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GOING FOR GOLD - RADIO TYNESIDE SCOOP FOUR GOLDS AT HBA AWARDS

Radio Tyneside were the big winners at this years National Hospital Radio Awards, after winning four golds, including Station of the Year.

The ceremony,, which form part of the annual Conference weekend, were held in Bolton, Greater Manchester.

More winners from this years awards can be found on Page 4.

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The Radio Tyneside team with HBA Patron, Alan Dedicoat

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Thank You Bolton #hbauk2017

Welcome to your Conference & Awards edition of On Air. Packed with highlights from the events held in Bolton in March. You'll also find stories from hospital radio stations across the UK too.

It was great to see so many of you in Bolton. The passion we all share for hospital radio is great to see and long may it continue for many years to come.

Patients and hospital staff across NHS Hospitals in England, Wales and Scotland really do appreciate the work we do, and many stations are forging closer ties with their NHS Trusts, which is good to see.

As always, I'd love to hear from you. My details are below.

Best Wishes.

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME FROM GRANT MCNAUGHTON

A warm welcome to our latest edition of On Air.

In this edition, we celebrate the HBA Conference and National Hospital Radio Awards 2017.

We held our annual event in Bolton in March and welcomed many hospital broadcasters from across the country and our valued supporters. It was an enjoyable weekend with up-skilling, networking and social opportunities.

The following pages in this edition of On Air brings a feel of what the Conference and Awards delivers, and the value our volunteers add to the wellbeing of patients, staff and the wider community.

During the HBA Conference, we held our Annual General Meeting and Informal meeting. As always this is well represented and I'm delighted to welcome on to the Trustee Board, Ian Pinnell and Darran Huish. Our Informal Meeting allowed us to bring our members up to speed on some of the developments the HBA are progressing with, alongside our key stakeholders. Our HBA volunteers meet in May to evaluate and prioritise the associations' objectives and delivery. I hope to share our developments in On Air over the next few editions.

As we head into spring and summer, hospital broadcasting services raise awareness across their communities and increase their fund raising campaigns. This demonstrates the value, patient engagement and professionalism we provide on a daily basis, something to celebrate.

To continue the celebration, congratulations to all the nominees and winners at our prestigious HBA Hospital Radio Awards 2017.

Not only do these Awards recognise the achievements of hospital radio services but they are recognised across many industries.

We share many stories, views and opinions including an article from Daniel Edward, one of our bursary delegates this year. You'll find that on Page 7.

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AN AWARD WINNING NIGHT FOR HOSPITAL RADIO IN THE UK

The winners of the annual National Hospital Radio Awards were annualed in March at the Cloisters in Bolton, Greater Manchester, as part of the Hospital Broadcasting Association's annual conference weekend.

Radio Tyneside were the big winners of the night, scooping a whopping four gold awards, including the hotly contested Station of the Year Award.

One judge said he felt Radio Tyneside was the most diverse and high quality hospital radio station in the UK, certainly from the entries in the Station of the Year category he had listened too.

The station, based in Newcastle, also won in the Best Specalist Music Programme category, Best Newcomer category and Special Event category.

Other winners of the night included James Ewins from Merthyr Hospital Radio, who was crowned Male Presenter of the Year, whilst Nita Jhummu from Hospital Radio Chelmsford was named Female Presenter of the Year.

Radio Brockley won gold in the Best Speech Package category for *The Story of Radio Brockley*, with the judges saying it was a story that was well told, and although about the station, it was engaging rather than incestuous.

The Wicked Weekday Show from Radio Cherwell came out on top in the Best Programme with Multiple Presenters category. The station's children's programme was praised by one judge, saying the team clearly put the patients first, second and third.

The John Whitney Award, which has no shortlist, was won by Ron Wallbank of Brighton's Coastway Hospital Radio. Ken Bruce from BBC Radio 2 appeared via VT to explain why Ron had won the award. Ron was unable to attend on the night.

The full list of winners & photographs can be found via the HBA website by <u>clicking here</u>.



Male Presenter of the Year: James Ewins, Merthry Hospital Radio



Female Presenter of the Year: Nita Jhummu, Hospital Radio Chelmsford



Best Speech Package - Radio Brockley



Station of the Year - Radio Tyneside

#HBAUK2017 - YOUR TWEETS

We've hand-picked some of our favourite tweets from our Conference & Awards weekend. If you used the hashtag #hbauk2017 in your tweets, you might find them here!



