

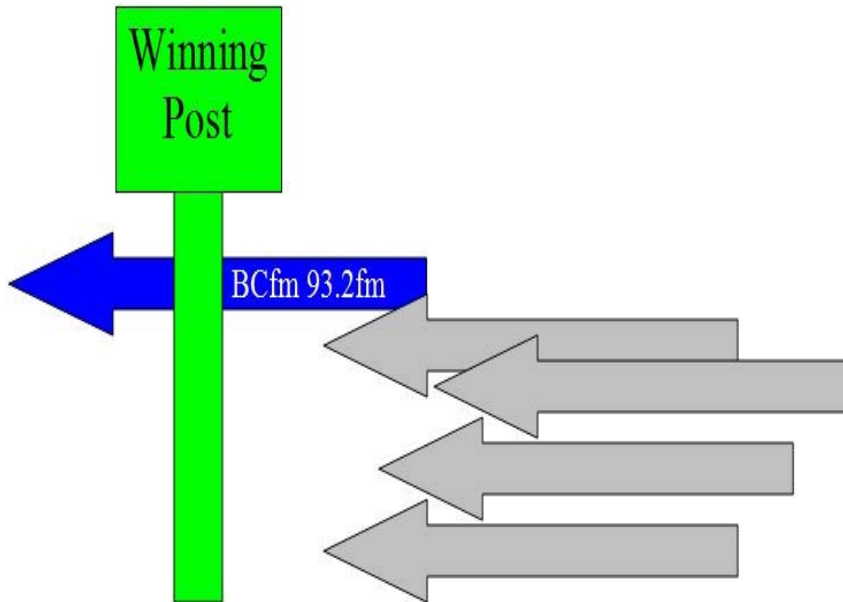


# Making Waves

Headlines & Highlights  
 from Bristol Community fm

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## BCfm first past post on election night marathon



Bristol Community FM was at the heart of the action on what was a night of election high drama.

As the country moved towards a hung parliament, BCfm ran a marathon all-night programme with analysis of local developments in the studio and reporters at the four key Bristol counts to capture events as they happened and interview candidates. In many cases the station was the only broadcaster presenting live from the counts with all your local information through the night and live up until 6am on Friday. We were the first to bring you live interviews immediately after the declarations as they contemplated a future at Westminster.

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It all added to a "superb result" according to BCfm station manager Phil Gibbons. "We're very proud of what was achieved on Thursday evening. We gave the listener an informed and enjoyable commentary on the elections."

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## BCfm join BBC to cover Polish Presidential funeral

Radiowski - BCfm's Polish show - joined forces last month with BBC Radio Bristol to report on the funeral of the Polish president Lech Kaczynski and his wife, reports **Magda Bond**.

The sad event followed a tragic plane crash on April 10th in which the Polish president died together with 95 top members of the political, church, army and entertainment scene on their way to Smolensk to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Katyn massacre in which over 20 000 Polish officers were killed by the Soviets. Poles living in Bristol and the South West joined in the mourning, remembering the victims in a special mass service.

The idea of a joined coverage between BCfm and BBC Radio Bristol shows the support and interest given to the Polish community in the South West, which was greatly appreciated. In particular Radiowski interviewed many Poles living in the Bristol region and talked about their views on the deceased president, the impact the tragedy had on their lives and general feedback on the increased mourning situation in Poland.

Prior to the crash, Lech Kaczynski didn't have the best image in the Polish media and a declining number of supporters. But afterwards the majority of Poles joined in remembering the best of his career. And Radiowski found echoes of these views when chatting to Bristol-based Poles, which were used in Radiowski's English edition ([www.radiowski.com](http://www.radiowski.com), show 15). The joint coverage concentrated on remembering deceased Poles who were known in or visited the South West region. The show was co hosted by BCfm's Magda Bond (Radiowski) and BBC Radio Bristol's Trevor Fry.



Trevor Fry and Angela Frain with Magda in front

Radiowski also provided another interesting piece - an interview with Anna Szymanska talking about her grandfather who died in the Katyn massacre - giving an emotional view of the tragedy and explaining why the recent accident had such an impact on the Polish society and also on Poles living in the Bristol area.

