

Old Gits & Hits bring more chat less music to *your* radio.

The 'Gits' are 4 Seasoned (Old) Radio Professionals who have gained a big following,

For more than 30 years 3 radio professionals who have worked for many of the UK South West regional radio stations. In fact, you name the station and it's a good chance one or all of them have been engaged by the station at some time. 4 years ago they were approached by Pat Hart station manager of BCFM the award winning Bristol community station to produce a programme that would (loosely) embrace local current issues and frustrations as well as incorporating a wide selection of 'hits'.

From the day *Old Gits & Hits was conceived*. Since the very first programme they have continued to 'put local, national and international issues 'right' in their own inimitable way. Which has to be heard to be believed. It is this, that has provided the fun and sometimes risqué element of the programme that continues to appeal to a growing array of listeners, as well as expanding to now include 4 other radio stations across the West Country.

About the '**Old Gits**': Were very pleased and surprised to have been nominated in the National Community Radio awards, which was no mean feat when you consider how radio has changed its focus towards the younger listener. Did we win, well no but we were in our opinion worthy runners up and were proud to have been recognised. Their outside broadcasts have included programmes, from a Prison, A pantomime, a Hot air balloon. As well as a subject dear to their hearts a 'Pie Factory' *even* a cider Mill. Most of these can be heard on their website below.

John Ford has worked in radio since he was 18, starting with Hospital radio in Bristol before joining Bristol's first commercial station, Radio West. From there he moved to GWR, Classic Gold, the Eagle, Star Radio and BBC Radio in the West. He is also a live event commentator at the Bristol Harbour Festival, The Bristol International Balloon Fiesta, and other major events across the country. Not forgetting his very successful Soulday Breakfast show.

David Southway, started his radio career, with the launch of BBC Radio Bristol, his was the first music based 'popular' music programme and at that time he was known as one of the first 'Disc Jockeys' heard on the station (*as opposed to radio presenters*). He has also worked for GWR, Classic Gold, WFM, Star Radio, and Pulse Radio. Like John, he also worked for Hospital Radio in Bristol as well as programme director for Radio Lollipop which was broadcast purely to and by the patients at Bristol Children's Hospital. He can also be heard hosting corporate events as well as his soul music radio show 'Soul Vaults'.

Chris Criddle started broadcasting on Hospital Radio in Bristol before getting his first job in commercial radio on Radio West. He went on to work for GWR, Classic Gold and Orchard FM. In 1999 he was part of the launch team for WFM in Weston Super Mare, in 2003 he moved on to launch Ivel FM in Yeovil in 2004 and then Original 106 (now Sam FM) in Bristol in 2007. Chris still as hectic as ever with weekly radio shows, and the occasional club disco.

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