Find more tweets by clicking here.



Chris Stevens @chrisukstevens

Congrats to all the winners at the https://doi.org/10.2017/bis.com/https://doi.org/<a href="https://d

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Keith Reeve @Short_E_Dee

#hbauk2017 thank you to the organising team, committee and supporters for the annual conference. It's been a great and useful weekend.

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Sean Dunderdale @seandunderdale

Big thank you to ALL who entered this year's National Hospital Radio Awards, helping spread the good work of HBA volunteers. #hbauk2017

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David Lloyd @DavidLloydRADIO

The annual hospital radio conference. My session is 'hospital radio - what's the point'. Wish me luck #hbauk2017



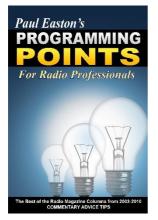
account of her career. Interesting!

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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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HBA CONFERENCE & AWARDS - DANIEL'S STORY

Daniel Edwards from Radio Brockley, writes for On Air. | Read the full story here

I sit in the Conference Lounge on Sunday morning, HBA glasswear leaning on my left arm, Sonifex USB that I'd picked up at the tradeshow in my hand, and notes scrawled on canary yellow paper rest on my lap - a collection of thoughts from the fantastic selection of seminars, which made up this year's HBA Conference.

And those seminars - varied, informative and entertaining - have provided me with much to think about and take home to Radio Brockley - we won Silver for Station of the Year this year, so perhaps the lessons learned at the Conference will be the gold-plating on next year's entry!

But even more important than the awards, which truly are an honour, this Conference sends us home with bag loads of 24 carat nuggets to enhance our station's offering to the patients at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in Stanmore.

Developing Digital Communications

Ian Pinnell and Sam Smette's presentation on developing digital communications touched on a wide array of online communication methods. I was pleased to hear Ian and Sam recommend social media approaches that we also use at Radio Brockley. The key development point I drew

from this seminar for my station is for our website. It's the front window of our station and there are many opportunities for us to develop this and make it more useful to patients and their families before, during and after their stay at our hospital.

Since attending the seminar, I've already started this conversation with the other trustees and look forward to unveiling a user-friendly online experience for smartphone and tablet-using patients in the next few months.

When Stuff Goes Wrong!

Chris Steven's 60 minute romp through the messy and hysterical underworld of accidental radio pornography, surprise calls from self-absorbed presenters who seem unable to fathom that not everyone knows (or cares!) who they are, and hilarious tongue-in-cheek recordings that were never meant to be released! Chris' humorous session had the whole room in stitches, and we parted with a clear idea of what not to do as well as some useful tips... Read more of Daniel's story, click here.

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A VISIT TO RADIO HOSPITALS BLACKBURN

Neil Ogden from Hospital Radio Baisingstoke writes for On Air.

Radio Hospitals Blackburn began broadcasting in 1954 with request programmes that had been recorded in the garden shed of founders Eddie Ellis and Bill Cunliffe.

The station was the first to broadcast football commentary 4 years later and began its first live broadcasts in 1964.

The station is nowadays to be found in the grounds of the Royal Blackburn Hospital, which was about half an hour from the conference hotel in Bolton.

The station is situated on the third floor in space that is divided into 3 – studio 1, studio 2 and a space in the middle for an office/reception area. There is also a small store area just outside studio 2.

To the right as you walk in is studio 1. The presenter faces the door from behind the desk, which is a Soundcraft broadcast mixer. The station uses Myriad to play its music and programmes, but there are CD players and 2 record decks and even a cassette player also in the studio.





As well as the two Myriad screens, there is a third screen used for the internet plus a TV on the wall. The screen that displays the music log for the presenter is duplicated on a fourth monitor on the other side of the desk so that the guest or co-presenter can see what music is about to play.

Studio 2 is smaller but contains similar equipment and is used for training and recording, although it can be put on air if needed.

The room in the middle of the studios is the office/reception area and also contains the servers and other computer and audio equipment. There are computers for admin use and a printer plus the index cards for the vinyl and CDs.

