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While it may be nearing the end of the hottest Summer we've experienced, you've been busy being a friend at the bedside and in the community.

For many patients, being stuck in hospital at anytime isn't exactly ideal and especially in recent months when the UK has had some of it's hottest temperatures ever recorded.

Despite the high temperatures, hundreds of volunteers from across the country have been busy volunteering for their local hospital, health and wellbeing radio stations, whether by visiting patients at their bedside, playing their favourite music, or raising money for their own stations by providing public address systems for local community events, or simply attending events in the

community to raise awareness of the work they do, everyday of the year.

If you're reading this and you're looking to volunteer, our member stations are always on the hunt for volunteers to take on a variety of tasks.

You can find your nearest station using the interactive map on our website at hbauk.com/stationmap.

Take it from me, both as a volunteer within hospital radio and as someone who works in the NHS with patients, any time you can put into volunteering for a station

really does make a difference, even visiting patients at their bedside and striking up a conversation can make a patient feel at ease. You never know, you might be the only visitor they have that day.

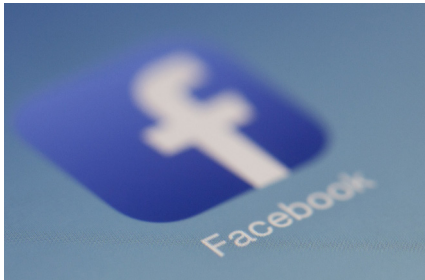
Whilst doctors, nurses and other health professionals care for them clinically, volunteers of hospital radio stations bring a dose of companionship.

There's more about the impact of hospital radio in our impact report, available via hbauk.com/impact.

Keep up your excellent efforts, as detailed in this edition of On-Air.

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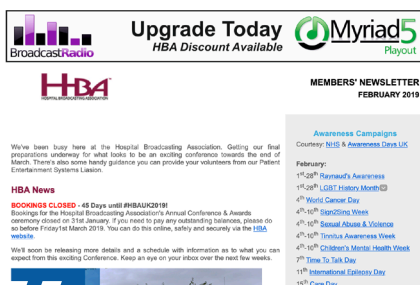


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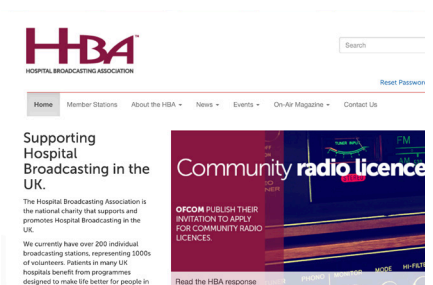


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THE PRINCE PICKS HIS TUNES

The Prince of Wales meets volunteers from Hospital Radio Lynn

Royal Approval for Ho

The station marked their 45th anniversary

Volunteers from Hospital Radio Lynn had a right Royal celebration to mark their 45th anniversary.

Chairman David Llewellyn along with Studio Manager Wayne Fysh were among the six volunteers who met the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall during the Sandringham Flower Show on Wednesday 24th July.

Organisers of the flower show invited the station to be on the Royal route to celebrate their milestone anniversary.

Hospital Radio Lynn has not been to the flower show since 1982 when volunteers presented the Queen Mother with a giant panda to give to baby Prince William.

During their tour, the Prince and the Duchess learned more about the radio station and the impact it makes on patients and staff along with looking at some old equipment. There was even time to find out which song the Prince wished to have played during that evening's Request & Dedications show, a Leonard Cohen track called 'Take This Waltz'.

Wayne said: "It was absolutely fantastic to receive this recognition and to meet Prince Charles. He was in our tent for two to three minutes and it was wonderful to highlight the work we do."

Hospital Radio Lynn has recently started streaming their broadcasts online as well as developing and launching their own Amazon Alexa skill so patients, their friends and relatives can interact with the service outside of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn.

More information about Hospital Radio Lynn can be found via the website at hospitalradiolynn.org.uk

45 YEARS OF HOSPITAL RADIO IN KINGS LYNN ⬇

Volunteers from Hospital Radio Lynn celebrate their 45th anniversary at the Sandringham Flower Show



Hospital Radio Lynn

at the Sandringham Flower Show



← LEARNING ABOUT LYNN

The Duchess of Cornwall finds out more about the service Hospital Radio Lynn provides to patients.



Radio Glamorgan rename studio

The studio has been renamed in memory of dedicated volunteer, John Wilce.

The studio at Hospital Radio Glamorgan (RG) has thoughtfully been renamed in memory of a dedicated volunteer.

John Wilce from Penarth joined the station based at the University hospital of Wales in Cardiff in 2003 but sadly passed away after a short illness in September last year.

