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SIX GOES INTO ONE - JOHN CRAVEN BECOMES RADIO HORTON PRESIDENT

After months of planning, Radio Horton, the hospital radio station for the Horton General Hospital in Banbury, unveiled six major pieces of news at the stations 52nd birthday.

Amongst the news was the announcement of the stations new President, popular BBC TV presenter and broadcaster John Craven (OBE), best known for television programmes including Countryfile and Newsround.

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INVERNESS HOSPITAL RADIO CELEBRATE 45 YEARS

Members of Inverness Hospital Radio gathered at Town House in Inverness for a Civic Reception provided by the Highland Council to mark the 45th anniversary of the stations service.

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ON AIR



Showcasing the Good & Great of Hospital Radio

No matter what time of year, no matter what time of day, there is always something good and great happening at a hospital radio station near you.

No, really, it's true. Whether it's someone collecting requests for the request show, someone engaging new volunteers to join their station, or someone who pops out in the community for fundraising events, there is always something going on, and no matter how much time someone gives, it really is true to say that every little helps.

On Air aims to highlight and showcase the good and great that is happening across Hospital Radio in the UK. If you've got a story you'd like to share, drop me an email, and it could feature in the next edition.

Spread the word about On Air on your social media, share it in your community and let's showcase the awesome work volunteers do every day, every week, every year, that really does benefit a patient's stay in hospital.

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John Craven joins some of the Radio Horton team in celebrating the station's 52nd Birthday and a relaunch of their studios.

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME FROM GRANT MCNAUGHTON

So with some great alterations to our On-Air magazine, let me welcome you to our latest edition.

Well summer has truly arrived and hospital broadcasters across the country are taking advantage of local fundraising activities and the opportunity to raise awareness of the services we deliver.

In March this year we published our impact research on the benefits of hospital broadcasting. This independent research provided statistics and details on the services and benefits offered day in, day out to patients, staff and wider communities served by hospital radio stations.

The link [here](#) will take you our research and I'd encouraged you to share this exceptional research far and wide.

The HBA continues to progress its restructuring programme and as you can appreciate, with a voluntary organisation, we set a realistic timeline to ensure that we evaluate what we offer and to continue to meet expectations. As we head in to autumn, HBA will publish more details for our members and supporters.

The location and dates for our Annual Conference and Awards for 2017, will be announced very soon. This event celebrates the great work of hospital radio volunteers.

As we all look forward to the Olympics, I hope you are able to relax and enjoy the summer ahead.

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BBC'S JOHN CRAVEN BECOMES RADIO HORTON PRESIDENT

At a special red carpet event to coincide with the station's 52nd birthday, Radio Horton unveiled its new studios, culminating more than 12 months of work in refurbishing the existing facilities, and setting up a second, neighbouring studio to the main facility.

The completed studios are now named the Wilton Studio and the Hanson studio, after the station's founders Graham Wilton and Ted Hanson (MBE), respectively.

Just before cutting the ribbon to the new studios, John Craven, who is now the stations President, made a speech to the invited guests and dignitaries, including members of the station, local press and the Mayor of Banbury, Cllr. Gordon Ross and said that he was "very proud and honoured to be Radio Horton's new president," adding: "Over the years Radio Horton has built up a great team of local broadcasters, dedicated to making their listeners' stay in hospital as enjoyable as possible. For them, this extra studio marks the start of a new era and I wish them well."

The station also welcomed new Vice President, Jeremy Wilton, the son of co-founder, Graham Wilton and editor of the local Four Shires Magazine, who will stand alongside Radio Horton's existing Vice President, Bobby Bragg, in representing the station.

Ray Kent, a member of the station, was accredited with The Wilton Memorial Trophy, presented by Jeremy Wilton for her outstanding 15 years of service, commitment and dedication to hospital radio, whilst long service certificates from the Hospital Broadcasting Association were also presented by John Craven and Jeremy Wilton to station members Colin Beeby (25 years), Kevin Matthews (30 years), Elizabeth MacLeod (10 years), Ray Kent and Jane Holland (15 Years).



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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HOSPITAL RADIO IN DORCHESTER



This year, Ridgeway Radio is celebrating the 50th anniversary of hospital radio in Dorchester.

