



Wirral & District Amateur Radio Club



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Meetings are held
at Irby Cricket

Club

2nd & 4th

Wednesdays 8pm

Start.

Visitors are
always most
welcome

Suggestions for
Club talks or
your comments
on any topic ..

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Club Round Up

Welcome to the first Newsletter for 2007. We finished 2006 with a "Chairman's Night" talk on the life of Isambard Kingdom Brunel followed by an excellent Xmas bash at a new venue, Sheldrakes in Lower Heswall. The management put on a great meal for us and we had a good attendance of 40 persons. The return of the much-missed carvery was most welcome!

We started 2007 with our AGM at which Gordon, G8MMM outlined the year's programme which showed that from a total of 22 Club nights we had 12 "hard core" radio nights, seven "informative" nights, two "social" nights and one "admin" night. Average attendance was 18 with a high of 34 and a low of 18. Of particular note was the major contribution from our own members with only five presenters from "outside" presenters. Particular mention was made of our DF hunts with the expressed hope of more support this year and our Club visit to the Queensway tunnel. Last year we organised GB2JAM and supported GB4LL both of which contribute a lot to the public image of our hobby, The D&W programme continues to be well supported with an emphasis in 2007 on more locations nearer to our Club HQ

Finally Gordon thanked all who contributed in 2006 from the Jim and Paul of the ICC, our committee and the Club membership.

Forthcoming Programme Notes

Lots of great nights to look forward to in the next few months as you can see from our Club calendar.

We have already held our first Surplus equipment sale which was extremely well attended with lots of "real radio" kit on the table.

One of the things we try to do is provide nights which encourage wives, partners, girl friends and family to come along and meet the membership. Such a night is on Feb 14th and is entitled "Thro' My Lens" by Glyn Parry and will feature a slide show on various aspects of the Wirral. Following on we move back into the technical area with an Amateur Radio Software night (contributions welcome), and talks on Amateur Radio logging, Bob's Echolink node, an HF technical night and Richard G8NDD on Radio Data.

So lots of great nights in prospect !

The Changing Hobby

Looking back at 2006 it is interesting to note the "sea change" in Ham radio and how it affects us as participants.

The change in licencing arrangements has seen OFCOM create a new licence which is managed by individuals on-line although paper management can be handled at for a price. Without going into all of the details here the hobby is now more "self managed" with no requirement for logging and a need to update your details every five years unless there has been any changes .

My own view is that this is a good thing and that any help the hobby can be given is good news. Note for instance the USA following the UK lead in removing the morse code requirement. Unfortunately last year we suffered losses in the rally calendar with Telford moving to a smaller venue and North Wales being cancelled all together. The best available info on rallies is given overleaf.

WADARC EVENTS CALENDAR

January 2007

- Jan 3rd, D&W-The Railway Inn, Meols
Jan 10th, **Club AGM**
Jan 17th D&W at the Anchor, Irby
Jan 24th, **Pre-owned Bargains evening**
Jan 31st, D&W at the Dee View, Heswall

February 2007

- Feb 7th, D&W at The Harp, Little Neston
Feb 14th, **‘Thro’ My Lens- Glyn Parry**
Feb 21th, D&W at the Black Horse,
Lower Heswall
Feb 28th, **Amateur Radio Software Night**

March 2007

- Mar 7th, D&W at the Hoylake Lights
Mar 14th, **Amateur TV , Chis M1EEV**
Mar 18th, **NARSA Rally, Blackpool**
Mar 21st, D&W-The Fox & Hounds Barnston
Mar 28th, **Amateur Radio Logging
G4OAR/G0VAX**

April 2007

- Apr 4th, D&W at the Saughall Massie Hotel
Apr 11th, **Echolink - G4NCI**
Apr 18th, D&W, The Ring O’Bells at West Kirby
Apr 25th, **HF Technical Night -G4OAR**
Apr 29th, **“RadioActive” Rally at Nantwich**

May 2007

- May 2nd, D&W at the Chimneys, Hooton
May 9th, **Radio Data Techniques.
Richard G8NDD**
May 14th, **Drayton Manor Rally**
May 16th, D&W at The Green Lodge, Hoylake
May 23rd, **Practice DF.**
May 30th, D&W at the Dee View, Lower Heswall

LOCAL RALLY INFORMATION 2007

Only local (100m radius approx) rallies shown. All info is taken from Web sites and current Ham Radio magazines and is for alerting purposes only. Always check for current info before travelling.

March 2007

18th March NARSA Rally, Norbreck Castle Hotel, BLACKPOOL 0151 630 5790

April 2007

29th April The RadioActive Show, Civic Hall, Market Town Centre NANTWICH. 07747 618131

May 2007

14th May Drayton Manor Radio & Computer Rally

June 2007

10th June Elvaston Castle National Radio Rally, Nr. Derby