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The Award Winning Newsletter for Members and Friends of

Stourbridge and District Amateur Radio Society

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**Old Swinford Hospital
School Radio Club**



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**Stourbridge and District Amateur Radio Society
Meetings Held at
Old Swinford Hospital School
Heath Lane
Stourbridge
(8:00pm to 10:00pm)**

*Visitors always welcome
The Society holds its full meetings
on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month*

RSGB Affiliated Society

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A few word from James as he steps down as society President.

Following on from the 2016 AGM I thought I would write a few final words:-

It was encouraging to see so many members at this year's AGM and excellent that we now have new Hon President (Tim) new Newsletter Editor (Peter) and a number of new committee members. I intentionally didn't take up the immediate past president post on the committee in order for the new committee to decide on their own direction the society should follow / progress. As mentioned in my report at the AGM we have seen quite a number of highlights over my 5 years as president. The main events of the society are the monthly talks / events. I mentioned a number of the memorable talks. The BBQ since its new slot in June seems to have improved thanks to better weather - having now said that I bet this year's will be a wash out! The 75th anniversary meal I guess would be the highlight with our guest speaker Peter Jones, former head of Old Swinford. The foundation course has been run a number of times, I will make further comments below:-

I know that Old Swinford is a fine line for ourselves (the society) holding our meeting within the school, we need to make our presence known to the school as a worthwhile organisation that contributes to the school - but without the school feeling we cause it issues (such as having external people coming in every week etc) We have tried various methods of encouraging the boys to attend. Notably Kelvin who was a great asset to the club. I know that Wayne has spoken via a new connection to pursue new inroads to working / partnership with the school.

The foundation exam should be the way forward in getting new people interested in the hobby. It allows the boys to attend and obtain a formal qualification, that can be added to their CV to be used for either getting a job or moving onto University. As mentioned at the AGM the Foundation course does get us all working together with the various people involved providing the lectures, practical training and the final exam. I do feel that with some consideration and talking to the school we could achieve the running of the foundation course again within Old Swinford. As mentioned at the AGM I am happy to continue the role of coordinating the sessions.

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All the above is my personal thoughts and I am sure the new committee will have their views - I look forward to seeing my name on the medallion along with the other presidents of the society over the years!

Cheers
James G7HE

Editors Comments

Taking on a new roll is never easy and Editor of Starlite is no different. With a new broom comes new ideas and new ways of doing things. I have a hard act to follow; Adrian has done an amazing job over the last few years and I personally would like to thank him for the great work he has put in to Starlite.

As Editor I can only do so much. For Starlite to thrive requires a team effort, from the president down to the newest member. If you have just activated a SOTA (**S**ummits **O**n **T**he **A**ir) point, why not tell us about it. Trip aboard with your radio? Tell us about it. What do you do as a hobby when you are not on the radio? Tell us about it. As members of the society we all have interests outside the world of Amateur Radio and I'm sure your fellow society members may share your interest. I need your help to fill the pages each month after all it is your magazine, oh! And don't forget the pictures.

Over the next few months I hope to be able to introduce several new features. Please give me your thoughts, whether good or bad on these features and Starlite over all.

It just leaves me to say again big thanks to Adrian (GONLA) and to James (G7HEZ) for guiding the society so well for the last 5 years.

Hambay

A new UK based site launching on the 1st of April.

The site is called **HamBay** and is located at www.hambay.uk.

Adrian (2E0SDR) says "I am providing a FREE Ads service for UK Amateur Radio operators to sell and buy their surplus equipment, all free of charge."

This is an ideal opportunity to list those unwanted amateur radio items - or to look for something you need!

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The Budget 2016

I know we all hate the budget, but here's a little piece of the budget you may have missed.

UK to sell 750 MHz of radio spectrum

In the 2016 Budget the Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne announced that 750 MHz of Public Sector radio spectrum would be released. The Amateur Services currently share much spectrum with the Public Sector

The Budget 2016 says:

1.253 Electromagnetic spectrum is a valuable and scarce resource. Budget 2016 announces a new government commitment that 750MHz of valuable public sector spectrum in bands under 10GHz will be made available by 2022, of which 500MHz will be made available by 2020. This builds on government's previous 2010 commitment, and will deliver wider economic benefits by generating capital receipts and by supporting innovation in digital communications services and the development of new technologies.

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2016/march/uk_to_sell_750_mhz_of_radio_spectrum.htm

UK Rallies

Rallies/Events over the next month around the UK.

3 April	Hack Green Bunker Rally
9 & 10 April	84th IRTS AGM and Rally
10 April	32nd Yeovil QRP Convention
10 April	NARSA Exhibition (Blackpool Rally)
17 April	West London Radio & Electronics Show (Kempton Rally)
17 April	Andover Radio Club Spring Boot Sale
23 April	RSGB AGM
24 April	Cambridge Repeater Group Rally
24 April	Ripon & DARS Rally
1 May	Dambusters Hamfest
2 May	Dartmoor Radio Club Rally

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Ofcom statement on regs for controlling interference

Ofcom has published a statement setting out its decision for new wireless telegraphy legislation, intended to tackle undue interference from electrical and electronic apparatus

Electrical and electronic apparatus are capable of emitting electromagnetic energy. In most cases, this is minimal and has no noticeable negative effects. However, in some cases the level of energy emitted from apparatus can cause undue interference to wireless communications (i.e. wireless telegraphy).

Ofcom has powers to take enforcement action in instances where some types of electrical or electronic apparatus causes undue interference to wireless communications (i.e. wireless telegraphy).

The regulations are intended to keep pace with technical developments.

The regulations are expected to come into force on April 18, 2016.

Dairy of Events

Monday 18th April 2016 - Giles Herbert GONXA, DRM54 (RSGB area representative) will be in attendance with his official RSGB hat on. If you have any questions for him then please send them to Hon Sec John (M1EJG). johnclark.m1ejg@outlook.com

Monday 16th May - Talk by Steve Turner, Medical Imaging Technology.

Monday 20th June – Sheep walk and BBQ, our thanks to Dr Alan (G7AXW) who has graciously offered to pay for the food again this year.

No Society meeting - 2nd and 30th of May (May day and spring bank holidays)

There will be £2 admission charge to non-members for attending main meeting talks / events. This is refundable against membership to the society.

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Your Committee



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And Finally

My apologise for this edition of Starlite being a bit on the short side, time has been somewhat against me this month.

Coming next month: Brush up your theory, part one of ECO shed, plus the first of the new features.