

ON-AIR

The hospital, health & wellbeing broadcasting magazine



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Your last **ON-AIR** of 2018!

Blink and you'll miss it, that's how quickly this year has gone. In just a few weeks, we'll be celebrating a brand new year, and a few months after that, we'll be seeing you in Stoke-on-Trent for our Annual Conference and the Hospital Radio Awards.

This edition of **ON-AIR** is full of stories from our member stations across the country. There's royalty, there's NHS 70 celebrations and an expansion of services across Kendal and Blackpool.

Throughout the year, your **ON-AIR** magazine has gone through a revamp. It's bolder, brighter and fresher. I hope you've enjoyed reading the new look magazine on your computer, smartphone or tablet.

Thank you for taking the time to read the magazine, thanks to our advertisers and thank you for your stories. But most importantly, thank you for continuing to do what you do best, entertaining those who need a friend at the bedside, being part of your local communities and shining a light on the excellent work you do, day in, day out, 365 days a year.

Have an enjoyable Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

*Ian Pinnell, Editor, **ON-AIR***

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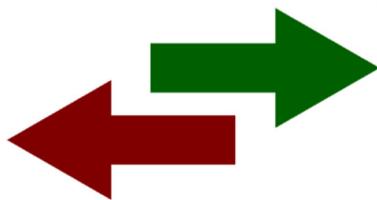
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KEITH REEVE (LEFT) JOINED AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY BY RNOH TRUST CEO ROB HURD (CENTRE) AND EDWINA NEUMAN (RIGHT)



Brockley at Westminster Abbey

Keith Reeve from the station joined RNOH staff to celebrate NHS 70

I was delighted and privileged to be one of two RNOH staff members, the other being Edwina Neumann, to accompany our Trust CEO Rob Hurd, to the service held at Westminster Abbey to mark the NHS 70th anniversary on 5th July 2018.

As well as a volunteer at the RNOH for 41 years with Radio Brockley, and now, in semi-retirement, a part time employee, my history at the hospital actually goes back 50 years to 1968, when I became a child patient.

I have to admit I've never been inside the building, so this was a fabulous experience, shared with 2000 dignitaries, NHS staff, volunteers and charity representatives. I was so fortunate to be selected from 1.5 million, or perhaps more accurately 1500 RNOH employees, to be there!

The Very Reverend John Hall, Dean of Westminster, opened the proceedings, with testimonies from Olive Belfield, a retired NHS nurse, Freya Lewis, who was severely injured in the Manchester Arena bombing in June 2017 and gave a most moving account of her challenges since, Jenny Grant, one of her nurses at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, plus others. The address was by Simon Stevens, CEO NHS England, and Jeremy Hunt, who was then Secretary

of State for Health and Social Care, read from the Nave Pulpit.

After the service, I rushed back to the RNOH as I was responsible, with heavy Radio Brockley branding evident of course, for setting up and running the PA for our NHS70 Staff Party that evening which, due to the glorious summer weather, was held outdoors in an open marquee. The evening included our own "Buttercup Choir" made up of staff and volunteers, addresses from our Trust CEO Rob Hurd, and also our Trust Chairman, Tony Goldstone.

I provided the music, with songs from the past 50 years (a bit of "poetic license" was used for the first few years!), which got everyone up dancing and having a great time. The event was recorded for broadcast a few days later on Radio Brockley, and my colleague Kate Beatty conducted interviews with our CEO, staff and volunteers gathered at the event, whilst David Rauch assisted me with cables and the general lugging of equipment.

What a day! One of my friends asked me, via Facebook, "have you mastered the art of being in two places at once?" It felt like it, but for all the right reasons!



A royal visit for Radio Tyneside

The station were presented with their Queens Award

His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex visited the Radio Tyneside studios on Thursday 18th October to present the hospital and community radio station with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

An annual award presented to groups in the voluntary sector that provide outstanding work within their community, The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is equivalent to the MBE and is the highest award that can be made to a voluntary group.

Dave Nicholson MBE has been volunteering at Radio Tyneside for over forty years and today is the Chairman of the station.

