

>> Cook this date!

TUESDAY DECEMBER 16TH
CHOICE CHRISTMAS MEAL
PERDISWELL RESTAURANT 7.30pm
£11.95 per person

Reservations with Barbara by November 7th on 453280

>> Studio Matters

Congratulations to Ellie

It is pleasing to report another success story from C.A.P.E. (Choice Academy of Programme Excellence). This time our congratulations are extended to Ellie Lengthorn whose name is now included in our daytime schedule, taking over the Wednesday morning show Coffee Express. Well Done, Ellie!

Next up for training is Garth

Resignation - Kim Price

It is with regret that we accepted Kim's resignation from Choice due to the location of her new position in Colchester. We take this opportunity of thanking Kim for her past contributions to Choice Radio and wish her every success in her new undertaking

Other programme changes

Kevin has moved from Mondays to Wednesdays to co-present with Dave Webber

Alex leaves Wednesday's Magic Moments, leaving Roger in charge. Alex moves to Tuesday mornings from 11am to 1pm

Kayley moves to co-present Thursdays 8pm to 10pm with Robin

Current schedules are always displayed on the website

>> Long Service Awards

Thursday 18th September

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
AGM 26th March 2009
7.45pm Meeting Room, Aconbury East

This event took place as arranged with our principal guest of the evening, Hospital Broadcasting Association's President June Snowdon, making the presentations to members with 10 years or more service. Other guests included Deputy Mayor and Mayoress Councillor and Mrs Andy Roberts, John Rostill, Chief Executive Worcestershire NHS Acute Trust, Liz Williams, Volunteer Co-ordinator, Heather Westcott, Chairman of the Friends of the Worcestershire Royal and Sally Young, President of Choice Radio

Following the official presentations to the long serving recipients whose years of commitment in some instances exceeded 30 years, all members and guests enjoyed some excellent refreshments

During this very well supported and enjoyable evening, the opportunity was taken to present Ellie with her Presenters Qualification certificate (our latest form of a member's progress within Choice)

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>> Cut And About

Our visits to local theatres over the last few weeks:

Malvern Theatres

Relatively Speaking	<i>Peter Bowles</i>
Crown Matrimonial	<i>Patricia Routledge</i>
See How They Run	<i>Melvyn Hayes</i>
Daisy Pulls it Off	<i>Kim Hartman (Elo Elo)</i>
Portrait of a Lady	<i>Jean Marsh</i>
Born in a Garden	<i>Stephanie Cole</i>
Glass Menagerie	<i>Brenda Blethyn</i>
Enjoy	<i>Alison Steadman</i>
The Grdle	<i>Susan Hampshire</i>
An Ideal Husband	<i>Kate O'Mara</i>
Absurd Person Singular	<i>Matthew Cottle</i>

Swan Theatre, Worcester

Back to the 80's	<i>W.O.D. Y's</i>
Humphrey & Henshaw	<i>Comedy Revue</i>

Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

Great American Trailer Park	<i>Original Cast</i>
The Mikado	<i>Carl Rosa Opera Co</i>

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday 29th January 2009
7.45pm Meeting Room, Aconbury East

Birmingham Hippodrome

Mary Poppins *West End Production*

Huntingdon Hall

Genesis in the Cage *Tribute band*
SeYes *Tribute band*

Norbury Theatre Droitwich

Situation Comedy *Norbury Players*

Three Counties Showground

We were again privileged to cover the Autumn Show at the Three Counties Showground

Competitions

In connection with the musical Mary Poppins at the Birmingham Hippodrome, a CD of the production was donated as a prize. The winner was a staff member on Lavender Ward. We also offered as prizes 2 pairs of tickets to see both Genesis in the Cage' and seYes thanks to their management (White Mountain Promotions). The winners were Sandra Bloomfield (Staff) Laurell II and T Newell (Patient) Beech and a staff member in the switchboard. The current competition is for Pink Floyd tribute band Perfect Alibi at Gloucester Guildhall on November 22nd

"Christmas is a Comin!!" - Oh yes it is!

Further panto press calls have taken place with visits to Malvern Theatre and the Swan Theatre

Malvern this year is presenting Aladdin starring Clive Mantle (ex-Casualty) and Hannah Waterman (ex-Eastenders). This production is a must in your Christmas Diary and runs from 18th December to Sunday 11th January

Worcester's Swan Theatre's extravaganza is Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood, which also promises to be well worth a visit with all the usual ingredients for a superb local production - comedy, dastardly villains and wonderful costumes. It is again being produced by Paul Milton & Chris Jaegar and runs from 9th December to 4th January

We were also fortunate in obtaining interviews with members of the cast of both productions. Other recent interviews included in our programmes have been with Sylvester McCoy, appearing in the Carl Rosa Company production of The Mikado in Malvern from 11th to 5th November and Phil Cool who was interviewed by Steve Heywood via the phone - Phil has recently appeared at the Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury

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>> 60 Years of the NHS

Saturday 16th August saw a Family Open Day take place at the Charles Hastings Education Centre

The many people who attended were privileged to see various displays and meet members of the WRI Nurses League, who proved to be a font of knowledge of conditions and procedures in the Good Old Days. A fascinating conducted tour of the George Marshall Museum was also available and members of the Friends of the Worcestershire Royal were on hand to recall their early days at Castle Street and Ronkswood. An outside display by re-enactors of a real Army Field Hospital also proved to be very interesting. Choice also had a stand covering our early days as Hospital Radio and this also created considerable interest

Peter and Ian took the opportunity to obtain various interviews which will be used as our entry to this year's HBA awards in the Special Event category. The programme was first broadcast to the patients on Sunday 26th October

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>> HBA Conference - Solihull

The final HBA Autumn Conference took place in Solihull

Tony, Barbara and Pete represented Choice (at their own expense, of course!) and an enjoyable weekend included sessions on Infection Control (very important given the recent problems on the wards) and how to get publicity for the station

We also took a supply of our Smile magazines. These were quickly snapped up - clearly the bold cover design had as much effect there as it appears to be having around the hospital, where they are disappearing fast! We also made contact with the Talking Newspaper national representative with the aim of investigating where we could help their local group as well as a company who provide hospital radio stations with short stories which we will be able to use to provide yet more variety to our programmes

The next conference is in Blackpool: March 27th - 29th

>> New promos

On behalf of the Trust, we have done a trail explaining the hospital's recently accredited Healthcare Commission rating of "good" for "quality of services" and a further one to promote the proposed Foundation Trust

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