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▶ STUDIO MATTERS

▶▶ Guests

Mayor of Worcester - Councillor Andy Roberts

With the end of his term in office rapidly approaching, the Mayor made his visit to the studio in order to participate in a special programme for the patients which we broadcast on a Saturday morning. During the programme, he included his personal highlights from his year in office and selected music of his choice. These included Gone Fishing (Bing Crosby and Louis Armstrong), We can work it out (Beatles) and An American Trilogy (Worcester Male Voice Choir) The Worcester Standard were on hand to photograph the session...



Mayor enjoys the tracks of his years



Tim Clarke
29 April 2010

SONGS from the Beatles and Bing Crosby were just two of the tracks chosen by Worcester Mayor Andy Roberts as he took to the airwaves to reflect on a year in office.

Coun Roberts looked back on his mayoral term which ends next month during the Desert Island Discs style-broadcast on Choice Radio - the broadcast station of Worcestershire Royal Hospital. He continued the tradition of city mayors who have taken part in the broadcast to share a selection of their favourite music and talk about the highlights of their year as mayor.

Among Coun Roberts choices were the Beatles' We Can Work It Out; Baby It's Cold Outside sung by Ray Charles and Betty Carter and Worcester Male Voice Choir's rendition of An American Trilogy.

Presenter Tony Deakin said: "It's always a good morning when the mayor joins us and particularly Andy who I think a lot of people think has been a very good mayor," Mr Deakin said.

"What amazed me was his knowledge of the Battle of Worcester. Some of what he said I knew nothing about and I have lived here all my life."

Feet off the furniture please, Mr Mayor!

▶▶ Studio Interviews

Bubba The Loungehound - The presenter of our new popular late night show, The Elevator Zone

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

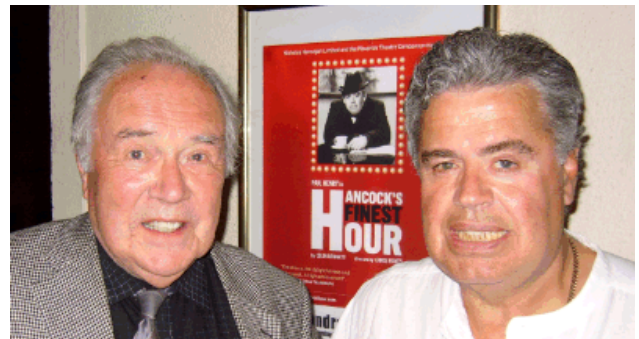
Thursday September 30th

7.45pm Meeting Room, Aconbury East

Michelle Monro - Included in a recent programme of Peter Phillips was a live telephone conversation with Michelle, the daughter of the late recording star Matt Munro. What originally was to be a few words was considerably lengthened while she relayed to her audience many interesting stories and anecdotes concerning her late father's career, with the interview nearly filling a whole hour. She also donated several CD sets of his hits and has subsequently provided an hour long special programme produced for hospital radio stations

Our recent shows have also included recorded interviews with the media representative of the King's Troops - Royal Horse Artillery and Trevor Harrison (Ed Grundy in The Archers) who we met at the Three Counties Show

We were also fortunate to obtain interviews with Jayne Edwards, Assistant Producer of Hancock's Finest Hour and Paul Henry (Benny from Crossroads) who was portraying the role of Hancock, as well as with Sheila Waynright from Horrible Science



▶▶ New members

Graham Bruce has successfully applied for membership and we welcome him to Choice



Bradley Jolly has also applied for membership and begun the processes required for acceptance

▶▶ Updated show logs

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday July 29th

7.45pm Meeting Room, Aconbury East

To increase our knowledge of when wards are being visited, by whom and how many requests are being collected, this information must now be entered by the presenter on the Show Log. Presenters must also log whether the request has been collected on the wards or phoned in

▶ New promotions

In order to assist them in the request for donations for a new commemorative window, we have produced a trail for the Nurses League

▶ New tv

After a considerable amount of effort and delay, we now have installed the new tv and Freesat system in the studio, replacing the former Freeview system which suffered from poor signal strength. This new satellite system has many more channels available as well as a recording function and is easy to use

Our thanks go to Ken and Tony and particularly to Briony Mills for help in coordinating the various people needed to get the work completed

Members are reminded that this equipment has been funded by the very generous donation which Choice received from the organisers of the Worcester Music Festival 2009 (in conjunction with the Bransford Trust). The Festival will be taking place again this year as part of the Worcester Festival and runs from Aug 20th to 22nd

If anyone would like the TV which was previously in the studio, please let Pete Phillips know before the end of July, otherwise it will be consigned to the tip - sorry, recycling centre...

▶ SMILE MAGAZINE

The new edition for 2010 is now available in the studio for distribution to patients whilst ward visiting as well as in the reception areas of the main hospital and Aconbury East. As usual, this has generated some income for the station

▶ OUT AND ABOUT

Our visits to local venues over the last few weeks:

▶ Birmingham Hippodrome

Wallop Mrs Cox - BMOS Musical Theatre Company

▶ Alexandra Theatre

When Harry Met Sally - West End Cast
Oklahoma - Marti Webb
Dad's Army Marches on - Leslie Grantham
Hancock's Finest Hour - Paul Henry
Horrible Science

▶ Norbury Theatre

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Annie - Norbury Players

▶ Swan Theatre

Cider with Rosie - Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds
Vesta Tilly - written by Chris Jaeger, performed by Claire Worboys
Just Like That - Clive Mantle

▶ Charles Hastings Centre

Nursing Lives - Vamos Theatre Co

It's worth mentioning that the production was based on letters written during the 2nd World War and found during the demolition of the Royal Infirmary, Castle Street Branch. Consequently, the audience included many who had worked there, particularly nurses

▶ Malvern Spring Show Three Counties Showground

This year's show was its 25th Anniversary and its special guest was the Princess Royal. The show was again well attended despite the weather leaving a lot to be desired

▶ Three Counties Show

We were once again invited to attend all three days of the show, which on this occasion was graced by fantastic weather and provided spectacular entertainment especially from the Royal Horse Artillery and dog display team Paws For Thought. The President of the Three Counties Show society will be a guest later this year to the studio

▶ Recent competition winners

Briony Mills - PFI Offices
Richard Brown - Ambulance Service

▶ HBA Conference 2011

Venue: Ramada Hotel & Resort, Maidstone, Kent
Date: 25th - 27th March 2011

▶ Civic Service

Worcester Cathedral - 27th June

This year's service which was attended by the Mayor, Councillor Mike Layland and we were represented by Barbara & Tony

■ FUTURE DATES

Future Committee meetings will be held on:
July 29th
November 25th

Future General meetings will be held on:
September 30th

All dates subject to change

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