the staff on the wards are also part of the service we deliver to. So yes do ask them if they want a request on the radio?.

WD2 Show

In the 1980's I presented the children's show from ward 2 for over two years. During that time I kept a lot of the interviews and also the playlists from those programs. All the interviews have been cleaned up and PJ Sounds even better now than he did then (It's surprising what you can do with a brillo)Rhapsody is now transmitting these programs on a Saturday afternoon after 5pm and also Sundays during the ovaltineys. I have completed 21 shows and will be adding more as time allows.

Holidays

A reminder to all, if you have got holidays booked don't forget to get them marked on your team nights on the calendar

Warm Weather

Hopefully in the next few weeks the weather will warm up and we shall all be in our t-shirts and bikini's (Including Roge). the downside to this, is the studio's can become unbearable.

Some tips here: Don't leave un-used milk for the following night, it will be off by then. Throw it away.

Don't have all the lights on, turn off what you don't need.

If you have finished with the computers turn them off.

That's all for now Keep up the good work

Regards

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