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From the Station Manager Phil Gibbons



The month of March holds quite a few celebrations including St Patrick's day on 17th we will be broadcasting a special show on Saturday 14th at 10am to celebrate this with our Irish community and on 26th March BCfm93.2 celebrates 2 years on air.

I really hope you will tune into our Kids on Air Broadcasts each weekday at 4pm during March. These have been sponsored by Youth Opportunities and our Project Co-ordinator and Youth Mentor Harriet Robinson has worked really hard to help the young people achieve their goals. If you miss any of these you can listen to the pod casts on our website 7 days after they are broadcast.

There will be a showcase for all their work in April at a ceremony where the Lord Mayor will be presenting all the participants of the young people's project with their certificates of achievement and the principle of the City Academy, our Landlord, will be officially opening our new training studio and office space. Celebrating this and our 2nd anniversary is something you won't want to miss so watch this space for more information (or pencil 25th April into your diaries now!)



The Training Studio is nearing completion and will be a great legacy of the Kids-on-Air project. Young people and other volunteers will be able to have their

Own safe space to record and prepare for programmes. The studio is already useable but will be fully complete during March.

P.S. we really do need someone to take on the task of this newsletter. It's a great opportunity if you have time on your hands to get to meet and chat with all the volunteers of this project and produce a vital communication tool for the project. If you are interested email newsletter@bcfm.org.uk

Programming and outreach

From Joanne Schofield

I wanted to join in with the St Patrick's day celebrations with our Irish community but sadly I have no Irish connections at all. So the best I could do was this photographic tribute of my ex-racer, Brin who was born in Ireland, so I guess that makes him Irish and he's certainly family.



Training Studio booking is reserved for the kids-on-air broadcasts and their mentors throughout March and then if you would like to book the studio please look at the booking diary which is in the studio.

I am really excited about the Kids-on-Air drama which is going to be broadcast on Friday 20th March at 4pm. This was an idea of Laura and Bethany Hamilton and with the help of George Millman they have written this 20minute drama called The Secret of the Chalice Garden. BBC Radio 4 came in to do a workshop about radio dramas and a number of our other volunteers have voiced the various parts. So don't forget to make an appointment to listen to BCfm 93.2

The **Polish Broadcast** is really progressing and Sarah Williams (below) is working with the Polish Community to establish a group of broadcasters and programme ideas. If you are interested in getting involved you can



contact Sarah via email for more info sarah@bcfm.org.uk

We already have over 30 people and they are looking to Broadcast on Sunday's so watch this space.

Content of guests, features and interviews has been really great over the last few months and a big thank you goes out to, not only the guests for popping in but to all the volunteers who have taken the time to put the work into their shows. As well as all the locals and smaller organisations we have had interviews with people such as Michael Parkinson, Councillor Kerry McCarthy, BAFTA winner local film producer Esther May Campbell, Hollywood legend Mickey Rooney and just loads more, so it is good to see that as well as keeping it local, we've got room for entertainment as well. Keep up the good work.

Volunteer Evaluation Feedback

Station Manager Phil Gibbons

In respect to the subject of advertising and Marketing BCfm 93.2 more to the public, this was a tricky one.

We don't have money that we can throw at marketing and advertising but we do have one massive trump card – our volunteers!

Just think – if everyone involved in BCfm told ten people in Bristol about BCfm, then we would cover thousands of people in the city. You will be surprised how many emails, letters and phone calls we get praising BCfm for what it does. We attend many events and get feedback from many places in our general working day, so the word is getting out there. We have a presence on many musical events in Bristol, and we speak at conferences and business events also.

It would be great if everyone at BCfm finds out about their local rag or notice board and gets us in there as well.

Short of sending Joanne out in a sandwich board, I'm not sure what else we could do – unless you really want to see Jon Wisbey (Sunday Rock show) on the back of a bus!!!!

From the Chair of BCfm Ltd Bob Pitt

In last month's newsletter outlining the results of a recent survey of volunteers, we noted one thing that you said could be improved is publicity and marketing. One comment mentioned was that people don't know about BCfm so more publicity and marketing is needed to sell the station to businesses.