Although the coverage was only 30 minutes we managed to touch on the vital events and people, and also provide a live report from Krakow where the funeral took place. Radiowski reporter Basia Everett, accidentally stranded in Poland due to the volcanic ash cloud, got to the centre of events and reported live on the funeral live.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone involved! Meanwhile Radiowski is celebrating its first birthday in the middle of May and is looking forward to another successful year!



## BCfm go to the polls

BCfm went through the night to bring listeners all the breaking stories on an unrivalled night of radio election coverage across the four main Bristol constituencies.

The 12-strong presentation and production team created a broadcasting first for the station with almost 8 hours of reports, analysis and music live through the night - with a strong chance we'll be doing it all again within 12 months!

Holding it all together at BCfm studios was Friday Drivetime host Tony Gosling. "It was amazing stamina shown by everyone," Tony said afterwards. "We correctly predicted the results hours before the official announcement in all 4 Bristol counts and broke stories about the postal voting fiasco which the electoral commission are now looking into."

The team lobbied Bristol City

Council to grant media passes to all four counts and they didn't go to waste! The station spoke with candidates to bring the electric atmosphere of election night to listeners. In scenes repeated elsewhere in the country, there were delays at some of the Bristol counts and declarations of the winning candidates taking place as dawn broke over the city—and BCfm were still going.

The marathon show included interviews with comedian Mark Thomas who was supporting People's Manifesto candidate Danny Kushlik in Bristol West, Stephen Williams, Paul Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Charlie Bolton, and Charlotte Leslie.

Despite an arduous schedule the BCfm team enjoyed delivering the live coverage and there's certainly appetite to do it again as well as cover other major local events live. And, at the time of going to press, they may be called into action sooner rather than later!



[left] Alec Milne in Studio 2 busy taking calls and keeping Tony updated with all the national declarations



[right] Tony Gosling presenting from studio 1 through the night, linking the BCfm reporters from all 4 Counts and taking live interviews from guests who came in from the Bristol West Count at the City Academy next door.



[above] Newly elected Conservative MP for Bristol North West Charlotte Leslie reacts to her success with BCfm reporter Andrew Parsonage



### Bristol City Council Local Elections

[below] BCfm and Ujima's Rebecca Cotton waits for her result to come in for Southmead. Although not the winner, Rebecca more than doubled the results for the Conservatives on the last election.



## Father King's conversations

Faith, culture and the intersections of the two are the focus of Father King's Conversations. Regular listeners will know Father Robert King as Bristol's Cultural Cleric from Tom Bigwood's 'Face to Faith' show. At the heart of each programme is a conversation with a respected thinker or community leader, which explores the relevance of faith and culture in their lives. These guests are drawn both locally and from throughout the world. They include an art house cinema's head of programme; a criminal barrister, passionate community activist and broadcaster.

Father Robert's own passion for music comes across in this programme. Each conversation is framed with an eclectic fusion of music which reflects Father King's guest.

Radio is often described as a conversation from which we not only learn something new but are challenged to think about things. Father Robert's guests share their stories and explain their passions. Tune in at 3pm on Mondays to find out who they are and listen to their stories. You can download the programmes as podcasts from the BCfm website

## BCfm opens its doors to local Rock acts



Crimson Sky

March and April saw a number of local acts appearing on the Sunday Rock Show, these included Crimson Sky, Cauda Pavonis and Alien Stash Tin.

Tune in every Sunday, 10pm for more great music from Bristol and beyond.



Alien Stash Tin



Cauda Pavonis

**More new music...** The Jelli Records Music Show is presented by Steve Parkhouse & Mari Field, and goes out every Tuesday evening from 9pm. Playing the Music that is coming to Bristol and talking to The Venue Managers & Promoters. This show is Sponsored by local Record label Jelli Records [www.myspace.com/](http://www.myspace.com/)

## Mervyn's Music and People

Mervyn Kemp presents his 'Music and People' show on the second Wednesday in each month between 2 and 3pm. Forthcoming guests include:

Wednesday 12th May - Graham Howell, manager of The Colston Hall. We will learn of the changes recently made and the prospects for the future.

