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News Release

BBC RADIO 4 THEME TUNE IS MUSIC TO THE EARS OF RADIO REDHILL LISTENERS

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Avid listeners to Radio Redhill, the hospital radio station serving East Surrey Hospital, will be delighted to learn that the axed UK Theme Tune which has opened BBC Radio 4's schedules at 5.30 am for the past 33 years will continue to be played on the airwaves in deepest Surrey from Monday, 24th April.

It was announced in January that the Theme Tune, which is a five-minute medley of tunes including Danny Boy, Scotland the Brave, Rule Britannia and What Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor? was going to be axed which led to protests from listeners.

Protests included a 17,000 petition and fans blasting out the tune from a Routemaster bus outside BBC's Broadcasting House to try and persuade the BBC to change its mind.

Nigel Gray, Chairman of Radio Redhill, said 'We were disappointed, along with thousands of other listeners, when we heard that the Theme Tune was going to be dropped.'

'We are not seriously suggesting at Radio Redhill we can replace this magnificent institution and we will definitely not blast the tune from a Routemaster bus!'

Instead, we will play the Theme Tune to Radio Redhill listeners at 5.30 am on 1287 AM each morning which is our way of light heartedly taking over the baton from the BBC and carrying on this fine tradition.'

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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 1287 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 28 HBA Awards over the past ten 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.

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