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# News Release

## The Radio Redhill Christmas Programmes Are Announced

East Surrey Hospitals very own award winning radio station, Radio Redhill, will be bring some Christmas cheer to the patients and staff of the hospital over the festive period.

Earlier this month, broadcasts took place from the Dorking Gala Shopping Night, where reporters brought a taster of the event to the listeners. Radio Redhill also broadcast The Belfry Christmas Carol Concert which has become an annual feature in the build-up to the big day.

The station will commence broadcasting their special Christmas schedule on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

Some of the highlights over the festive period include an interview with Nicholas Owen on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December 7-8pm, with the interview repeated on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 9-10pm. There will also be repeat broadcasts of previous interviews with Dame Judi Dench and Lorraine Kelly from GMTV.

Radio Redhill will also be counting down its top 300 Requests of 2004 with the number one being revealed at the end of the Christmas programme schedule on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. In previous years the station has run countdowns on the top 200 requests of the year and this is a popular feature for Christmas.

Nigel Gray, Chairman of Radio Redhill said, "it is never easy being in hospital over the Christmas period. However, the members here at Radio Redhill pull out all the stops to provide some special festive entertainment for the patients and staff that cannot be at home during this time". He went on to say "We hope that there is something for everyone from our own Christmas selection box and on behalf of the team, I would like to wish all of our listeners past and present a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year".

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Note to editors:

A photo of Nicholas Owen and Irwyn Davies from Radio Redhill has been sent as an attachment to this release. Should you not receive this, please contact me and I will arrange for another copy to be sent to you ASAP.

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)  
2004 Commended – Station of The Year (UK)  
2003 Gold Award – Best Speech Package (UK)  
2003 Highly Commended – Best Special Event (UK)  
2002 Gold Award – Best Special Event Programme (UK)

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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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