The station, which has had various name changes over the years, began broadcasting on the 29th September 1966 as the Dorchester Hospital Broadcasting Society, which was formed by a group of prominent locals, including the Chief Constable. Some of these founding members are still involved with the station today.

From broadcasting only one hour a week on a Thursday night from a tiny room that could only fit two to three people inside, the station now broadcasts 24 hours a day, and the station continues to grow from strength to strength.

The celebrations so far have included a fundraising event called 'Radio Daze' which featured various competitions and radio-related quizzes with prizes donated by local businesses.

The Town Council gardening team manage the local Borough Gardens, which is home to flowerbeds and each year a flowerbed is dedicated to a local charity or organisations and features dozens of colourful plants arranged in the design of that organisations logo. This year, the Town Council have dedicated a flowerbed to Dorchester Hospital Radio, 1996-2016, with a logo of a smiley face, wearing headphones. Dorchester Town Council also stepped in to provide the radio station with a new mixing desk, after a liquid accident with their old one.

There are more events planned for the station, including a celebratory gathering on the afternoon of the 29th September, where 50 people ranging from Ridgeway Radio members, past and present, and special guests will meet at the Hospital's restaurant. On the same day at 8pm, the exact time and day of the week of the first broadcast fifty years earlier, the station will be presenting a programme recreating that historic occasion.



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PHIL MOON RECEIVES 35 YEAR CERTIFICATE IN SPECIAL CEREMONY

The newly elected President of Eastbourne's hospital radio, Radio DGH, has had his 35 years of voluntary service to the station acknowledged in a special ceremony.

Chief Nurse, Alice Webster, called forward volunteers with gradually increasing years of service until she got to 35 years. Phil was the only recipient to come forward to receive his certificate and a specially commissioned glass trophy.

When asked why he volunteered for so long, Phil commented: "For me it's ongoing pay back time! I was born blind with congenital cataracts and after seven 3-hour operations (my how things have improved!) and thanks to the brilliant care at Great Ormond Street Hospital I was finally able to see.

On the morning of my final operation I had a record dedicated to me 'Oh what a beautiful morning' from Oklahoma. I have never forgotten the emotion of hearing that on the radio and am now repaying that gesture on a continuing basis. Since then it has been proved that music in hospital forms part of the healing process, but then I already knew that!"

Radio DGH / Eastbourne Hospital Radio was established in 1951 and broadcasts to Eastbourne District General Hospital, 24 hours a day to over 450 patients, including their friends and relatives.

The station broadcasts from two purpose built studios within the main hospital building.



Pictured above Phil Moon with his East Sussex Healthcare Trust Volunteer Long Service Award



Pictured above L to R are: Volunteer Audrey Hicks, volunteer Derek Gates, Rob, manager of the Co-Op in Granville Street, volunteer Pam Eastwood, Jayne from the Co-Op, Mayor Cllr Ged Philbin

30 YEARS OF RADIO HALTON

Radio Halton's volunteers held a tombola stall to raise awareness in the main corridor of Halton Hospital on Thursday 14 July 2016. The Mayor of Halton, Ged Philbin, met volunteers and visited the studio.

The event raised £123 and volunteers want to thank everyone who contributed, including prizes from Silver Blades in Widnes, the Old Hall Hotel in Frodsham, Rick Astley, Shaw's Butchers of Church Street, Runcorn, Cineworld Runcorn, The Co-op in Granville Street, Runcorn and Gleave's Garden Centre in Frodsham.

BENIDORM OR BUST FOR BAY TRUST RADIO

A team from Bay Trust Radio, based at the Westmorland General Hospital, which also broadcasts to the Royal Lancaster Infirmary, has completed the Benidorm or Bust Challenge.

Volunteers from Bay Trust Radio set off on Wednesday 8th June from Middlewich, Cheshire, which took them on a 1,545 mile journey through England, France and their final destination Benidorm.

Brandon Chorley, Andy Highman and Aiden Reynard made up the team from Bay Trust Radio who completed the challenge, which was 4 days of driving in a Rover 25, that was kindly donated by CH Cars of Kendal. The car survived up to the finish line in Benidorm.