Recently appointed Radio Glamorgan Chairman, Jamie Pritchard said; "Since John's passing, we have all been thinking of ways of how we could honour him and his legacy at the station for many years to come. The renaming of our on-air studio to "The John Wilce Studio" was a popular choice to recognise his outstanding dedication"

"The 4th June would've been John's 70th Birthday, so this we felt really was a fitting tribute and a lovely memorial to all those who knew him, as a constant reminder of his contribution to Radio Glamorgan"

John presented a regular show on Sunday evenings, during which he'd often dedicate features to listeners and without fail as a big Beatles fan, played a track of theirs every time he was on air.

When John was off-air from his show, he took charge overseeing and maintaining the broadcast equipment, actively engaged in fundraising events and also stood as a trustee, assisting with the day-to-day running of the station.

Michelle Fowler, Volunteer Services Manager at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board said:

"It's such a wonderful tribute to rename the studio after volunteer John Wilce, he really made an impact on our wards and with our patients who listened to his shows on Hospital Radio Glamorgan. Such a lovely way to mark not only John's birthday but also to mark the contribution he made as a volunteer during Volunteers' Week."

Bay Trust Radio upgrades studio

The station received £5,000 worth of funding to make it happen.



Bay Trust Radio has upgraded and improved their studios after receiving over £5,000 in funding and wants to hear from people who wish to join their team.

The station broadcasts 24 hours a day for people living across South Cumbria and North Lancashire; as well as patients, staff and visitors of local hospitals.

The project was made possible by a grant from Postcode Community Trust, a grant-giving charity funded entirely by players of People's Postcode Lottery.

The news comes just a few weeks after the charity received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest

award given to voluntary organisations in the United Kingdom.

The grant has allowed the charity to purchase new equipment to improve their programmes ranging from microphones and headphones to purpose-built computers for production.

John Williamson, Station Manager, said:

"Keeping a radio station up to date and fully-functional is a continuous task. This grant has allowed us to replace some of our oldest equipment with state-of-the-art systems which are built for broadcasting."

"We are absolutely delighted to have received the grant and we thank Postcode Community Trust and players of People's Postcode Lottery for their support."

The station is run entirely by volunteers and started broadcasting in 1977 with studios located in Kendal and Blackpool.

The charity is currently looking for volunteers from across the area for roles ranging from presenting, production and ward visiting. You can find out more by visiting baytrustradio.org.uk/join-us or call by calling them on 03302230056.

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45 years of Nottingham Hospitals' Radio

The theme for this year was focusing on showing the public what they do.

In July Nottingham Hospitals' Radio held an open studio event to celebrate the station being 45 years old.

In the past they've held a 40 hour live broadcast to celebrate 40 years of the hospital they are based in, and an event for 40 years of NHR seeing old and current members getting together.

Julie Caston, Head of Fundraising and PR for the station said "Earlier this year it dawned on us that NHR would be turning 45 years old, and we knew we had to do something special to celebrate. We had recently decorated one of our studios after having new air con put in, and we thought this would be a good time to see if people wanted to take a look around our studios, with a view to telling them more about what we do and seeing if we could enlist some new recruits"

NHR had a stand in the main entrance of the hospital so anyone could come and chat with the team and be shown up to the studio if they wanted a tour. There was also the chance to make requests for patients to be played out on the live shows. Or as it happened, there was a great thank you note handed to the team on a napkin to be read out on air later that day for the NHS staff!

Staff, patients and potential new volunteers were welcomed into the studios with a drink and a slice of cake as well as a guided tour. They got the chance to record a dedication or song request of their choice to be played out later in the live shows. Most of the people that visited the studios ended up staying quite a while; looking at the facilities and finding out more about the station as a whole and the other aspects of being a volunteer such as ward visiting and fundraising.

Julie continued "It was a little bit nerve wracking on the Friday night to see if anyone showed up! We needn't have worried though, as before we had opened up the studios we had someone already waiting outside keen to be shown round, and we had an ex member from the 70's show up to see what the studios look like now. Thanks to the event we've had people show their serious interest in joining us as well as a potential piece for Notts TV which would give us some great publicity.

The social media buzz has helped a few other people become aware of us and they are now coming in for their own look at what we do. Fingers crossed this gets us some much needed extra volunteers. I would recommend any station thinking of doing something similar to go for it, it's really given us a boost"