When BCfm started we set up a small sub-group of individuals who were willing to offer help in this area. Now we have so many volunteers offering time and energy to the station it is worth asking again if there are any of you with experience in publicity and marketing, or feel this is something to which you would like to contribute. If so then please contact me by email- bob@bcfm.org.uk. I look forward to hearing from you.

From the Programme Controller Joanne Schofield



It's not a sandwich board, but it has been done and we still have these costumes if anyone wants to take them out onto the streets of Bristol again?

In respect to having more volunteer meetings, experience shows that people do not want to come out just for more meetings. Thursdays have been put aside for Training as well so we are hear and available for Volunteer development.

Somali Feature Broadcast



Abdi Dahid Presenter of the Somali Programme on Saturday 4pm – 5pm

BCfm Somali Show covers this month about the story of the Somali love legend Elmi Bodhari Elmi Bodhari; The King of Love.

It was sometime before 1960, while Elmi Bodhari was working at a bakery shop in the port city of Berbera. In late afternoon a young and beautiful lady named Hoddan bought bread from the store that employed him. From that day on, Elmi was mesmerized by the natural beauty and elegance that God had given to Hoddan. What followed that afternoon to the end of his life became the most famous love story in the continent of Africa.

Initially Elmi faced two difficulties – not only was Hoddan's family much better off financially, he also faced the cultural taboo that surrounded the concept of love. Both were formidable challenges for him to overcome. One could only imagine his anguish of trying to convince a society that regarded love as a disgrace and shameful thing. His family, including his relatives, tried to convince him to stop bringing shame on the family but to no avail. His heart was attached to Hoddan and no matter what people tried to do, he demonstrated his devotion to Hoddan through countless romantic poems. At one point a dozen beautiful girls from his tribe came to persuade him to forget about Hoddan and settle for one of them. Elmi's response was one of the most beautiful love poems in the

HADAY ILI WAX QABANAYSO OO LAGU QABOABAAYO AMA QURUX LADAAWADO KOL UUN AADMI KU QANCAAYO ANIGUBA QADRAAN SOO ARKIYO QAARARKII HODDANE HAYEESHEE QAREEN BAA IGU GALAY QALAY NAFTAYDIIYE HABLAYAHOW HALKII QOOMANAYD BAAD IQABATEENE QALBIGAAN BOGSIINAYAY BAAD QAC IGA SIISEEN QAR QARADA JIDHKAYGIYO GACMUHU WAY QADH QADHA YAANE QALBIGUU WAX IGA YEELAA ILAYN NAASKA QAAWANIYO INAAN EE BAHAY IDIN QATALIN QARIYE LAABTIIN

This roughly translates to

IF THE EYE CAN CAPTURE SOMETHING (beauty) AND THAT COULD CALM DOWN SOMEBODY (somebody's heart) OR EVER A HUMAN COULD BE STIFIED WITH BAEUTY I HAVE SEEN KHADRA'S (Hoddan's) SHOULDERS, NECK, AND FACE HOWEVER, I HAVE STRIKEN BY LOVE THAT DEVESTED MY LIFE LADIES, YOU HAVE POKED THE PART (the heart) THAT WAS IN PAIN YOU HAVE HURT THE HEART THAT I WAS TRYING TO HEEL MY UPPER BODY AND HANDS ARE SHIVERING (due to the painful effect of love) THE NAKED BREAST HURTS MY FEELING GOD FORBIDS TO SEND YOU TO DISTRUCTION, I ASK YOU TO COVER YOUR CHEST

Hoddan did not show affection towards him but perhaps due to pressure from her family she was unwilling to deal with his passion for her - a hardship of love that isolated him from society. After learning that Elmi was too depressed from his infatuation of her and it was taking a physical toll on him, she paid a short visit to his place. Though she never showed feeling for him before, her visit to his residence in the last few days of his lives tells us otherwise. When she arrived, Elmi's roommate and best friend Muse informed her Elmi had not slept for several days until today.

