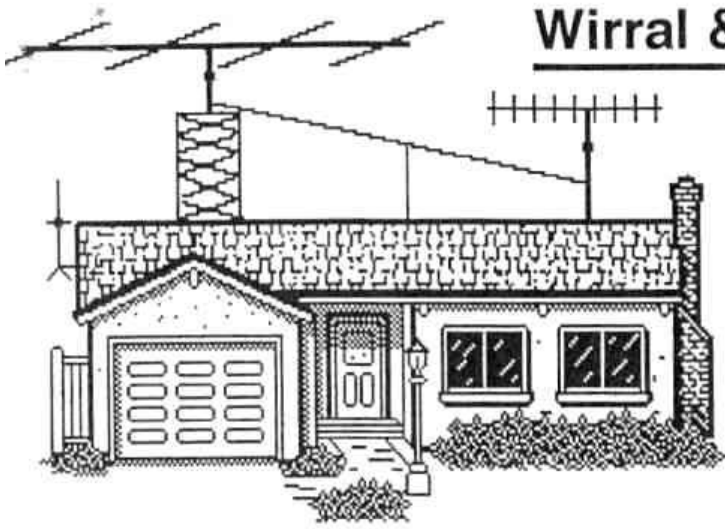


Wirral & District Amateur Radio Club



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August Calendar Update

During the past two month's club events have been mainly associated with outdoor activities, leading up to the Eileen Medley Challenge Cup and Revenge DF Two metre contests. All that remains in this calendar year is the UHF OF Hunt that is scheduled for the 24th August and of course our annual BBQ at the usual spot at Heswall shore. So why not come along and have a burger and a chat. I am informed from a higher level that again it will be fine?

Regular Club members will know that we will be activating the New Brighton lighthouse with a special event station (GB2QE) over the August Bank holiday to celebrate the return of the R.M.S. Queen Elizabeth 2 to the port of Liverpool. We have been in contact with the chief medical officer, Dr Andrew Eardley (G3UXO/MM) and have arranged to make contact with him as the ship approaches port. For those of our members who subscribe to the RSGB there is a fine article in the August issue of Rad Com about the QE2. Also, for those of you that are interested in seeing the Liner, our best information to date is, that it will arrive on the high tide of Wednesday morning (31-Aug-94) and leave on the evening high tide of that same day.

With reference to the Club calendar you will note that two of our members, namely Bob (G4NCI) and Phil (G6IIM) will be giving talks on Electronics in music and Fibre Optics respectively and I am assured that both of these will be of great interest. A fair amount of time and effort has gone into their preparation, so please try to give them your support, by attending.

Don't forget the ever expanding Surplus equipment sale in September. Get into the back of that garage and in those lofts to dig out all that equipment you bought but never used, and turn it into hard cash.

Finally, may I draw your attention to the Christmas party that is scheduled for Wednesday the 7th of December. Why not splash out and bring along the yl or xyl as the case may be. Currently the number of people expressing interest in the party, stand at twenty four. If you are also interested in attending and have not made it know, please contact me as soon as possible, With name and number wishing to attend. The venue will be in the Greasby area and it is envisaged that the price will be around ten pound per person.

73 from your chairman

Ron G3HFA

And now - Some dates for your diary, at last!

I know that more than a few comments have been passed around about the lack of information on club events that has been sent out, and this is basically true, but comments to the effect that information on club events was not available are certainly untrue.

The root cause of our problem comes down to scheduling. We have been trying to pin down a date for one specific talk for over twelve months. We have now given up on this one, as we have been earmarking dates for so long, keeping them open as long as possible, in the hope that we may have been able to bring you the talk on 'The Unspeakable', as it has become known. Most of you will know what it was supposed to be about, but I shall not embarrass anybody by printing it here.

Having got that one out of the way, we are still feeling the waves from juggling dates. Some of the spacing between some events and D&W's is not as logical as usual, and, perhaps more importantly, some excellent talks have been put on with very little build-up and have therefore not attracted the audience that they deserve.

My personal opinion, which is shared by a number of others, is that it is your club and that each member of the club owes a certain responsibility to the speaker, the committee, the other club members and to him/her self, to attend every club meeting as far as possible. I hear all sorts of comments about meetings, usually excellent or good, rarely boring or useless, and some things that people say indicate that they would like more of the same sometime later. To me, this indicates a fair mix of topics with the right sort of content and context. The more interesting comments invariably come from those who didn't come along - "Didn't know there was anything on", "Didn't know what it was going to be about", "I knew it was going to be too hard for me", "I already know all about that", "I'm not interested in that". Sometimes, 80% of the 'members' seem to know something we don't!