He said: "This year has been really exceptional for Radio Tyneside. Not only did we win five awards at the National Hospital Radio Awards, we also secured a license from OFCOM to broadcast on FM, allowing us to expand our reach and promote health and wellbeing across the Tyneside area as well as in the hospitals

"Pulling everything together in time to officially launch on the 5th July, in time for the NHS' 70th birthday, was tough, but it is a testament to all our wonderful volunteers that we managed to do it.

"Now for us to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service on top of that, and have it awarded to us in person by HRH The Earl of Wessex himself, is an honour and a privilege I could never have dreamed of."

Radio Tyneside has been broadcasting to hospitals in Newcastle and Gateshead since 1951, providing a friend outside of visiting hours for those unfortunate enough to find themselves in hospital.

Now, some 67 years later, Radio Tyneside is still broadcasting to the Freeman Hospital, the RVI, and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, as well as the wider Newcastle and Gateshead area on 93.6FM.

Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear, Susan M. Winfield OBE, added: "Hospital radio provides a vital service to many at a time when they are most vulnerable and the fact that Radio Tyneside has been doing this on a totally voluntary basis for nearly 70 years is an incredible achievement.

"I am absolutely delighted for such a wonderful community organisation in the North East to be recognised for their voluntary service with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, and to be presented with it by High Royal Highness in person is a real honour."

SMHR announce new patron

BBC Radio 2 host & HBA ambassador Ken Bruce joins SMHR, Aylesbury



Stoke Mandeville Hospital Radio in Aylesbury are pleased to announce that Ken Bruce, broadcaster on BBC Radio 2, is to become patron of the hospital radio station.

Simon Daniels, Chairman of SMHR said: "We are honoured and excited to have Ken Bruce as our patron. Ken's broadcasting career started in hospital radio and to this day he has championed the work hospital radio does around the country. Our aim is to provide patients, visitors and staff with their choice of music, interviews, news and health & wellbeing information."

Speaking of his appointment as patron, Ken Bruce commented: "Over forty years ago I stepped into a radio studio for the first time; it was at HBS Glasgow, the Hospital Broadcasting Service for the West of Scotland. Not long after, I embarked upon my professional (or at least paid) career, which happily continues. I still get the same feeling of excitement and anticipation when I enter a studio today. "

"There's nothing quite the same or as good as hearing a friendly voice speaking directly to you in programmes tailored specifically for your situation. For that reason, Hospital Radio continues to thrive, thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of its volunteers. Nowhere is doing a better job than Stoke Mandeville Hospital Radio, which is why I am delighted to take on the role of patron. "

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Bay Trust

expands to Blackpool

Big expansion for Kendal-based Bay Trust Radio

A local charity which provides a radio station to patients in hospital is expanding the service they offer.

Kendal-based Bay Trust Radio, which is run entirely by volunteers, will become available in Blackpool for the first time.

The move will see the station broadcast to Blackpool Victoria Hospital, as well as the Westmorland General Hospital and Royal Lancaster Infirmary. The station is also available to the wider community online.

Chief Executive of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Wendy Swift, said:

"This is an exciting development where we can maintain and further develop the hospital radio service across the Trust.

It means patients can receive a fantastic range of programming including request shows, local and national news and sport and specialist music programmes."

Chief Executive of University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust, Aaron Cummins, said:

"I am so pleased that Bay Trust Radio is expanding its following!

Welcoming our community teams is part of an exciting new chapter in Morecambe Bay history and to be able to offer this service to a wider group of staff, patients and the public is just fantastic.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all at Bay Trust Radio - your unwavering commitment and efforts are much appreciated".

John Williamson, Station Manager, said: "We are thrilled to welcome volunteers, patients, staff and visitors of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals to Bay Trust Radio."

"We will be working together as a bigger team of volunteers from across Lancashire and Cumbria, providing a fantastic radio service which is available inside hospitals and online."

"If you're interested in radio, media or want to help make a difference to your local hospitals, now is the perfect time to join our charity!"

You can apply to become a volunteer by visiting baytrustradio.org.uk/join-us or call 0330 223 0056.

A world first for HRI

Roma Nicholson, 13, raises money for local charities.

Roma Nicholson, the 13 year old singer who raises money for local charities, featured on the Hospital Radio Ipswich 'Sunday Request Show'.

Answering listeners and studio questions, Roma and her dad Darren squeezed in to 'studio A' with interviewer Lewis Old, presenters Peter Green, Marty Wilde and guest from Felixstowe Radio Steve Foley.

