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News Release

25 Years At The Top

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For the past 25 years Nigel Gray has been Radio Redhill's Chairman, and under his leadership the East Surrey Hospital's award winning broadcaster has become one of the UK's leading hospital radio stations.

Nigel was recently presented with an award for his long service to Radio Redhill by station co-founder, Andrew Fowler. In an entertaining speech in front of the station's members, Andy remembered that when Nigel first took over Chairmanship of Radio Redhill, Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister, Ronald Reagan was US President, the famous racehorse Shegar had just been kidnapped and BBC Breakfast Television had only recently been introduced, swiftly followed by ITV's **TV-am**. Andy praised Nigel's total commitment to Radio Redhill as a trainer, programmer, broadcaster, and as chairman over a period of a quarter of a century.

A collection to buy a gift was organised by station Secretary, Sue Mason-Brown, who through the auspices of the Executive Committee, managed to collect a considerable sum while keeping Nigel out of the picture, and with Nigel known for keeping an eye on everything that goes on at the Radio Redhill, that was no easy task!

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Image shows Radio Redhill Chairman Nigel Gray on right being presented with his gift bought by the members by station co-founder Andrew Fowler on left.

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Note to Editors:

About Radio Redhill

Radio Redhill, the hospital radio station serving East Surrey Hospital, was founded in 1975. It broadcasts 24 hours a day from its studio at East Surrey Hospital to patients and staff and to the local community and can be found on 1431 AM or by tuning into the bedside hospital handsets.

It is run entirely by volunteers, 70 at the last count, who regularly visit hospital wards to collect requests; go out and about in the local community to conduct interviews and broadcast live from local events.

The station has won a massive 33 HBA Awards over the past eleven years including twice winning the 'Station of the Year' Award.

Further information can be found on Radio Redhill's website www.radioredhill.co.uk or by phoning 01737 768511 ext. 6290.