The station makes full use of its Myriad playout system with a range of programmes broadcast 24 hours a day including of course the most important request shows – known as "Requestline", and is the most listened to radio station on the Hospedia bedside radios at the hospital.

As well as Hospedia, RHB also broadcasts online via its website.

Thanks to all the RHB team for showing us around during the conference weekend.

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There is plenty more that the update brings, the Switchboard traversal server has also had some tweaks and that includes the ability to place your individual codecs into groups for ease of use. Network locations assigned to your network connections are now stored and configurable at any time for quick connections when at different locations. No more need to set up your WiFi credentials every time you connect and no need to stop a transmission when one of your 4G modems loses signal.

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HBA CONFERENCE & AWARDS - PHILIP'S STORY

Philip Medcalf from Hospital Radio Lynn writes for On Air | Read the full story here

In the weeks and months leading up to the HBA Conference weekend, and hearing Wayne Fysh talk about last year's event I wanted to see for myself where all his good vibes and ideas had come from, I had also had my bursary application accepted and I was going to make the most of this weekend in every way possible. This year's event had a extra edge as I had been nominated for the best newcomer award (reaction to that later).

So Friday comes and we make the 4-hour journey by car to the Holiday Inn where the weekend is being held. Upon arrival, we get ourselves checked into our room and we are down in the foyer chatting to June Snowden and already I had got the feeling that this weekend was going to be special. We had outlined which seminars were going to be the most beneficial to attend for ourselves but most importantly the ones which were going to give us, the most inspiration to take back to Our station. The first seminar was a talking shop with Richard Smith. This seminar covered fundraising and with only a few in attendance it gave me so many ideas the smarties tube Idea came up again which we had tried over the last year but it made me think about, different ways of approaching this fundraising idea. Also, hearing how

other stations not all just Hospital Radio stations but community stations as well. In the early evening, we attended the Developing Digital Communications seminar with Ian Pinnell and Sam Smette. This seminar to me was one I had to attend as I had said to my station I wanted more of a digital role, within the station. From this I picked up how to maximise Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites to our advantage, and how E Magazines and newsletters could also be beneficial to our station. These ideas I am going to pass on to our Media Manager at Hospital Radio Lynn.

Friday Evening, we were treated to a evening with Stephanie Hirst and all I can say about that is wow wow wow, it proved to me listening to Stephanie that whatever life throws at you and if you want something so bad that with hard work and dedication anything can be achieved.

Saturday morning, we woke up and was ready for a long day starting off with the Promoting Engagement Seminar with Bella Starling. This seminar.... Read more of Philip's story, click here.

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BROADCASTING WITH ROYAL APPROVAL



Harrogate Hospital Radio will continue broadcasting "with Royal approval" for the next five years after retaining a prestigious regional community award.

The station, which celebrates is 40th anniversary later in the year, has again been presented with The Duke of York's Community Initiative Award for the work it does within Harrogate District Hospital.

The award – which focuses on encouraging the development of community spirit, individual leadership and initiative in Yorkshire and the Humber – will be presented personally by Duke of York at a ceremony in Huddersfield on Wednesday, April 12.

Mark Oldfield, chairman of Harrogate Hospital Radio, said: "Retaining the Duke of York's Community Initiative is simply wonderful news.

"I am so proud of the whole team here at Harrogate Hospital Radio and having a Royal seal of approval is just brilliant.

"Everyone involved in Harrogate Hospital Radio is a volunteer, and this award is a testament to their hard work and commitment to this great charity.

"Whilst there was no guarantee we would have our award automatically renewed, I never doubted for one minute that we wouldn't be successful."

Mark added: "We are very proud of the work we do within Harrogate District Hospital, and this award is a marvelous seal of approval for our organization."



Visit the HBA page for Harrogate Hospital Radio, click here.

"A DAY IN MY LIFE"

Keith Hibberts from Hospital Radio Stafford writes for On Air.



I always look forward to presenting my request show on HRS (Hospital Radio Stafford) as I love to play the listeners their favourite records and have a chat with them.

I arrived at the studio at approximately 11.30am, and on opening the door I was confronted by somebody dressed in a gorilla outfit!!! After smelling salts were administered, I realised it was our station manager, Andy Hill, dressed up ready to go and collect sponsorship money at a local football match for the studio. He was so frightening. I was so glad when he put the mask back on!