Roma was looking forward to rounding off what had been an enjoyable but exhausting day launching her latest charity CD at The Railway at Foxhall Road in the afternoon and then moving on for a further two hours at HRI.

The visit to the studios and the release of the tracks marked the first ever broadcast of Roma's song collection. A short video of part of Roma's visit is available at www.facebook.com/HospitalRadioIpswich.

The singer who has just reached 'teenage hood' is Ipswich's famous singer/song writer charity fund raiser, she recorded the self penned songs at her home in Pinewood, Ipswich and has already raised thousands of pounds for local good causes. The CD 'Teen Spirit' is available from music download sites and www.romasworld.co.uk cost £8.

ROMA NICHOLSON PICTURED IN RADIO IPSWICH STUDIOS



Happy 50th birthday Radio Leighton

Angela McCully-Jackson writes for On-Air.

On 14th November 2018 Hospital Radio Leighton in Crewe celebrated 50 years broadcasting to patients in Cheshire.

Over this golden era the organisation has broadcast from four different locations: Coppenhall Hospital 1968-1975; Memorial Hospital 1975-1981; Barony Hospital 1981-1987 and Leighton Hospital 1987-to date.

The occasion was marked with an exhibition in the Outpatients Department, cake, an appreciation certificate award, and special programs presented by Stewart Green (35 years service) and Angela McCully-Jackson (nearly 15 years service). Leighton Hospital's Chief Executive Tracy Bullock presented Chairman Bob Squirrell with the certificate and ceremonially cut the birthday cake. Staff and presenters enjoyed the result of Stewart's culinary skills.

Later on whilst Angela was ward walking, patients showed great interest in her exhibition photos. Requests were forgotten as talk revolved around the technology of the time and how things have changed. Patients were happy to be entertained with a trip down memory lane through our special programs.

Over the years since Stewart Green joined

the organisation, he has taken on the task of bringing old technology recordings into a modern format. As a result Stewart's archive show included segments from that inaugural broadcast in 1968 and many more moments from the last five decades, including quizzes and interviews from mayors and celebrities. In complete contrast, Angela reviewed the news and sports headlines over the lifespan of the station with appropriate musical accompaniment. Together the programs gave a balanced and interesting review from the last half century, providing a good evening's entertainment for patients.

Radio Leighton's birthday received some unexpected publicity with a mention in a church newsletter, and on BBC Radio Manchester and BBC Radio Stoke. This undoubtedly emanated from Angela's work as one of our football commentators.

The Gresty Road Evangelical Church (opposite side of Alexandra Stadium) provides free hospitality (hot drinks and snacks) to ALL fans before Saturday matches. Recently Angela has enjoyed this outreach facility, and as a direct result gained Radio Leighton a mention in the church newsletter and on BBC Manchester.

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The app, available for both iOS and Android devices, supplements the ability to also listen online via the stations website.

25hr MARATHON FOR BED-ROCK RADIO



Bedrock Hospital Radio hosted a 25hr marathon in October, playing back-to-back requests between Saturday 27th October to Sunday 28th.

Presenters Robert Wilcox and Scott Mills manned the broadcast and also interviewed the deputy mayor of Havering, Cllr Michael Deon-Burton.

The aim of the marathon was to raise funds for the station to keep providing entertainment for patients.



Got a story?

For inclusion in the next edition

ON-AIR is the Hospital Broadcasting Association's quarterly magazine that celebrates the work of hospital, health and wellbeing broadcasters and organisations from across the country.

If you've got a story that you would like featured in the next edition of the magazine, [please get in touch via the website.](#)

When submitting your story, please ensure you submit high quality photographs too, a mixture of portrait and landscape. Our bolder, brighter, fresher look focuses as much of the images as well as the text that helps tell your story.

Got any questions or concerns? [Please email the editor.](#)

A grayscale background image of a radio studio. A person is visible on the right side, wearing a plaid shirt and holding a microphone. In the center, a large, stylized orange handprint graphic is overlaid. The handprint has five fingers, each ending in a rounded tip. The text 'The Bionic Studio is here.' is written in a bold, dark blue font across the middle of the handprint.

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Registered Nurse**

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