

Steve Bailey
RADIO PRESENTER

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Steve Baileys' Biography

Steve Bailey joined BBC Radio Leeds having spent a total of 12 years in commercial radio, working in areas such as Stockport, Stoke On Trent and Manchester before settling in West Yorkshire.

He began his broadcasting career at Signal Cheshire (now Imagine FM) in 1995, fronting the 'Late Night Love Affair'. He continued there until 1999 when, after presenting evenings and afternoon-drive he thought it time to pursue his teaching ambitions.

However, not long after leaving radio to teach High School Science and PE, Steve realised that he missed the buzz of live radio, and after a number of years, when his year group left, he left too. 'It was one of the most difficult decision's I've ever had to make. I'd always wanted to become a pastoral deputy head, and at that point in my career I had the choice; to return to Year 7 as a Head of Year – a step away from my goal, or leave and go back to radio – I really wanted to stay but then realised that radio wouldn't wait for me. I'd already turned my back on it once and I was aware that the window for me getting back into the business was closing with age'.

So, tempted away from the teaching profession, Steve joined Signal 1 in Stoke On Trent where he loved every minute of presenting one of the Top 20 Drivetime Shows in the Country.

He enjoyed a short over-lapping spell at 1458 Manchester based at Salford Quays, before moving to 'The All New Pulse of West Yorkshire' where he enjoyed great success presenting every show, culminating in Breakfast for his last two and half years there. 'Anyone who can continually get up at 4am and entertain people, day in day out, has my admiration.

Ultimately, that situation wasn't for me. I found that particular show fractious for relationships, physically demanding, socially difficult and commercially there was a lot of pressure put on you to deliver the figures'.

In Summer 2007, Steve signed with the BBC to host Drivetime for Radio Leeds, one of his key broadcasting goals had been realised.

Although his passion for music has been a big part of his life since he was a young lad, Steve still has a deep interest in teaching, and hasn't ruled out a return, in some form, to education. 'I can't see it being for a while, but hey you should never say never!'

Outside of radio, Steve has spent a number of years as a Scout Instructor, enjoys close association with the Bradford Bulls Rugby Super League Club, and enjoys outdoor activities such as rock climbing, and hiking; just as much as socialising, eating out and going to the cinema. But if we get him talking about those we'll be here forever . . . so buy him a pint and ask him then, if you're brave enough ... © Steve Bailey 2007.

