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The annual staff awards - our way

Welcome to the new year everyone - I hope you all had a wonderful and safe Christmas.

This month you can read about our visit from the winners of the 2011 Cambridge Buskers and Street Performers Festival, as well as our part in the Addenbrooke's annual staff awards.

Best wishes.

Got something you would like to put in next month's newsletter? Email Tara at tara.crabtree@radioaddenbrookes.co.uk, or leave a message in the Thursday pigeonhole in the studio.

Dates for your diary

January 18 - Committee meeting
January 25 - Recruitment evening
March 22 - Team meeting

All volunteers are reminded to please attend all team and AGM meetings where possible. Attendance has been very low recently - all volunteers are expected to attend unless they have a valid reason.

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Radio Addenbrooke's was recently treated to a live performance from the winners of the 2011 Cambridge Buskers and Street Performers Festival. Singer songwriter Gavin Adam Wood (who won 'best musician') and saxophonist Robert Burton (winner of 'best young performer') joined the Sunday Night Request Show, along with festival organiser Heather Bevan-Hunt and fellow ukulele player Hugh Salt. The festival, which is held over three days, featured 68 artists performing at various locations in the city. The winners were selected by public vote.



The talented performers: Robert Burton (left), Hugh, Heather and Gavin (above)

'You made a difference' awards 2011 - our way

We had the honour of being asked to provide the music for the hospital's annual staff awards, for the second year running, last month.

More than 200 people attended the event on December 19, which was held in the William Harvey lecture theatre at the medical school. Senior members of the Trust joined the celebrations to present the staff awards, including Dr Mary Archer, Dr Gareth Goodier and Director of Patient Experience & Public Engagement Brenda Hennesey.

The RA team celebrated with staff and enjoyed the food and wine on offer! Volunteer Brian Woods kindly set up our display stand at the event which attracted a lot of attention and interest from the staff, before settling down to watch the show as a member of the audience.

The introduction and exit music was selected by Monday night volunteer Chloe and RA Chairman Richard, with much help on the mixing side of things from Phil, our Station Engineer. Karen Sandwell, the awards organiser, gave the team advice of the type

of music they wanted for the twenty different award winners, whose categories included everything from 'best green idea' to the money-saver 'best new working idea' award. Simon Fishpool from the Addenbrooke's media centre joined the RA team on the day to offer his technical support for the dry-run and sound checks, as well as controlling the curtains, PowerPoint presentation and lights during the 'live' show.

The 90 minute awards ceremony was driven from the control gallery, with the RA team based in a 'fish-tank' window above the audience where they could control the sound mixer and playout interface. On the experience, Phil said, "It was like working live backstage in the theatre".

The hard work by our RA team paid off when the song choices went down a storm with the audience. Tracks like Pixie Lott's Turn It Up for the aural and hearing support team award were well received, and our thanks go to everyone from RA involved in making the night such a success – well done to all.