



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 ..
to:-
Colin
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member

Chairman's Notes :-

Well doesn't time flyAutumn just around the corner and the kids off back to school (the sighs of relief are almost 5x9).

Anyway I welcome you back to the world of Wadarc which will commence with one of our famous (or is it infamous) pre-used equipment sales on September 8th.

Those members with a keen eye for detail will have noticed that this September newsletter is headlined as issue 3 and may recall that the previous July edition was also issue 3. The reason for this is simple, it had been my intention to issue the newsletter every 3 months ie :- 4 issues for the year.

It has however been pointed out that there was a good reason why our newsletters were published only every 4 months. Because of our summer recess, the forward program for the autumn period was not formulated until immediately prior to the September issue in which it would be publicised. It is for this reason that we will revert back to the three issues per year system which commences with this newsletter.

Hands up, anyone who did not see the write-up in the Daily Post regarding WADARC and Lighthouses on the Air. This was in the edition of Wednesday the 11th of August.

Club Roundup

GB4LL Leasowe Lighthouse on the air

This event took place on the weekend of 21/22 August and was supported by the usual hardcore of stalwart members. Thanks go to all who participated in the event but special votes of thanks are due to Steve (G7BBF) who gave coverage of the event on our website. An excellent way to promote our club all around the world, and to Eric who provided the us with lashings of his homemade soup.

The event did not pass without incident which will make this years event all the more memorable.



An example of sartorial elegance not often found these days



GB4LL gets underway

Heard on the grapevine

VK4FUN Licensed in Australia for Promotion of Amateur Radio

The Australian national amateur radio society, the WIA, has obtained the callsign VK4FUN. WIA Director Glenn Dunstan, VK4DU, said "VK4FUN will be used for special event operations promoting amateur radio to the general public, with a particular focus on school kids. We decided to obtain the callsign following the success of the RSGB with their GB4FUN station." VK4FUN will be available for use by clubs and groups on application to the WIA.

ISS contact recording available on Internet

On Monday 16 August there was a 10-minute two way contact between the International Space Station and the Challenger Learning Centre at Prairie Aviation Museum, Bloomington, Illinois. The audio from the ISS school contact was broadcast all around the world on Echolink and was also broadcast live on the GB3DX website via streaming audio, allowing everyone with Internet access to listen in. A recording of the contact can be downloaded from the GB3DX website.

Dates For Your Diary in 2004 :**12 September**

The WADARC North Wales DF hunt will be held on Sunday 12th, September 2004. If you have not received full details of this event please e-mail Tom (G4BKF) who is the organiser ASAP, the address is g4bkf@wadarc.com (an event not to be missed)

5 September *

Telford Rally 2004, Aerospace Museum, RAF Cosford, Nr Wolverhampton, W.Midlands, On the A41 less than a mile from the M54/J3. Open 09:30/10:00. Talkin 145.550 MHz. Free parking. Free entry.

Details: Bob, M0RJS. EMail: telford-rally@somervillerobersts.co.uk Web: <http://www.telfordrally.org.uk>

12 September *

Vintage Valve Technology Fair, Haydock Park Racecourse, Nr Wigan on A49 5 mins from M6/J23. Admission GBP2.00. Open 09:30. Free parking.

Up to 200 stalls selling vintage comms, domestic, military receivers, Hi-fi, gramophones, telephones, valves, vinyl.

Details: Trevor, 01274-824816. Web: <http://www.myclunka.supanet.com/WTF2003>

1/2 October * (Friday & Saturday Event) *

Leicester Amateur Radio Show, Donnington International Centre, Castle Donnington, Leics. Less than 5 mins from M1/J23A with easy bus, train and airport access. Travel details on Web page along with details of local accommodation. Free camping/ caravanning on site. Disabled facilities. Parking. Demonstration station. Raffles. Meetings room. Full catering facilities. Flea Market. Local attractions with concessionary prices.

Open 09:00-17:30 Friday; 09:30-16:30 Saturday. Admission 1-day GBP3.50/concessions GBP3.00. 2-day GBP6.00/concessions GBP5.00.

Advance party bookings GBP2.50 each (minimum of 12) 2-day GBP4.00 (minimum 12).

Details: Geoff, G4AFJ, 01455-823344. FAX: 01455-828273. EMail: g4afj@argonet.co.uk Web page: <http://www.lars.org.uk>

6/7 November *

The 18th North Wales Radio, Electronics & Computer Show, North Wales Conference Centre Llandudno, Gwnydd. Open 10:00 on both days.

Details: Jenny, MW0BET, 01492-549413 and from the NWRS web site: <http://www.nwrs.org.uk>

*** 5 December ***

Lowton Rally, Lowton Civic Hall, Lowton, nr Newton-le-Willows, Lancs. Open 10:00. Bigger and better than last year. More traders. Low-cost B&B. SIGs. Construction contest. Free parking. RSGB bookstall. Licenced catering. Disabled access. Talkin S22. Large social area.

Location map and info via home page: <http://www.brain.gq.nu/custom.html>

STOP PRESS.... Visit the brand new WADARC Website at www.wadarc.com , written and composed by the brand new WADARC Webmaster.... NEIL (G4OAR)

Wirral & DARC - Calendar 2004**September**

01 D&W – The Bridge Inn, Port Sunlight
08 **Pre owned Bargain Items Evening**
15 D&W – The Anchor, Irby
22 PMR Comms. **Graeme Griffiths G0KQS**
29 D&W - The Ring O' Bells West Kirby

October

06 D&W – The Hoylake Lights, Hoylake
13 **ARPS a talk by Dave (G3UFO)**
20 D&W – The Harp, Lower Neston
27 **Annual Hot Pot and Awards Evening**

November

03 D&W – Black Horse, Heswall
10 **NVIS a talk by Greg Mossop (G0DUB)**
17 D&W – The Saughall Hotel, Saughall Massie
24 **Club Night TBA. Please see website.**

December

01 D&W – The Fox & Hounds, Barnston
03 Friday **WADARC Christmas Bash**
08 **Chairman's Night**
15 D&W – The Green Lodge, Hoylake
22 **Club Night TBA**