THE INTEREST in World Radiography Day in November was unprecedented. Members asked for more WRD packs than ever before - more than a thousand were despatched – and displays were set-up in hospital receptions, departments, universities, schools and colleges across the UK.

Second year students at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle put lots of work into the stand and spent the day talking to the public. "They were a great advert for our profession," says Janice Boak.

Undergraduate students from Bangor University on placement in the Wrexham Maelor Hospital x-rayed everyday items and held a ‘Guess the object’ quiz. A display of the ‘Branches of Radiography’ was set up, as well as Radiography in World War I. The students produced an excellent ‘x-ray skeletons’ of printed images. The cake was made by Elaine Lloyd, nuclear medicine radiographer, to raise money for the poppy appeal. Student radiographers Emma Brady, Laura Baker, Gemma Rowley and Nomaan Tufail contributed to the work and 'thank you' to senior radiographer Tracy Hamner, who helped co-ordinate.

At the Noble’s Hospital, Isle of Man, as well as a display in the radiology department, there was also a display at the local employment and skills fair. This was staffed by Emma Holmes (left), general and interventional lead, recently qualified Emily Fleming, previously at Cumbria University, and Raif, the skeleton.

Diagnostic and therapeutic student radiographers at the University of Hertfordshire sold x-ray cookies and showcased key equipment to raise awareness of both disciplines.

The stand at the Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust in Harlow, Essex was staffed throughout the day by colleagues and students from radiology. Senior radiographer, SoR IR Rep and STEM Ambassador Elizabeth Bate was on duty when this photo was taken. Homemade cakes and gingerbread cookies were a great incentive for people to stop and talk.

Laura Barley and Beckie O’Malley in the main atrium of Pinderfields Hospital, Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust with skeleton Ronnie, and a guess the chocolate bar quiz.
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At Sunderland Royal Hospital there was a party to thank staff for their efforts and hard work. The chief executive, Ken Bremner, celebrated the day with the radiology team. A stand in the main entrance provided an opportunity to talk to visitors about radiography as a career and about the department. The day became a double celebration when the hospital’s cardiac team picked up the award for ‘The SoR Northern Region Team of the Year’.

Lorraine Budd (left) and Rachel Forman-Cummings, lead radiographers at Bridgwater Community Hospital, Somerset in front of a Radiography during World War I display, which included almost 200 poppies. There was also images of a WW1 x-ray tube and of Marie Curie and the x-ray vans.

Belfast Trust had the most successful WRD to date, with each of the four sites - Royal Victoria, Musgrave Park, Belfast City, and Mater Infrmary Hospitals each hosting an event including a charity cake sale. Radiographers took part in a promotional video shared on the trust Intranet and Twitter to support the event. Jo Smith, MRI radiographer, RVH (in the photograph, was the winner of the quiz. Jo kindly donated her prize money back to the charity, Ellen’s Journey’. Ellen’s mum, Claire, worked as a radiographer in the trust for a number of years. Ellen, now 3 years old, was diagnosed with stage 4 high-risk neuroblastoma, and is currently undergoing intensive treatment. £2620 was raised on WRD. https://www.justgiving.com/teams/RVHX-rayMovemberChal

There was definitely a theme at King George Hospital in Ilford, Essex. Nice costumes!

Louise Small, consultant radiographer at Birmingham Heartlands Hospital says the day was well supported. Many patients enjoyed the image quiz and learning more about radiography.

Radiography staff and students of the School of Health and Rehabilitation at Keele University raised awareness of the profession and promoted the exciting opportunities. The radiography team manned a stall at the university and later in the day moved it to the atrium of the Royal Stoke University Hospital. Left to right (back row) are Dr Desieree O’Leary, diagnostic imaging programme lead and Professor Anand Pandyan, head of school; and at the front, Heather Brown and Emma Edwards, teaching fellows; and Meera Sharma, practice experience support tutor.

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Leicester General imaging department held an open day. Over 100 visitors attended, including 43 students who were considering applying for diagnostic radiography training to start in September 2019. All areas were open including plain film, mobile equipment, ultrasound, interventional screening rooms, CT and the MRI pod. Visitors were treated to demonstrations of ultrasound, CT, MRI, x-ray and fluoroscopy, including a CT scan of Jeremy, the phantom, and stitched x-rays of a full length skeleton. Some were able to have a ride on the fluoroscopy table, handle stents and catheters, try on lead aprons, or have their hand-washing skills tested. As well as imaging practitioners, staff from the University of Derby talked to prospective students about diagnostic radiography training.

WRD at Guy’s Cancer Centre was celebrated by treating the 100th patient to receive stereotactic radiotherapy. Sheila Hassan, a former president of the Society and project radiographer, intracranial stereotactic radiotherapy, is fourth from the left in the picture.

How many different characters can you create from SoR owls? Claire Donaldson, superintendent radiographer at Angus, NHS Tayside and UK Council member for Scotland, shows her colleagues are a creative team.

Therapeutic radiographers and students from the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre.

