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The Newsletter for Members and Friends of

Stourbridge and District

Amateur Radio Society

incorporating

Old Swinford Hospital School Radio Club

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JULY	Mon 5th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 12th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 19th	EGM – Election of Vice President Planing for Contest and Open Night
	Mon 26th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available + Committee Meeting
AUGUST	Mon 5th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 12th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available

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Visitors always welcome

MEETINGS

The Society holds its full meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday's of each Month at

Old Swinford Hospital School

Heath Lane

Stourbridge

(8.00pm – 10.00pm)

Additionally the shack is open during the same times on the intermediate Monday's

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EDITORIAL

Hi,

For those that attended the June meeting hoping to hear from Dave Johnson I can report that Dave did arrive at the school as planned but however seems to have been hijacked by a School Master who was mistaken about the location of the School Shack. Dave was directed/led to 'a large black door', which I understand to be near the Headmasters Offices. Here he waited until around 9;15 when he finally gave up and went home.

Dave has kindly offered to re-arrange his talk for the next meeting (July) if he is available. The initial plan was to use this meeting partly for an EGM to elect a new Vice Chairman and secondly to start planning for the September SSB Field Day and October's Open Night (See Committee minutes). We still need to hold the EGM but will now follow that with Dave's talk and use the following Shack/Informal evenings to carry out the event planning. This will also mean delaying the Committee meeting until August.

73's for now de Malcolm G8JTL.

OUR OWN ROVING REPORTER

I have attended My first Radio rally of 2004 along with Len G4HCZ [Also His first] & Our XYLs – at Elvaston Castle, it was a great day out [and the weather was good,over the past few yrs there as been rain]

There appeared to be more stalls in the flea market than what I have seen in past yrs. I did not purchase too much other than a Lexmark printer Z22 that I later found worked! There were one or two other bits & bobs which I purchased that did not cost too much.

What with meeting some of Stars present & past members[see photo] it was a great day out.

I was chatting to one of the organizers & He was saying that the future looks uncertain [as 2004 Rally looked this year] plans are to sell the land for Housing development, so just see what happens next yr.

I was hoping to be at the Telford Radio Rally but after the June Organ Concert at The Buttermarket, it was decided to have the Annual Organ Trust Committee social get together at lunch time on the 5th Sept so I can't be in two places at once. But I may be able to get to the rally early & leave at 11-15 & still get to Shrewsbury on time via the M54. I may well change My mind by then & decide its too much to do.

Glenys & Myself enjoyed the last week end in June ,both of us were in Blackpool for the centenary week end of the birth of George Formby [26th May]. A special concert was staged in the pavilion theatre in the Winter Gardens to commemorate the event. After a Civic Reception with The Mayor of Blackpool, George's Life Story was told then that was followed with some of the Branch members from around this & some of the other countries in the world each doing two numbers I represented the Stourbridge Branch & Derek G6WMU & His dancers represented the East Midlands. It was really a great evening enjoyed by everyone including George's last surviving brother Ted [See Photo].

Derek & Myself were not the only two licensed Radio Amateurs there because there was John G8NPK[See Photo] [who presented Me with a 2m 70cm tx/rx made by Standard, which I will be using when I can get it sorted out] the other was Geoff G6KPA.

Going back to early June ,Glenys & Myself decided to take up the offer of two for the price of one tickets for the IMAX cinema in Birmingham. On our first visit, the film on the giant screen in 3D was about the space station, there was also a contact with the crew by The Clear Lake Amateur Radio Society in America, its well worth going to see. In a 500 seat cinema there were only 6 people watching the film.

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There are only two cinemas like it in the UK.

On Sat 19th Glenys & Myself were, as mentioned in the last report at Wordsley Festival advertising all my interests [See Photo]

I was asked if I would have a stall in the Kate's Hill Youth Day event in Aug. I thought it would be a idea for the club have a 2m station there it is on high ground & it would be publicity for Stars.

Even though the speaker did not arrive for the June meeting it was a chance to have a natter with club members.

Finally the masts that have been a land mark for yrs at Rugby & from the M6 & from the London to Birmingham Train. The Masts have been taken down, but not without problems . Rabbits had chewed through some of the cable from the detonators to the masts.

Rugby was were the GPO clock on 2.5m came from, but its all gone onto Satellite..



Elvaston reading left to right

Andrew Jellyman G8MKK John Scott G8UAE & Alan Parkes

The display board Wordsley Festival

the StARS adverts on the right.



Outside the Pavilion Theatre in the Winter Gardens
from Left to right

Derek Preece G6WMU , John Cattermole [who used to engrave the RSGB Badges until He retired last yr] G8NPK and of course G8BOP



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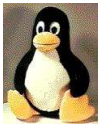
Myself, Ted Formby [Georges Brother] and Steve Willetts with one of My ukes



Steve lives at Halesowen & as been attending the Stourbridge Branch meeting for nearly 3yrs and, like Me, Stratford On Avon.

I have yet to see Our double act which We performed on Sunday night , which was unrehearsed because I had booked to go on stage but Steve was too late unless He performed with some one else {Me} .

Best 73's from your roving reporter Malcolm G8BOP

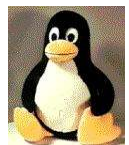


WANTED – More input for the future editions of starlite

OUR MAN DOWN UNDER

As Jim is no longer 'Down Under' we will have to wait until his next trip-

Which I am sure won't be too long



HELP WANTED

With the light nights upon us and the school on holiday it has been decided that we will take the opportunity to carry out the remaining work on the Aerials (weather permitting). All able hands would be appreciated through this period. In the case of inclement weather then work will be carried out to re-arrange the shack and clear the junk from the storage cupboard

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COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting held at Old Swinford Hospital (The Shack)
Monday 14th. June. 2004.