Wednesday 9th June - Rodney West, a fellow member of the Bristol Rotary Club, and we will hear of his interesting and varied life to date.

Wednesday 14th July - The Rev. Sally Nancy Gardner, an Interfaith Minister. This unique organisation is very active in this area and we will learn about it's conception and how it currently works.



## Reggae Rugger on Fiwi Sintin

The Reggae Boys did it for football and now the Jamaica Rugby League National Team brings reggae rugby to the South West. On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April members of the team joined Hilary Banks on Fiwi Sintin to talk about the team's participation in the Cheltenham 9's rugby tournament.

Romeo Monteith, far right, told her that rugby league was established in Jamaica in July of 2004 and the inaugural season kicked off in 2005. Since then, the Jamaica Rugby League has built a reputation, both home and abroad, of being a dynamic and progressive organization.

In the period leading up to the tournament the team has been visiting community groups and organisations providing coaching sessions in schools and, generally, acting as ambassadors for their country and the sport. Matthew Simpson, far left, talked about some of their team mates not being able to fly in from Jamaica because flights were grounded as a consequence of the volcano in Iceland. Instead, attempts were being made to put together a team of players from the UK who are of Jamaican heritage.

In the centre of the photograph is Dwane Scott, who articulated the team's ambition to do well in the tournament as this was part of their preparation for the Rugby World Cup in 2011 where they hope to represent their country.



### Jamaica makes Bowl Finals Cheltenham 9s.

Since appearing on Fiwi Sintin the Jamaican rugby team recorded its first representative victory by defeating one of the UK's top 8 University teams, Gloucestershire, in the Bowl semi-finals. The reggae ruggers were 18-12 winners over a very strong team. They faced the British Army in the finals and were unlucky not to win. Jamaica's coach for the day and Development Officer Romeo Monteith was very pleased with the effort of his team;

"Our first team got stuck in Jamaica because of the volcano. To perform at the level we did and actually secure a first representative victory with a side that never had a proper training is extremely rewarding. This event has been a success for us. We have been in the West Indian communities of Bristol and schools to promote this great code and we were warmly received. Jamaica Rugby league can only get stronger and we look forward to our next outing."

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## Making Waves...

...is the monthly newsletter of Bristol Community fm 93.2.

In addition to our internet site the newsletter is a way of connecting our volunteers and supporters, and sharing with the people of Bristol what we do. The newsletter is designed to reflect the wide variety of people and subjects covered by BCfm.

The next edition will appear in early **June 2010**. All contributions are welcome, and should be e-mailed to [newsletter@bcfm.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@bcfm.org.uk). Please make these for the attention of Andrew Parsonage.



BCfm 93.2fm are proud members of the Community Media Association  
[www.commedia.org.uk](http://www.commedia.org.uk)

## BCfm on the Beeb!

Don't forget that you can catch 60 minutes of BCfm on local BBC Radio at 4am each Sunday, presented by Phil and Joanne. And if you fancy a lie-in don't worry — the show is available via the BBC i-Player.



Have you visited our new-look website? [www.bcfm.org.uk](http://www.bcfm.org.uk)

## The final word from Phil

What a Month we have had — and so much more to come.

## Call for steering group volunteers.....



Don't ask what your Community station can do for you - Ask what you can do for *your* station....

BCfm is run by a large number of people who try to represent the whole community of Bristol. We have some committed volunteers who keep the station going day to day and work hard to give Bristol the Community radio station it deserves. We would like

to build up our steering group now to give an objective and balanced view on the station and its output. The steering group are not presenters but are a representative group who meet four times a year to discuss how BCfm 93.2fm is representing the whole community and how the output can better reflect the diverse community of Bristol. If you would like to be a member of our steering group then please contact Bob Pitt. [bob@bcfm.org.uk](mailto:bob@bcfm.org.uk)



Please start to use the new [bcfm.org.uk](http://bcfm.org.uk) website. There is now a facebook site and a BCfm forum available for us all to use.

The new website will be officially launched next month

I have to say a big 'well done' to all the volunteers who took part in the BCfm election results show. 10pm till 6am on Friday saw BCfm bring Bristol the results live as they happened and so much more as well. Again in November guys?