Station President, John Williamson said: "The team have done the hospital radio station proud in achieving the task in driving to Benidorm. It costs the charity around £5,000 a year to cover the operating costs and the members do try to come up with some fantastic ideas to raise funds. We have a great, enthusiastic array of members who give their time to volunteer week in week out, which makes me very proud of our achievements. Now it is time to plan our next event!"

HIGH FLYING LISTENER IN IPSWICH

Hospital Radio Ipswich presenter Bob Medd recieved an email recently from a listener, who happend to be 39,007 feet over the Atlantic!

The radio station broadcasts to the patients in Ipswich's Heath Road Hospital. In recent years the station has taken up broadcasting via the internet, where former patients, or family members of current patients normally listen.

A lady named only as Lee from New York regularly tunes into Bob Medds' weekly Friday evening programme from her home in America. However, on a recent trip to the UK, she discovered that the airplane had Wi-Fi on board, and decided to listen to her favourite HRI presenter during her journey.

Upon hearing the news, Bob commented "My ghost has been well and truly flabbered, pondering if this now made him a member of the "mile high club".

SANDWELL HOSPITAL RADIO MARATHON

Matthew Cozens and Phillip Blackstaffe from Sandwell Hospital Radio will attempt to break the world record for the longest radio marathon DJ team of two people.

The marathon will begin on Monday 8th August at 12pm with the theme evolving around the history of sound recording devices whilst playing every number one from January 1950 to present.

The current record is 100 hours held in Belgium.

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45 YEARS OF HOSPITAL RADIO IN INVERNESS



Members of Inverness Hospital Radio receive Long Service certificates

There have been many memorable dates in the 45 years of existence of the Inverness Hospitals Broadcasting Service, but none so important as the 2nd November 1970, when Donnie Aird and the late Alistair Gardner first went on air to broadcast a pre-recorded show. The first show was broadcast to the patients in the Royal Northern Infirmary and Raigmore Hospital, both based in Inverness.

Lorraine Kelly of GMTV helped the organisation by opening the new studios in the company of members and guests in 1998. Lorraine also attended a memorable 30th anniversary of Hospital Radio in November 2000 by joining in the celebrations at a dinner in the Town house, Inverness and handing out Long Service awards to members. She accepted an invitation to become the Patron of Inverness Hospital Radio and has been closely associated with the organisation since.

On the 2nd June 2012, Inverness Hospital Radio was recognised by being awarded The Queens Award for Voluntary service, with the whole membership being overawed by the award, but none more than Donnie Aird, the stations co-founder.

"I am as overawed by receiving this as any of you! I know Alistair & I set this up 40 plus years ago, but without the continuing support and enthusiasm of original, past, on-coming and present members the organisation would not be where it is to-day.

In 2014, Donnie was awarded the John Whitney Award for dedicated service to hospital radio, an award given by the Hospital Broadcasting Association.

And on Friday 6th November, members were gathered at the Town House in Inverness for a Civic Reception provided by Highland Council to mark the 45th anniversary of the service. During the evening Long Service Awards were presented to 24 members who have given 610 years of voluntary service to the community.. This is around 2/3rds of the membership.

There are currently around 35 members who broadcast at the station on a weekly basis, ward visitors who help patients choose their favourite music and of course technical experts at the station who keep everything working.

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

By Fred Setters, Jubilee Hospital Radio, Guernsey

To borrow the lyrics of the seventies Wings song "Uncle Albert" – or should we say "HBA across the water"?

The weekend of the 6-8th May saw representatives of the HBA Southern region hold their final official regional meeting in the Channel Island of Guernsey.

Arriving in beautiful warm sunshine, delegates checked in to the Peninsula Hotel on the Island's west coast – famed for its sandy beaches and spectacular sunsets.

After a morning's sightseeing, the business of the weekend started in earnest on Saturday afternoon with a visit to Guernsey's commercial radio station Island FM.

Launched in 1992, Island FM is part of the Tindle Radio group and remains the sole commercial station in the island and continues to be extremely successful with high listening figures. This was followed by a tour of the station at Jubilee Hospital Radio – based at the Island's Princess Elizabeth Hospital.

Formed in 1977 and commencing its first broadcast a year later with a personal message from Prince Charles, the station is staffed by a small team of enthusiastic volunteers and celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2018.

