

the news

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Take it easy...

▶ AGM

This took place on Thursday 3rd April as per our constitution, with the only Committee post requiring election being Chairman. All other posts are in the second year of their 2 year term. Peter Phillips will continue as Chairman and Sally Young agreed to continue as our President for 2 years.

The adoption of the balance sheet took place together with reports from the Committee members for the past 12 months.

The meeting was well attended, 14 members being present and numerous apologies. It was noted that some of the non-attendees had also been conspicuous by their absence at previous AGM's. The AGM is for ALL members and is a requirement of our charitable status.

The meeting which followed was unusually lively, positive and informative, with items discussed ranging from Hospedia to the well-received announcement of the introduction of a new programme, My Choice.

It was also announced that, as this is our 40th year, we will be celebrating on **AUGUST 14th** with an evening which will combine long-service awards for our members (presented by June Snowdon, HBA President) and the photoshoot for the next magazine. There will be cake apparently... (isn't that right, Elly?!).

All members - please put this date in your diary NOW!

▶ NATHAN JOHN

During the meeting, we heard the very sad news that former member and presenter Nathan, who left at the end of last year to go to Bible College, had died suddenly, aged only 21. We extend our thoughts and condolences to his mum & dad who so encouraged his Choice Radio activities.

▶ HBA CONFERENCE & AWARDS

This year's representation of the usual Peter, Barbara and Tony was somewhat increased with the inclusion of David Bower for the entire weekend and Elly Lengthorn who joined us for the Saturday (which included the dinner and award celebrations).

Our short journey down was uneventful - short being the operative word compared to the locations of previous conferences. The accommodation was first class with food and service also being excellent. Friday afternoon saw us visit BHBS (Bristol Hospital Broadcasting Service), which we eventually found having been taken to the wrong part of the hospital. They are looking forward to their move to new studios at the end of the year. The return trip was met with all kinds of problems (to hit the centre of Bristol after work on a Friday is not recommended!). Other trips were arranged including one to Radio Lollipop. Various seminars also took place throughout the

weekend including an update and Q&A session with Hospedia's Ben Packman (Strategic Development Director), Interview Techniques and The Future of Hospital Radio. Saturday afternoon the AGM took place followed by an informal General Meeting.

The Annual Dinner and Award Ceremony was anticipated with somewhat a personal feeling of involvement, being on the shortlist of 5 of the categories. However, this year success was not to be ours!! The feeling of disappointment that spread through our party was somewhat eased by the judges saying the standard has been particularly high this year and to be shortlisted (as we were in 5 categories) was a terrific achievement.

We returned back to base with the words "We may have lost this battle but we shall return!!!"

You may be interested to know that our final memory of the weekend was actually one of success. Barbara won a bottle of wine in the raffle that always takes place at Sunday lunch. Needless to say with cost of tickets bought by all of us, this proved to be a very expensive bottle of wine!

▶ MY CHOICE

Chris and Pete are working on revamping our daytime schedules with a number of new shows which will go out when no presenter is scheduled or present.

The major change is a new programme called **My Choice**. For this, we will play a wide range of music introduced by as many different people as possible. This will include ALL members of Choice, plus doctors, nurses, admin staff, porters, guests, visitors, other people who have helped out, etc - in short, a whole range of different voices introducing what they like.

The aim is to make our output more inclusive and relevant to the hospital which we serve and the concept is, we believe, unique in hospital radio

We have already made a start and instructions are in the studio for presenters to record their intros. It obviously must be done *off-air* (just make sure the studio door is closed so that the recording does not pick up our live output from reception) Some examples are available here: <http://1drv.ms/1fEMr1L>

Other changes include shows themed around music from a particular decade and an option available *until the end of April* to change your programme's name if you wish

We have also introduced a new mailbox for programming matters:

choiceradioprogramming@outlook.com (for Chris)

And for secretarial matters:

choiceradiosecretary@outlook.com (for David)

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 25th September 2014

7.45pm Meeting Room, Aconbury East

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday May 29th 2014

**All interviews and studio sessions are on our website:
www.choiceradio.org.uk**

▶ DONATION

Our thanks are extended to Andy Dean for his recent donation of £250. As most of us know, Andy organises trips to shows which are not complete without a raffle to while away the journey.