We have 2 studios at HRS. Sheila Yard and John Portman were doing their show in studio 2 so I went into studio 1 to prepare my play list and get ready for my visits to 6,3 and AMU to make a nuisance of myself and collect requests.

Just then the *800 free phone number rang 'Hi Hospital Radio' a really excited voice on the end replied "'It's Michael from the maternity ward I've had a baby girl''Fantastic' I replied; 'I'll be your manager we'll make loads of dosh!' 'No! No! My wife Sue has had the baby' Michael exclaimed. 'Can you play 'Isn't She Lovely' by Stevie Wonder?' "No problem Michael that's what we are here for to play the records you want to hear and congratulations." I replied.

On my visit to the ward for requests I meet some lovely people who want to chat and have a song played. I am always surprised by people like for example Mrs Smith who at 76 wants Meatloaf and little 9 year old Gertie who wants a Beatles song. You know, that's why I like this job.

In the AMU I approached some patients and told them I was after volunteers to clean the windows. I introduced myself and got one request but I stayed on the ward. One chap asked if I had got the BeeGees and replied that I always walk like this. We all had a laugh together and thought wow! It's getting late; I had better get back to the studio.

Back in studios it's nearly 3.00pm and ready for the news I put an extra shilling in the gas meter and then it's all systems go for the handover from Sheila and John.

The next two hours are lovely playing your favourite tunes, some jingles and some helpful information to be broadcast over the airwaves and most importantly your requests.

MP OPENS REFURBISHED HWD STUDIOS

Hospital Radio
The Heavy Woollen District

Batley and Spen MP Tracy Brabin encouraged people to tune into a radio service helping to make hospital stays more bearable when she opened its newly refurbished studio.

HWD Hospital Radio's main studio has had a major upgrade to make use of the latest broadcasting technology.

Tracy visited the studio to perform the official opening and said: "HWD Hospital Radio is a brilliant example of a local charity which has been entertaining hospital patients and their families, and serving as an excellent springboard for budding broadcasters for 65 years. I encourage local people to tune in, and to take opportunities to support this important charity which is providing an excellent local service."

The station began in 1952, with its very first studio housed in then former Batley Hospital and has been at its current home since Dewsbury and District Hospital opened in the late 1980s.



Pictured above: Tracy Brabin MP tries out the newly refurbished studio with (from left) HWD Hospital Radio's Chairman Mike Binns, engineer Damien Tyson and President Pat Rhodes

Chairman Mike Binns said: "Hospital radio has long been the training ground for people wanting to get into broadcasting as a career and our station has been the springboard for a lot of talent you'll hear on the radio across the country today, including local commercial and BBC stations. It's important that we keep up to date with the latest technology so our presenters can get a good understanding of what to expect if they decide to enter the world of broadcasting full time."

Mike continued; "Our new mixing desk fits perfectly with today's style of radio, which is based around computer play-out systems - a bit like a bigger and more sophisticated version of the MP3 music player you might have at home."

Vikki Padgett, Voluntary Services Manager at the Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust added: "Staying in hospital means being away from family and friends and HWD Hospital Radio really does try and bridge that gap to ensure patients are kept entertained during their stay.

"This is a fantastic resource and it's great to see the station investing both in upgraded equipment and also in the training of volunteers who could well be our radio stars of the future."

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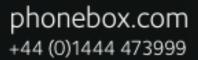
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WEEGIE WEDNESDAY'S FOR HBS

Glasgow's Hospital Broadcasting Service (HBS) has been recording occasional short-stories and plays for many years, but last year, a conversation in one of the city's coffee shops between Programme Director Peggy Mack and local writer Jerry Brannigan set in motion what became known as the 'Weegie Wednesday Short Story Competition'.

Why 'Weegie Wednesday'?

Simple really, the short-story writer's group that we approached asking to work with us on the competition are a long-established writing group based in Glasgow that meet on Wednesdays in the Centre for Contemporary Arts. They therefore take their name from the day of the week they meet and from mostly comprising of Glaswegians (a word often shortened to 'weegies').

The competition was also run as a special event to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Weegie Wednesday writers club with the winner to be announced at their 10th anniversary celebration event on January 18th.

