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News Release

Radio Redhill At 30

East Surrey Hospitals very own award winning radio station, Radio Redhill, reached a milestone this week, when it celebrated 30 years of broadcasting to the hospital.

The celebrations were kicked off by a birthday cake cutting ceremony, with past and present members of the station attending. The honour of cutting the cake was given to local celebrity and ITV Newscaster, Nicholas Owen. After the cake cutting, a special thanksgiving service was held at the Hospital Chapel by the Rev John Glasspool and the Rev John Joseph.

The celebrations on Sunday kick started the 30th year with the major event taking place over 16 days between April 2nd and 17th. To mark this important landmark in the history of the station, Radio Redhill has obtained a licence to broadcast to Redhill, Reigate and the surrounding areas. This broadcast is designed to give the local community a flavour of the service that is provided and celebrate the past 30 years.

Nigel Gray, Chairman of Radio Redhill said “Today was the official start of our 30th birthday year, it was nice to see so many past and present members attending and fitting for us to hold the service in the chapel of the hospital that we serve.” He went on to say “we are planning to showcase the service we provide to the patients and staff of the East Surrey Hospital during our broadcast to the wider local area and look forward to the remainder of our 30th birthday year”.

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The Restricted Service Licence (RSL) broadcast will be held over 16 days and will probably be on 87.7FM.
(subject to confirmation from OFCOM).

Some of the highlights over the period include an interview with Nicholas Owen, there will also be another chance to hear the interview with Dame Judi Dench and a special documentary programme on the past 30 years of Radio Redhill.

Radio Redhill is appealing for potential advertisers and sponsors to contact them to help fund the project. If you are interested, please contact Dave Francis, Head of Fundraising on (01737) 768511 extn 6290 or e:mail dave.francis@radioredhill.co.uk

Note to editors:

Radio Redhill broadcasts 24 Hours a Day on 1287AM and on the patients bedside units. It is a National Hospital Radio Award winning station, winning the following awards:

2004 Gold Award – Best Special Event (UK)
2004 Silver Award – Best Speech Package (UK)
2004 Highly Commended – Best Music Package (UK)
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2003 Highly Commended – Best Special Event (UK)
2002 Gold Award – Best Special Event Programme (UK)
2002 Silver Award – Station of The Year (UK)
2002 Highly Commended - Creative Use of Music (UK)
2002 Highly Commended – Presenter of The Year (UK)
2001 Highly Commended – Station of The Year (UK)
2001 Highly Commended – Best Special Event Programme (UK)
2000 Gold Award – Best Special Event Programme (UK)
2000 Silver Award – Best Non-Music Programme (UK)
2000 Highly Commended – Station of The Year (UK)
1999 Runner up – Station of The Year (Midlands & South)
1998 Runner up – Station of The Year (Thames Valley & South)
1997 Winner – Station of The Year (South),
1997 Winner - Best Non-Music Programme (UK)

East Surrey Hospital provides accident, emergency & general healthcare for Redhill, Reigate, Dorking, Horley, Crawley, Oxted & surrounding areas.

Photo opportunities and background information are available by contacting Gary McCulloch, Head of Public Relations on (07730) 734813.

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Nicholas Owen cutting the Radio Redhill 30th Birthday cake, with Nigel Gray (Chairman)

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