On Saturday evening our visitors were joined by team members from Jubilee for a meal at the hotel at which local radio presenter Richard Harding was our guest and after dinner speaker recalling his early days in broadcasting as a presenter on the Voice of Peace and Radio Caroline.

After breakfast and, for some, a leisurely stroll on a sunny Sunday morning, the first meeting of the day was a talk by founder members of Jubilee Radio – Barry Bridel and David Eaton, who recalled the story of how the idea for hospital radio in Guernsey was conceived in 1977 and brought into being with its first live broadcast on the 24th June 1978.

The final regional meeting for all the HBA stations present followed thereafter and the official business of the weekend was concluded with a sandwich lunch in the hotel bar.



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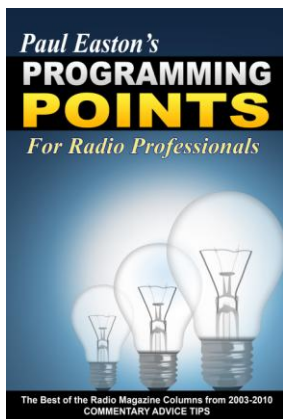
Then we said a fond goodbye to those who were leaving on the Sunday, whilst those delegates who were staying until Monday took another opportunity to grab a bit more sightseeing during the afternoon. And then to cap it all off a final meal at a local bistro was for later that evening.

It was a wonderful meal and gave us all a chance to look back on the events of the weekend. Hugs and final farewells were exchanged as well as a few telephone numbers and email addresses!

So from all of us at Jubilee Hospital Radio we bid you “a la perchoine” – which is Guernsey French for “Until the next time”. We hope that the Island left you with many good memories and that it won’t be long until the next time you visit our lovely island home.



Paul Easton's Programming Points



From 2003-2010 UK radio consultant (and former HBA Programming Adviser) Paul Easton contributed the fortnightly 'Programming Points' column, as well as other occasional features, for The Radio Magazine.

During that period the UK radio industry underwent a lot of changes. A new regulator, consolidation, increased networking and automation, the development of national 'brands'.... the list goes on.

This book is a collection of Paul's columns, containing a mix of advice and industry commentary.

"I remember reading these over the years in the Radio Magazine, which in turn was in every studio, in every radio station up and down the land. Great to have them once again all together in this book."

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JUNE'S TRAVELS

HBA President June Snowden writes for On Air.



It has been pretty quiet for station visits over the past few weeks, giving me a chance to catch up with lots of paperwork and plan future station visits. I have also been able to celebrate a significant birthday and while having great fun at an event raise funds for my station, York Hospital Radio.

I am still happily receiving lots of requests for Long Service Certificates and so far this year I have already produced 106 of them, many I have been able to present to members. It is always amazing when you add up the years served by members – so far this year the certificates total 2280 years.

Congratulations and well done to all those recipients – I am certain your communities are really very appreciative of how much dedication and commitment you are all providing.

Please continue to apply for your certificates through the [HBA website](#).

I already have in the diary visits upcoming to Nottingham, Radio Cherwell, Radio Frimley Park and Radio Brockley both of whom are celebrating special anniversaries. In addition I have pencilled in the diary Arrowe Sound, Radio Addenbrookes and Bedside for their AGM.

I look forward to my visits to you all and if there are any other stations who would like me to come along, please make contact; june.snowden@hbauk.com

I have also been working with Bryn Goodwin who some years ago produced an incredible amount of information on the History of Hospital Radio. He is now currently updating the information he has held. It covers not only the UK but other countries where we have known for some time hospital radio has existed. I have visited stations in Germany, Holland, France, Australia and New Zealand. Bryn is also happy to receive information from stations to enable him to update the current information he holds on stations in the UK.

I hope you are all having a successful and enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months.