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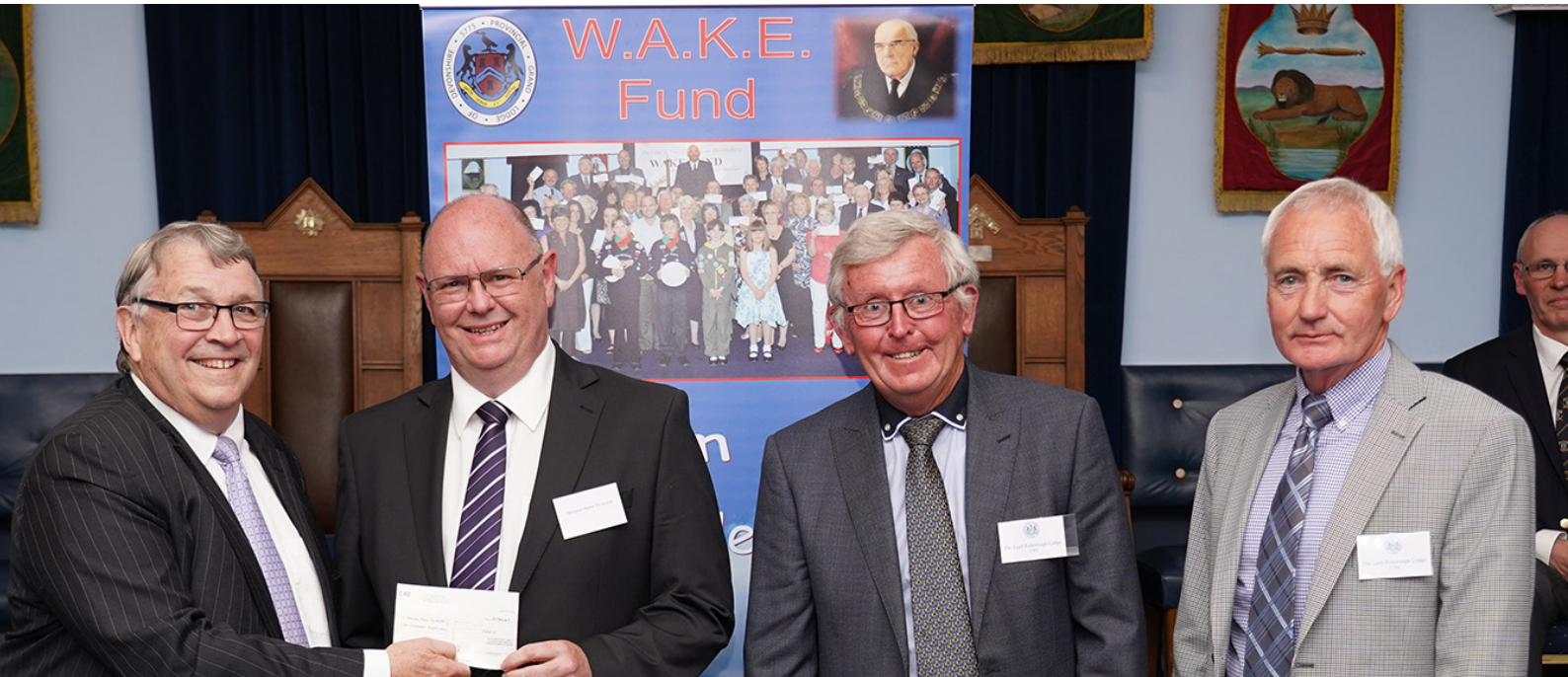
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Separately, Vortex's CallMe Click-&-Connect Cloud Service lets codec users get more from their hardware by putting guests and reporters on-air by clicking on a web link provided by the Station. Instead of sending a reporter or asking a guest to come to the studio or use the telephone, they click on the Station's branded CallMe page from a web browser and using the CallMe Click-&-Connect cloud codec, go Live to the station with high-quality low-delay 15kHz audio.

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£1,000 for Hospital Radio Plymouth

The station received the donation from local Freemasons at the end of May 2019.

On Friday 31st May 2019, Right Worshipful Ian Kingsbury JP. Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire presented cheques to 23 deserving causes, including Hospital Radio Plymouth.

Meeting at the Mount Edgumbe Masonic Hall, Citadel Road East, Plymouth, the charity representatives accompanied by a Mason from their nominating lodge, were able to enjoy a buffet supper, explore the Lodge, ask questions about freemasonry whilst receiving their cheques totalling the magnificent sum of £25,000.

Making the contributions Ian Kingsbury said, "I am delighted that the Freemasons of Devon are able to contribute to these important local causes many of which are so competently run by volunteers and hopefully these donations will make a real difference.

Trevor Middleton from Hospital Radio Plymouth who attended thanked Ian Kingsbury and said, it was only because of grants such as this, that we were able to continue to provide a 24hr a day radio service to patients, staff and visitors of University Hospitals Plymouth NHS trust at Derriford.

Pictured above is Trevor receiving the cheque from Ian Kingsbury, accompanied by W. Bro Keith Baker and W. Bro John Pritchard of The Lord Roborough Lodge No, 5789.



Back to Bolton!

Our 2020 Annual Conference and the National Hospital Radio Awards will be held at the Holiday Inn, Bolton.

Join volunteers of HBA member stations from across the UK for a weekend packed full of networking, learning and celebrating as we prepare for another busy Annual Conference and the National Hospital Radio Awards.

Bookings open later in the year, but we are pleased to confirm we're heading back to Bolton from Friday 27th March to Sunday 29th March 2020.

With entries to the National Hospital Radio Awards also opening later this year, it's set to be a great weekend.

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