Obviously, when we try so hard to create a fair and interesting balance of events, and then to have our arrangements thrown into turmoil again by speakers letting us down, does make scheduling to keep everyone happy a very difficult task. Getting this out as changes happen is even more difficult. However, the pre Christmas '93 event planner went through to the end of March without modification or correction. The next event lists were dated 23rd Feb., 16th March, 15th May, and 29th June, plus this one from 21st July. One or two of these had a very limited circulation, due to TBA's and re-scheduling, but the main ones were distributed at the club meetings for a number of weeks after they were produced, so that everyone who came to the club within the time of their currency should have got one.

Also, the next few meetings are announced at each club meeting, the information is on a packet notice board, with regular specific bulletins, on GB2RS news and in most amateur radio magazines. Not only that, most of it has been correct most of the time, too. Some people have even been known to pick-up a mike and asked on the club net to find out. Once, I was asked by someone at the club as to why they had not had a news letter for well over 18 months. I had to politely reply that their membership had elapsed over two years earlier.

No doubt, I shall invoke a number of comments from our readers and members out there. I hope that you will now realise where some of our problems lie and how some can be overcome. That should mean a few more faces down at the club, your club and mine. But remember, at the end of the day, it's only a hobby. That expression always makes me think that probably the most important thing that I was taught on my RAE course was 'not to get bitter and twisted'. Good advice that can be hard to follow.

PS Anybody got anything to go into the next edition?

NEW FACES

I am pleased to say that we have a few new members this year. Please welcome -

2E1CER, Mark Langford, son of Phil and Jan, G0JSB and G6SNO.

2E1CEL, Claire Langford, daughter of Phil and Jan.

2E0AGE, Kate Phillips, granddaughter of Ron G3HFA.

2E1CES, Katie Nicholas, daughter of Gordon and Susan, G8MMM and G6ADO.

That's two entire families of licenced amateurs, goldfish excepted.

And also

G4BKF Tom, G4RZP Brian, and G0SSG Reg.

We hope that you all get to know and work them, and that they have a long and happy association with this club and their chosen hobby.

Gerry, G8TRY.

WIRRAL AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SUMMER and AUTUMN EVENT PLANNER

From Gerry Scott 21/7/94

- July 27** **Revenge DF Hunt, 8pm Heswall.**
- Aug 3 D&W The Harp, Ness.
Aug 7 *RSGB Woburn Rally.*
- Aug 10** **Annual BBQ at Heswall shore.** The usual spot, beyond the end of Delvador Rd.
Aug 17. D&W The Saughall Massie Hotel
Aug 21 *Red Rose Rally.*
- Aug 24.** **UHF DF Hunt, 8pm Heswall.**
Aug 31 **Special Event Station GB2QE from New Brighton Lighthouse**
To mark the anniversary visit of the Liner QE2 to Liverpool.
D&W The Egremont Ferry Hotel. (Bottom of Tobin St., on the prom.)
This is a good spot to see the QE2, but her actual time in river is unknown.
- Sep 4 *Telford Rally.*
Sep 7 Bowling night at Bromborough. (Names to Ron G3HFA)
- Sep 14** **Surplus equipment & Junk Sale.** (Two lists of sale items, please.)
Sep 21 D&W Hotel Victoria, Heswall.
- Sep 28** **The RSGB - Talk by local RSGB Committee member, for all local amateurs.**
Joint meeting with Wirral ARS members. Non-members also very welcome.
- Oct 5 D&W Chimneys, Hooton.
Oct 12 **Cheshire Police 'Scenes of Crimes Officer'**
Oct 19 D&W Ring O'Bells, Caldy.
Oct 21/22 *Leicester Amateur Radio Show - Friday & Saturday*
- Oct 26** **TBA**
- Nov 2 D&W Caernarfon Castle, Oxton.
Nov 9 **Fibre Optics - Phil G6IIM.**
Nov 16 D&W The Ridger, Newton.
Nov 23 **Electronic Music, Bob G4NCI**
Nov 30 **Home Construction Judging and Presentations Evening.**
- Dec 7** **The Clubs' Christams Dinner, partners invited - Names to Ron G3HFA.**
Dec 14 **Chairmans night - The chairmans surprise talk.**
Dec 21 D&W at The Saughall Massie Hotel.
Dec 28 No scheduled meeting due to Christmas, so listen on club net to find out!
- 1995**
- Jan 4 Bowling evening at Bromborough - Contact Ron, G3HFA for more team info.
Jan 11 **AGM at Irby Cricket Club, 8pm.** (Nominations to the Secretary, Vic, G4UDR)
Jan 18 D&W
Jan 25 **Surplus equipment & Junk sale.** (Provide TWO lists of sale items, please.)

CONTESTS - The club enters a number of contests throughout the year. The small team responsible for our success would like your support, even if it only means calling in to give them a point.

Contact Andy, G7HUD, for details.

QSL CARDS - Have you been sent any QSL cards for any of the clubs contest of special event stations? Experience shows that distant operators often QSL to the wrong place.

Pass them on to our QSL manager, Alan, G1XYP.

PUBLICITY - For further information on any of the above, contact our publicity manager, who is:

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