Best Wishes,

June

President, HBA

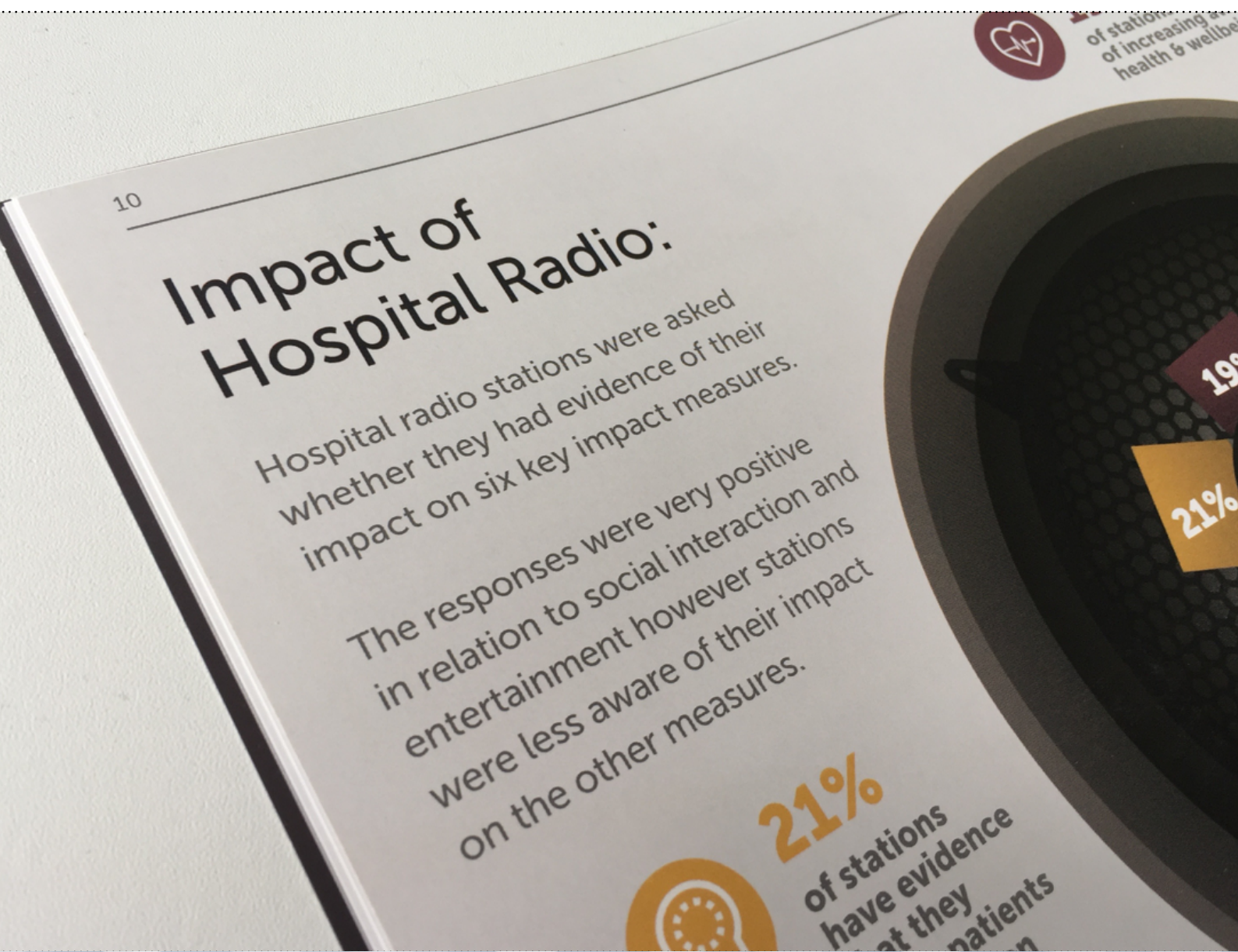
AN IMPACT STUDY INTO HOSPITAL RADIO - FROM THE HOSPITAL BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

The HBA commissioned an independent piece of research into the impact of hospital broadcasting on health outcomes for patients. A UK wide study was completed involving over 250 individuals including patients, staff and hospital radio volunteers.

The study revealed that there was evidence of hospital radio stations having an impact on psychosocial health outcomes in the following ways:

- Boredom reduced by entertainment
- Loneliness reduced by social interaction
- Anxiousness / frustration reduced by being calming and reassuring
- Disorientation reduced by creating a sense of belonging
- Depersonalisation reduced by making one feel like an individual
- Health and wellbeing awareness increased by providing information

Find out more about this research and download your copy of the HBA Impact Report by visiting www.hbauk.com/impact.



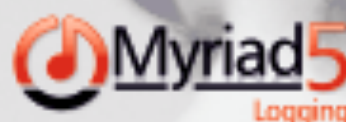
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