Hoddan didn't want to disturb Elmie, so she told Muse to tell Elmi that she was here to see him. Upon waking late in the afternoon, Elmi was informed the woman that he loved the most was here to see him and she wished him the best. In utter disbelief and regretful for missing her visit, Elmi placed his hands on his head and said

HOHEEY HADHKA GALAY HURDADU WAY XUNTEE BAL INAAN HABAAR QABO MAXAA HODDAN IWAYDAARSHAY

SLEEPING DURING THE DAY, IS NOT A WISE IDEA UNLESS I AM CURSSED, WHY DID I MISS HODDAN

Unlike the story of Romeo and Juliet, the story of Elmi and Hoddan is based on real events. Its beginning and finale have been passed from generation to generation and a book was written about it sometime after Elim's death. I have heard many times in the past our ladies complaining about that Somali men don't know how to love, and I think what they meant by that is; we are such devoted lovers, and we don't recover easily when we fall for them - instead we.....

Mr Abdi Bidhaan Dahir Somali weekend

Kids On Air

Every weekday throughout March from 4pm-5pm BCfm 93.2 is broadcasting a selection of exciting new live shows. 'Kids on Air', the Youth Opportunities funded project has enabled young people between the ages of 13 to 25 to participate in a series of training sessions and workshops throughout January and February resulting in this month long Kids on Air broadcast.

There is something different everyday. Here is just a taster of why you should 'make an appointment to listen' to BCfm 93.2 every week day between 4-5pm:-

On Tuesdays Beth presents a magazine show including her special feature 'Bethany's Kitchen' cooking something delicious from her kitchen and recording it for the show. Her special guest is winner of Masterchef, former Atomic Kitten, Liz Maclaman.

On Wednesday DJ's **Haze** and **Spika** have another teen show with reviews of gadgets supplied by The Entertainer and a special report from their trip to the recording of the TV programme **The Gadget Show**.

Thursday's **Kris** and **Sam** have an entertainment show with reviews of theatre performances, celebrity gossip and special guest Bobby Davro.

Friday's programmes will host a series of specials including, **The Mystery of Chalice Garden** a play by written by Laura and Bethany Hamilton and George Millman and acted out by other volunteers. After a series of workshops including one with Mark Smalley from BBC Radio 4 Drama, the play will air on Friday 20th March. **Y-involve** have got involved producing a one off Youth Show with music and chat which will be on Friday 13th March. **Muna and Shanaed's** show discuss choices after school - university and career options. They will have interviews with teenagers about what they have done after school and what they want to do. This show is on Friday 27th March. We're lowering the age limit for 12 year old twins **Redd and Griff** on Friday 6th who will be giving us a 'kid's eyes view of the world so listen out for that one!

STARTING
THIS MONDAY (2ND)

CAM AND GEORGE
REVIEW THE LATEST
GADGETS, CHART
MUSIC, AND INTERVIEW
A LOCAL CLIMBER.

Oliver will present an under 18's show, focusing on activities for under 18s only. His first show will discuss 'nappy nights' at the Oceana and Syndicate clubs. The second show will focus on the Youth4Youth festival planning for September and there will be regular movie reviews and vox pops on what people at the cinema think of different films.

Other 'specials' include:-

Jake will be presenting a show on Cycling Bristol, the scheme for Bristol to be the UK's first Cycling City. He has been out and about speaking to the public to get the 'word on the street' and he will also be hoping to speak to a Bristol City Councillor to find out more about the project. Jake's show is on Tuesday 24th March. The Listening Partnership, on Monday 16th some young disabled people will be coming in to do a special show to promote their new DVD to stop bullying and raise awareness of the bullying suffered by Disabled young people.

Gallery



Tom Bigwood had to move his broadcast outside of the studio when his guests arrived in their tutu's for an interview on his Monday Live & Local drive time show in February. We have held back the photo of Tom in tights but it can be viewed on request? Or maybe not.



Behind the Headlines presented by Forward, Janine and Jim and produced by Sally. Below with guest Iqbal. Mondays 12 – 2pm



These photographs and many more can be found on our websiteas soon as a volunteer comes forward with time to help put them on.

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