

HRS UPDATE 28 May 2022

To all HRS Members and Associates

*These Updates started as an experiment in May 2017 to keep Members and Associates apprised of developments at HRS. Today, 5 years later, as you read edition 31, I hope they continue to be useful.*

Following the 2022 Annual General Meeting, your Executive Committee now comprises of the following :

Chairperson : Colin Smith

Treasurer : Stuart Wyatt

Secretary : vacancy ( role overseen by Colin Smith )

Programme Manager : Karl Davies

Publicity Officer : Phil Deakin

Fundraising Officer : Ben Hodgson

Membership Secretary : vacancy ( role overseen by Colin Smith )

Engineering Manager : vacancy ( role overseen by Engineering Team – Richard Price and Stuart Wyatt )

Members Representative : Alan Tomlinson

( A special welcome to Alan and Phil ).

If any Member has inclinations to fill vacant positions, please let someone on the Executive Committee know. HRS has self-managed itself for over 50 years and needs to continue to do so in a professional way. Many of these posts are not onerous; they just need enthusiastic people with ideas to share. Lecture over !

A few words about the role of Member's Rep – from now onwards Alan will act as a filter for any observations, comments, feedback, ideas, proposals from members and associates. He can be contacted on [alan.tomlinson2@pobroadband.co.uk](mailto:alan.tomlinson2@pobroadband.co.uk) and will report back to individuals following Executive Committee discussions.

Phil Deakin will set about revitalising our Social Media platforms of Facebook and Twitter so I'm sure he'd welcome any ideas too. Phil can be contacted on [hillsralive@btinternet.com](mailto:hillsralive@btinternet.com) .

Good luck everyone !

Other news ( in no particular order ).....

\* We are looking at redesigning HRS pull-up publicity banners for all three hospitals

\* Return to County and Cannock Chase Hospital wards – the answer from both Trusts is currently No, however County has vaguely mentioned July but don't hold your breath on this.

\* Refurbishment of The Armand Chatfield Studio. Lots more discussion has been taking place on this and we continue to examine ideas and obtain cost quotations. The latest thoughts are around a staged approach such as :

a) refurbishment of walls including painting and / or cladding

b) replacement floor covering – most likely carpet tiles

c) replacement of woodwork – desk and equipment shelving etc

d) replacement of mixer controls and rewiring

\* We continue to supply County wards with headphones supplied by WiFi Spark. I recently replenished stocks on wards 1, 8, 12, 14, 15, AMU, Renal ( wards 6 and 7 have recently closed until Autumn / Winter demands ).

\* We are hoping to hold a HRS publicity and fundraising outside broadcast event in Market Square, Stafford on Saturday 3 September 2022. More news on this as plans develop.

\* The new equipment rack and replacement electronics in the Engineering room is operating well and the old rack has been removed leaving the room in a much more organised state. There's a few minor snagging jobs to finish but on the whole the project is completed.

\* The Summer Programme Schedule starts in about 3 weeks time so look out for a communication from Programme Manager Karl asking for any programme changes that Presenters may have in mind.

\* A recent question posed about the use of Studio TVs – current Presenters rarely watch TV so there is potentially a cost saving of over £150 per year on the cost of our TV Licence. Studio TVs are predominantly used to display CCTV pictures. A final decision has not been made on this yet but will be communicated when done so.

\* Thanks to those 'active' members who are renewing their DBS certification. Still a few of you to complete the task but it's all going well. Only those of you who have been contacted by me are involved.

\* A warm welcome to our latest Presenter – Robert Lewis who this morning successfully completed his Trainee Operator verification. Thank you to mentor

Stewart Critchlow for guiding Robert through his training. Lookout for Robert on the Summer Programme Schedule starting soon.

Thanks again to everyone for continuing to support HRS in your many ways, and finally, a recommendation by HRS Trustees to those present at this year's AGM was to include an additional strap line below our main Logo as follows :



## Entertaining Hospital Patients in Staffordshire

This was agreed and will feature whenever our logo is used in future.

Colin Smith

Acting Secretary

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