Deborah Nelson, lead radiographer at Plymouth Nuffield Hospital says the radiology department celebrated with a display in the hospital dining room, raising awareness of radiography as a career and letting staff and patients know about the huge variety of modalities and areas a radiographer visit in a hospital. One of the radiologists provided a ‘Guess the Object’ quiz. The most difficult picture was ‘What did the dog swallow?’ - the answer being his favourite toy, a rubber duck.
The radiotherapy department at Leeds Cancer Centre had a stall and staff gave out stickers and balloons for children, as well as plenty of chocolate.

The radiology department at Wirral University Teaching Hospital shared the occasion with radiographers from Nigeria and included pictures from their celebrations. One of the Wirral support workers made a cake with the theme of radiation awareness and safety and it was raffled with food hampers donated by the radiography staff to raise £967 for the trust’s charity.

The team at NHS Fife enjoying World Radiography Day.

The Royal Cornwall Hospital NHS Trust team had a stand in the main entrance to spread the word and provided cakes to the different radiography departments to show their appreciation.

Radiographers and students at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust.

Diagnostic radiographers Rachel Murphy, Caitlin Murphy, Rebecca Lawson, Sherie Fitzpatrick, Julie Hylands, and Amelia Chapman on the WRD stand at Carigavon Area Hospital, Northern Ireland.

Students and staff at City, University of London promoting the profession.

Nuffield Health Chichester Hospital had a stand in the main reception with posters, balloons and photos of the team, according to Fiona Brooks, radiology manager. There was a quiz for outpatients and more balloons, photos and chocolates in the department.

WRD at South Warwickshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

The team at NHS Fife enjoying World Radiography Day.

The WRD team on the stand at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
At Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, practice educator Cleavon Shand co-ordinated displays on the day with help from third year students from Sheffield Hallam University and Brigitte Kaviani, assistant operations director. David Smith, training and development manager, organised a collage of the trust’s radiographers to be posted on internal communications channels and on Facebook. In the picture, the WRD stand at the Northern General Hospital features left to right, students Kari and Chloe, radiographers Kate and Charlotte, Cleavon, and Rebecca, a student.

Staff at the Northern Health and Social Care Trust, in Northern Ireland, set-up promotional and educational stands. One of the radiographers at Causeway Hospital hid the SoR owls in the public areas of the radiology department for children to find as part of a quiz and treasure hunt.

At Worthing Hospital, Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust, staff had a stand in the penguin foyer (and decorated the penguin sculptures!) and chatted with patients and staff about radiography.

The stand at Harefield Hospital, Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust, in a prime location in the main reception with senior radiographer Chris Folland, superintendent radiographer Gemma Marshall, and health care assistant Matt Briden-Taylor.

Elekta celebrated at the Cornerstone offices in Crawley. Jennifer Anthony, the customer engagement manager, says, “We are incredibly lucky to have a number of radiographers working in a number of roles from global engineering, training, marketing, portfolio, as well as other areas of the business, each bringing their individual clinical experiences to their roles.”

Radiographers Claire O’Kane and Alex Young show the love at Whiteabbey Hospital, Northern Ireland.

Emma Johnson, a radiographer at Calderdale Royal Hospital, Halifax holding her winning poster design.
WRD 2018 celebrated at Omagh Hospital and Primary Care Complex, Northern Ireland.

A cheerful team at the Grantham and District Hospital, United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust.

The Angus radiology team, NHS Tayside.

BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital, Orpington.

Some of the team at South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.

Two of the radiographers at Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Trust.

Happy World Radiography Day from the Diagnostic Imaging Team at Shepton Mallet NHS Treatment Centre, Somerset.

Left to right are Ian Marshall, Lauren McAuley, Karla O’Kane and Laura McKenna at the MRI Unit, Mater Hospital, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust.

Third year students from Cardiff University helped celebrate World Radiography Day at Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil.

Raring to go at Calderdale Royal Hospital, Halifax.
BMI Kings Park Hospital, Stirling. BMI Blackheath Hospital, London. At BMI Albyn Hospital, Aberdeen the team hosted students from a local high school interested in a career in radiography. A raffle and cake sale raised over £200 for Mental Health Aberdeen.

BMI Clementine Churchill Hospital, Harrow. BMI London Independent Hospital, Stepney Green.

What better way to celebrate World Radiography Day than to open a new CT scanner, which is what they did at Whiston Hospital, St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Ann Marr, the chief executive, cut the ribbon. The hospital’s suite of scanners has been replaced over the past year.
A very happy team at Kingston Hospital, Kingston upon Thames.

At the Royal Free Hospital, London WRD celebrants included left to right: Jane Cremer, AE superintendent radiographer; Yolandi Wessels and Brooke Reeve, senior radiographers; Keira Saxton, operations manager radiology and nuclear medicine, Kate Lawrence, Joe Purdey and Araminta Sharp, senior radiographers, and Sarah Munford, senior operations manager.

BMI Bury St Edmunds Hospital.

BMI Duchy Hospital, Harrogate.

BMI Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor.

BMI Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford.

BMI Saxon Clinic, Milton Keynes.

BMI Park Hospital, Nottingham.

BMI Runnymede Hospital, Chertsey.