Impartiality of Judging was clearly going to be crucial with a need to avoid any potential conflicts of interest. Four judges were appointed, two are members of HBS both of whom worked in education and were very experienced at marking essays and stories. Another works as a medical librarian with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and the final - and chief judge – was Scottish Television news presenter Angus Simpson.

The entries were reviewed by the judges and whittled down to a final 10. These were then further reduced with the eventual winner being chosen by the chief judge.

A live broadcast from the Centre for Contemporary Arts on 18th January revealed the winning story as The Swan by Brian Cook, a retired Police Chief Inspector.

Each finalist had their story recorded, with one being broadcast each week building up to the overall winner which aired on 20th April and was read by former BBC Radio 1 presenter John Cavanagh.

All the stories are available to listen again by clicking here.



Pictured above: Brian Cooke, Weegie Wednesday Winner, 2017

SUNSHINE RADIO COMMENCES ONLINE STREAMING



Based at St. Mary's Hospital in Newport, Isle of Wight, going online will make it easier to listen to Sunshine Radio both in hospital, at home, and across other island NHS sites. They have received huge support from local companies in donations for studio refurbishment and in sponsorship, without which this milestone would not have happened.

Accompanying this milestone, was the commencement of an expanded schedule and broadcasting hours. Sunshine Radio now broadcasts from 10am in the morning round until 2am the following morning, giving listeners even more hours of quality and varied local radio, as well as important local non-health announcements. This milestone is testament to the incredibly hard working volunteers that run the radio.

To mark the launch day, a packed schedule with music to suit all was broadcast throughout the day. The superb live content from presenters included James Harwood and Anne Lovelock who kicked proceedings off at 10am, followed by Dan Beston-Turner and Bob Wells with a chatty show, James Wilson and James Harwood with a funk show, and Steve Parkes with Jazz and Blues. The day may have ended with the usual nitecap tradition from Station Director Anne Lovelock, but broadcasting continued through to the new broadcasting cutoff of 2am.

Even Mark from Level 42, Rob da Bank, and Alan Dedicoat gave their support in recording adverts and messages for broadcast.

The station can now be heard online by <u>clicking here</u>.

£1,000 DONATION FOR RADIO CHERWELL

The Round Table Lodge of Oxfordshire has donated £500 to Oxford's Hospital radio station, Radio Cherwell, with a further £500 donation made by the Lodge's Senior Warden, Brother Alireza Vahdani.

Members of The Round Table Lodge of Oxfordshire discussed which charities in the county should benefit from a donation, and they chose to donate £500 to Radio Cherwell, after having heard about the work they do for the patients in Oxford's Hospitals.

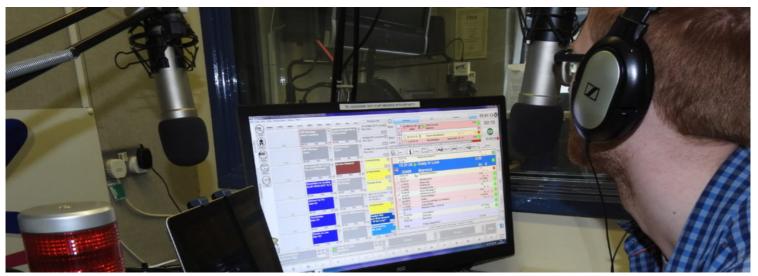
The Senior Warden of the Round Table Lodge of Oxfordshire, Alireza Vahdani made contact with his family in Malaysia, who said they were willing to support a cause that the Lodge was supporting, meaning Radio Cherwell benefited from a further £500 donation to the station, making a grand total overall of £1,000.

The donation will help Radio Cherwell progress further as the station enters its fiftieth year of broadcasting, with special events planned for later in the year, which will take place across Oxford's Hospitals in Headington, including the John Radcliffe, Churchill and Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre.

Radio Cherwell Chairman Neil Stockton, commented "Donations are the life blood of our charity and the generosity of the Masons will enable us to continue the work of putting smiles on the faces of sick people"

RECORD BREAKING WEEKEND FOR BAY TRUST RADIO





After 40 hours of continuous broadcasting over Easter Weekend, the team at Bay Trust Radio completed their 40 Hour Weekend and were successful in raising an amazing £4000 for the charity.

