

November 2nd 2022 brought the sad news by Roger Twigg Day: 'Bad news I am afraid. A dear friend **John Ross-Barnard** died this afternoon. I have known him since 1966 when he was part of the team at Britain Radio/Swinging Radio England. A lovely man and superb broadcaster. My sympathies to Connie and the family. He always signed off saying Happy Daze. And they were indeed. We gave him the name John Boss Farmyard. One of those people you were lucky to have known.'

Hans Knot: Thanks Roger, I'm shocked by the sad news of his passing. Very good memories are coming up again. For Connie and the rest of the family be strong and give him a good farewell. Will always remember him with a big radio smile.

Pirate Hall of Fame: 'John Ross-Barnard John's first broadcasting experience was on the early pirate station Radio Invicta. This low-powered sweet music station had only the most rudimentary equipment and the living conditions on the anti-aircraft fort, on which it was based, were extremely basic. There is a fascinating chapter by John describing his life at sea in Keith Skues's book *Pop Went The Pirates*. On Invicta he broadcast under numerous names as well as his own. He was also JRB, Larry Pannell, Pete Ross and Peter Barraclough. Radio Invicta was replaced by the slightly better-equipped King Radio, then by the much better Radio 390. With a decent transmitter, proper studio equipment, not to mention habitable living conditions, Radio 390 was an enormous success. John stayed throughout these various incarnations but, in 1966, he moved to Britain Radio, your "hallmark of quality" station. He also read the

news on its Top 40 sister station, "Swinging" Radio England. From there he joined the BBC as a television continuity announcer. He then held a number of posts including head of BBC video, chief executive of Coventry Cable Television, managing director of Satellite Media Services and was a broadcasting consultant. John was also heard on the various Radio London restricted service revivals. Sadly he died on 2nd November 2022 in Coventry University Hospital.'

And see also: <https://www.offshoreradio.co.uk/jrb.htm>

Also Mary Payne worked hard to get a tribute together:

'Dear All, our tribute page to John Ross-Barnard is now on the Radio London site.

<http://www.radiolondon.co.uk/kneesflashes/happenings/2012julyon/jrbtribute.html>

Best wishes, Mary Payne