

Brook is Back!

Isle of Wight Radio is proud to announce that one of the station's most high profile, former presenters is making a welcome return to the airwaves.

Charlie Brook, who started his impressive broadcasting career at the station in the 1990s, will be standing in for Tom Stroud's mid-morning show on Friday, October 9.

Islander Charlie is known to millions of television viewers the world over as one of the key presenters from shopping channel QVC.

Despite being a seasoned broadcaster, guest presenter Charlie admits to a few pre-show nerves. He told Tom Stroud: "When I was last on radio, we had things called vinyl and CDs. Whereas now, I keep being told it's all touch screen technology. There may be some on-air silences while I try and get things to work!"

But Charlie told Tom he's been impressed at the recent improvements that have been made at the newly independent station: "I am so, so flattered to be let loose on your show this Friday. I was on the Isle of Wight for most of August - the station has never sounded better."

Programme Director Paul Topping said: "We are delighted to welcome Charlie back, he's a great station friend and I know many listeners will remember him fondly. For someone of Charlie's calibre to accept our invitation really is testament to how far the station has progressed in recent months."

And Charlie's show, which airs 10am until 2pm, is certainly going to test his newly acquired technical skills. His appearance coincides with the launch of the Earl Mountbatten Hospice's major fundraiser, Go Yellow Day. As the charity's official radio station, Isle of Wight Radio will naturally be going all out to fill the airwaves with plenty of colour. The Breakfast Show team will be taking its outside broadcast technology on a whistle stop tour, from one end of the Island to the other, on board a Southern Vectis yellow bus. Along with staff and fundraisers from the Earl Mountbatten Hospice, they'll be visiting some of the dozens of schools and local businesses who are taking part in Go Yellow Day. Among them, 'Topping in the Morning's' Paul Topping and Michael Coombes will be visiting a company that's making 101 pints of yellow jelly for its staff to consume! Meanwhile, Michael will be taking a custard bath on a roundabout and Paul will climb a 40 foot wall to raise a yellow flag.

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