

CELEBRATIONS ALL ROUND AT NORTHERN AIR HOSPITAL RADIO

It was celebrations all round for the volunteers at the open evening for Northern Air, the hospital radio station for North Manchester General Hospital.

The Mayor of Bury, Councillor Farook Chaudhry, presented two long service awards.

The first of the awards was to David Langer for 45 years' service. Northern Air had evolved from a hospital film and broadcasting service which was established in the 1960s at Delaunays Hospital by his late father, Stanley Langer. David had accompanied and helped his father from being a young boy.



The other award went to Dave Bee, the radio station's programme controller, for 10 years' service.

Dave, together with three other radio volunteers, Alex Ganotis, Hilary Bowick and joint chairman Marshall Gellman, were also recognised after being commended at the recent National Hospital Radio Awards ceremony held in Leeds.

Dave and Alex made the top 10 nationally in the category of Male Presenter of the Year, while Hilary made the top 10 in the Best Newcomer section and Marshall was in the top 10 for Specialist Music. They received certificates from Michelle Totton, Channel M presenter, who was a Northern Air volunteer several years ago.

Councillor Chaudhry said he was delighted to attend the open evening and to have been asked to present the long service awards.

The evening event was held at the radio station at North Manchester General Hospital with an audience of prospective hospital radio volunteers who had responded to recent advertisements.

John Saxby, chief executive of Pennine Acute Trust, which runs the hospital, said he was pleased to see so many people interested in finding out more about being a hospital radio volunteer.

He added: "Hospital radio really does make a difference. It lifts the spirits and acts as an important alternative and supplementary therapy to clinical care."

He thanked Joe Sambrook, the station manager, and all the volunteers at Northern Air for all their hard work.

If you are interested in becoming a hospital radio volunteer contact Northern Air on 0161-740 7474.