▶ STUDIO NEWS

▶▶ Interviews and guests

▶▶ **Grant Simmonds (MBE)** - Ceremonial Officer of the City of London

▶▶ **Keith Parry** - Worcestershire TeleCare

▶▶ **Hazel O'Connor** - Live from her home in Ireland

▶▶ **Eddi Reader** - Live from her home in Scotland

▶▶ **Amanda Moore** - introducing the NHS Stop Smoking campaign

▶▶ **Paul Rajjayabun** - Clinical Lead for Urology at the Trust

▶▶ **Gray O'Brien** - In the cast of The Perfect Murder

▶▶ **Richard Ede** - From the Reduced Shakespeare Company

▶▶ **Giles Brandreth** - Appearing at Huntingdon Hall

▶▶ **Nell Teasdale** - From the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

▶▶ **David Peterson** - Appearing in The Magic Of The Beatles

▶▶ **David Southall** - Chaplaincy Team Leader

▶▶ **Laura Wedekind** - Communications Officer at the Trust

▶ COMPETITION WINNERS

Back to Broadway (Swan) - Tom Shire (Outpatient)
Giles Brandreth (Huntingdon Hall) - Sue Dowie (Severn)
Banff Mountain Film Festival (Malvern) - A J Foster (Outpatient)
Magic of the Beatles (Huntingdon Hall) - Abbey Campsall (Staff)
& Andrew Jaruszewski (Outpatient)
Swan Theatre Voucher - Ann Clare (Beech 3 Staff)

Again many thanks to all who so kindly donated the prizes for the lucky winners

▶ FACEBOOK

We now have a Facebook account on which items of general interest can be published:

www.facebook.com/choiceradio.worcester.9

Contact Pete if you have anything to say about us...

▶ OUT AND ABOUT

▶▶ Malvern Theatres

Perfect Murder - Les Dennis
Moon on a Rainbow Shawl - National Theatre
Moscow State Circus
Kindertransport - Maggie Sneed
Dishwashers - David Essex
Eternal Love - English Touring Theatre

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Thursday 25th September 2014
7.45pm Meeting Room, Aconbury East

The Two Worlds of Charlie F
Dreamboats & Petticoats - West End Cast
Black Coffee - Robert Powell
Dial M for Murder - Christopher Timothy

Birmingham Alexandra Theatre

Some Girl I Used To Know - Denise Van Outen
Tonight's the Night - West End Cast
Let it Be - West End Cast
Dreamboats & Petticoats - West End Cast
West Side Story - West End Cast

Huntingdon Hall

Giles Brandreth
4 Parts Guitar
The Magic Of The Beatles
Peatbog Fairies

Swan Theatre

The Simon & Garfunkel Story
The Bible (abridged) - Reduced Shakespeare Company
Back To Broadway
The Ghosthunter
Dracula
Teachers - Hulltruck
Canterbury Tales - Worcester Rep

▶ NOVO VIRUS OUTBREAK

As you are aware, this situation became prevalent once again, causing visiting restrictions which of course means no ward visiting.

The situation is monitored daily by the Trust and an up to date report is included in their "Daily Brief".

At the time of writing, all restrictions have been lifted.

▶ THANKS

On a personal note, Tony wishes to thank the members and friends for all their good wishes to Barbara

■ FUTURE DATES

Next meeting:

40th birthday celebration/photoshoot etc

Thursday 14th August

7.30pm Meeting Room, Aconbury East

Subsequent General meeting:

Thursday 25th September 2014

7.45pm Meeting Room, Aconbury East

Next Committee meetings (starting at 7.45pm):

29th May 2014

31st July 2014

30th October 2014

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