

Deputy Chief Executive - Michael Brown

A year in which our financial position has been very secure thanks to some notable donations such as those secured by the Chief Executive Millennium Volunteers & Barclays Bank / South Wales Echo Challenge bringing in approximately 4k. These donations have enabled us to consider and review the development of the station. We achieved our best ever return from the H.B.A. Conference with a notable award in the 'Best Station' category and several commendations. I am sure that this led to our featuring in the Independent newspaper's feature on the top Hospital Radio stations in the UK.

The anticipated purchase of the Codec equipment that I mentioned in my last report has been put into abeyance until a later date. This is because the executive committee identified a need to change the desk in Studio 1, so that we are able to keep pace with the technological changes that face us in the next few years. Consequently as a result of the expense that will be incurred we have yet to open an investment account for the residue of Funds. Although given the low interest rates offered to organisations like us, we have not unduly suffered in lost revenue.

After several years of reporting about the Gift Aid Scheme, operated by the Inland Revenue, I was finally able to put together a claim based on our membership since the year 2000 that pay the £12.50 subscription rate. The end result was that in November a payment of £944.17 was made to us by the Inland Revenue.

Looking at the rest of our Fund Raising effort I am pleased to report that we achieved our best ever figures for Tombola sales. At the last 'All Request' day over £200 was raised, that in addition to over £500 on the other 3 occasions Debra Brown put together her stalls at Llandough Hospital and the 'It's a Knockout' event in Rumney.

I would like to thank everyone associated with the 18th Birthday Party in the BBC Club. Thanks to the raffle on the night we were able to make a small overall profit that covered the expenditure incurred.

The cost of running the station increases every year. With our licences to statutory bodies and PPL plus IRN it costs us over £2,000 per year just to broadcast our service. This year has seen additional costs in the updating of our Myriad system and providing flat screen monitors in both studios which was funded by the Barclays / South Wales Echo Challenge.

We have considerable equipment available to us for external events, such as public address at Fetes and Discos. Matthew Morrissey kindly donated a system to us that we have been able to use at several events. The Disco and our regular bookings at the Grange Albion's raised £1530 this year. I would hope that this year we can improve on this figure and some bookings have already been received for later in the year.

One area of criticism that I would like to mention is the level of tidiness in all areas of our studio complex. By this I mean items brought into a studio and not cleared away when you finish a programme, such as drinks containers, food packets and newspapers. The soiling of the toilet and the non washing of mugs do not create a healthy environment for us all to work in. The Library area is becoming more congested and only hinders the efforts of Edward Fish to create an important source for our output. I hope that in the next year you become more aware of improving the appearance of the complex.