

Meet the Team

Jon Moonie:

Jon was a student at Bushey Hall School when Silver FM was first set up. He went on to do student radio at Loughborough University, it on the national Student Radio Association board, before working on BBC Radio 4 and 5, talkSPORT and Beacon Radio in Shropshire, where he won Gold Station of the Year at the Sony Radio Awards.

He is now a primary school teacher, teaching Year 6 at Beechfield School in Watford, and produces several podcasts such as "Telegraph Cycling Podcast" and local Watford FC podcast "From The Rookery End"

Mike Tearle:

Mike has had a career full of music and broadcasting. He was one of the original members of Watford Hospital Radio and also went on to broadcast with Radio Cracker.

Mike was also Chair of the PTA at Bushey Hall School for 5 years - raising money for school extras, putting time and effort into raising the profile of the school. Then, between 1996 and 1998, Mike was the project manager for the school radio station Silver FM. The station raised money for children's charities including the new outpatients department at Watford General Hospital. Once his children had left he then became a Governor for 7 years; in the last year overseeing the change from school to academy.

As a professional disc jockey Mike has played to thousands at weddings, parties and functions as well as comparing events such as the Bushey Festival.

Mike is very much looking forward to seeing all of the past Silver FM team and welcome new faces to this special station.

Paul Simmonds:

Originally part of the bidding for the Cornwall commercial franchise, Paul went on to run Radio Cracker Harrow and also the national Radio Cracker broadcast network. From there he was instrumental in setting up Silver FM as well as 3BC FM, utilising key team members and experience from Radio Cracker.

He has a degree in Electronic Engineering and a City & Guilds in Radio Communication and these days is involved with Information Security and Digital Identity.

David Rees:

By the time David got involved with Silver FM in 1998 he had already joined college, but he was still made welcome! Following several further radio projects on a local level including Watford Hospital Radio & Centre FM. David spent 18 years working in commercial radio as a Presenter, Head of Music, Programme Controller and finally Group Brand Director for a national radio group.

After years, and a very accomplished career in radio, David chose to move back home to Watford, and now runs a successful events company locally, plus having launched a community radio station in the town in 2011 he is keen to create an environment where youngsters get similar opportunities to those he was given in his teens!