The team of volunteers brought together local businesses, charities, the hospital community and the patients for a special Easter Weekend radio fundraiser, with reporters across the area and special programmes throughout. This included live reporters out and about including Morecambe, Kendal, Hayes Garden World in Ambleside and much more.

The station also had a special programme that was broadcast live from inside the Royal Lancaster Infirmary, where volunteer Lewis Nolan spoke to Cat Smith MP, members of staff and local musicians.

John Williamson, Station Manager, said:

"I am so proud of the team for achieving the 40-hour broadcast to celebrate our 40 years and raising £4,000, an unbelievable amount of money that keeps the station on air. It's the biggest amount of money the station has ever raised in such a small timeframe. Many ex-members and supporters visited our radio station over the weekend and were impressed with our refurbishment that we have achieved in the last 5 months."

John said the station has plans to expand their outside broadcasting equipment over the coming months with a broadcasting satellite system.

The weekend was filled with special guests including live music from Molly Warburton, Evie Plumb, Crispin Halcrow and Raving Rock. Tim Farron MP also came into the studio to have a chat and show his support to the station and new and old members alike came together to celebrate the charity's 40th anniversary.

JUNE'S TRAVELS

HBA President June Snowden writes for On Air.

We have just spent an excellent, busy and informative weekend at the Holiday Inn in Bolton. The staff - everyone of them - were amazing and probably some of the most helpful staff I have come across at an hotel.

The conference team worked tirelessly to produce a wonderful weekend and how lovely it was that the HBA Patron, Alan Dedicoat, was able to spend most of Saturday with members and be with us for the Gala Dinner.

The awards ceremony was superb and once again all those involved in hard work for the preparation of the awards did a splendid job - A Big thank you to all those involved in the conference.

On my way up to conference I called in at Hospital Radio Stafford and spent Wednesday afternoon and early evening with them, while there I was able to give them a lot of Long Service Certificates ready for them to present at their upcoming AGM.



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On Thursday I made my way across to Upton on the Wirral where I spent the afternoon and early evening with members of Arrowe Sound, first visiting the station, presenting some long Service Certificates and then retiring to a local hostelry via the shopping centre. Many thanks to both stations for their hospitality and for the opportunity to meet so many of you.

On Friday I drove across to Bolton to the hotel and I was so pleased to have the opportunity to be able to meet so many of you, pity about the clocks going forward and cutting short the evening by an hour! It still did not stop many having late nights according to some at breakfast next morning.

I already have several station visits in the diary for Cheltenham, and Reading, both celebrating significant anniversaries.

I was also delighted that Graham Medhurst was able to attend the AGM of Mid Downs Hospital Radio in Haywards Heath and present on behalf of the HBA their 40th Anniversary Long Service Station Certificate - many congratulations.

I am also delighted to have the opportunity to continue producing Long Service Certificates, this year already for 67 stations I have produced 91 certificates totalling over 2080 years service. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who is dedicating so much of their time to hospital radio.

Best wishes to you all,

June



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We are looking for a Roadshow Manager to manage a team of volunteers in delivering a programme of roadshow events with an agreed budget. This role will report to the Member Events Executive.

Executive Administrator

We are looking for an Executive Administrator to support, prepare and publish to the Executive Directors all relevant information in order to facilitate the execution of their duties. The role reports to the Corporate Services Executive.

Conference & Awards Manager

We're looking for a Conference & Awards Manager to manage a team of volunteers to deliver our successful National Conferences and National Hospital Radio Awards, with an agreed budget, on a yearly basis. We're looking for someone who is committed, good with numbers and a good team player.

<u>Fundraising Manager</u>

This role will require the Fundraising Officer post holder to lead on the strategic development of key areas of fundraising. The initial primary objective is to develop a fundraising stream for the HBA. To achieve this aim the role holder ideally will recruit and develop a team consisting of a Trust and Grants Fundraiser and a Fundraising Events officer. This role reports to the Corporate Services Executive lead.

To apply, click on the relevant job titles above and fill out an application form. Or to find out more about each role, please email **corporate.services@hbauk.com** or call **0300 121 1112**.

Equally, please share this page with friends or others you feel who may be interested in volunteering on a national level. You can make a real difference nationally, as well as gain new experiences.

Thank you.





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