Minutes_

The meeting opened at 8. 10pm.

Those Present : Malcolm Davies G8JTL John Clarke M1EJG.
 Nick Moss G6DQN John Scott G8UAE
 Eric Hickman G7JWJ. Steve Turley G7JYZ.

Apologies : Dr. Bob Derricott G4VPE.

Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as a true record and were signed by the President.

Matters arising from minutes.

John G8UAE requested Malcolm to make available the book from the archives as previously discussed.

Secretaries report

The only correspondence since last meeting has been a request from RSGB for annual payment of club fees and this has been passed to the Treasurer for his attention.

Dr. Bob G4VPE is now in hospital undergoing treatment and has asked for an apology to be entered for the next four weeks. All members wished him well and a speedy return.

Treasurers report.

John reported bank funds stand at £877. 27. From that amount RSGB have yet to be paid. There are 19 paid up members, 5 life members and a total of 27 club members.

Society Program .

Malcolm indicated that in the current year the meetings for the months of July, December and January were unfilled with regard to talks or activities.

He suggested for 19th July main meeting an open forum to discuss a Field Day on 4th/5th September. Mr Maurice Evans chairman of OSH Old Boys Association has kindly offered the use of one of his fields at Common Barn, Cookley and finalization of details now require to be carried out.

Nick G6DQN stated his availability on 4th but not 5th September.

Malcolm indicated that he would put " flyers " in teachers slots in the main office.

The Hon. Sec will send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Evans for the use of his field.

Further to earlier discussions on proposed amendments to the societies rules, an initial discussion took place to identify those sections of the constitution that required further consideration.

Society Program update.

The new broadband transceiver kit for use in the satellite project is now in transit from Australia where it was purchased on behalf of the club by Jim G4WAO at an advantageous price. Cost was anticipated at £29 later confirmed at £35 including import duty



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Any other business.

The 707 transceiver advised originally to be of little value has now been repaired by a friend of Nick G6DQN and will be offered for sale by Nick on behalf of the club at radio rallies. No offers were received at the previous Saturday rally where asking price was £220.

Malcolm is now following up placing club posters in library and also through contacts at Wordsley. An A5 version will also be made available to Nick to post at rallies.

John G8UAE originally kept the archives, subsequently taken over by Tony M1CZH and now returned to John. He now reports three letters missing from 1946 & 1972. G3CAQ was doing a history and may have mislaid them and this is to be followed up. Malcolm confirmed that he will pass all archive material now in his possession to John who will now update the archives which it is suggested should be copied and computerized.

The meeting closed at 9. 15pm.

OLD QSL CARDS (3)

G6RV

This card caught my attention because of the call sign G6RV and Mr. W.B.Stirling probably previously held the call sign 6RV. It was received at the RSGB bureau on 2nd December 1933 confirming the QSO on 10th September on 40m using 45 watts and giving Richard g6QI a 549 report. This was probably a very good report for the fact that that he was very proud of his crystal controlled transmitter.

Interesting that this card was before Scotland became GM.

Many of the cards in this early collection are simply in black and white and I know that Richard printed his own on an "Adana" printing machine. This card has two colours and was probably quite expensive to produce.

MOSSGROVE,
BRIDGE OF ALLAN,
SCOTLAND.

Radio.....96Q1.....WRKD.
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ON.....10 Sept.....AT.....23.00.....G.M.T.

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W. B. STIRLING

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CONTEST CALENDER

3rd/4th Jul	1400-1400	VHF NFD
4th Jul	1100-1500	144 MHz
July 5	2000-2130.	80m Club Championships
July 14	2000-2130.	80m Club Championships
11th Jul	1100-1500	50 MHz Backpackers #2
July 18	0900-1600	Low Power Field Day
18th Jul	1100-1500	144 MHz Backpackers #4
July 22	2000-2130.	80m Club Championships
July 24/25	1200-1200.	IOTA Contest
August 1	0700-0900.	RoPoCo 2
7th Aug	1400-2000	144 MHz Low Power
8th Aug	0800-1200	432 MHz Low Power
22nd Aug	0900-1500	70 MHz Trophy
4th/5th Sep	1400-1400	144 MHz Trophy
5th Sep	1100-1500	144 MHz Backpackers #5
September 4/5	1300-1300.	SSB Field Day
19th Sep	0900-1300	2nd 70 MHz
2nd Oct	1400-2200	1.3/2.3 GHz Trophies
2nd/3rd Oct	1400-1400	432 MHz - 248 GHz IARU
October 3	0700-1900.	21/28Mhz Contest (SSB)
17th October	0900-1300	50MHz
October 17	0700-1900.	21/28 Mhz Contest (CW)
6th/7th Nov	1400-1400	144 MHz CW Marconi
7th Nov	0800-1400	6 hour 144 MHz CW
November 13	2000-2300.	Club Calls
November 20	2100-0100.	2nd 1.8Mhz Contest
5th Dec	0900-1700	144 MHz AFS
26th/27th/28th/29 th Dec	1400-1600	50/70/144/432 MHz Christmas Cumulatives.

OPEN SOURCE

Munich, the city whose switch to Linux was seen as so significant it attracted a personal visit from Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer, has announced that its yearlong trial is a success and that it will stick with open source for its PCs.

The change will officially take place on July 1, and 14,000 desktops will permanently migrate to the open-source platform. The pilot was run using [Novells SuSE Linux](#) and IBM products. But the eventual contract--which could be worth tens of millions of euros--will be put out to tender.

The city's move to Linux is the biggest migration ever from proprietary software to open source, and it will call for municipal PCs and notebooks to move from Microsoft Office to OpenOffice and to use the Mozilla browser. City officials [voted last year to make the change](#).

The decision will doubtless come as a blow to Microsoft, which pulled out all the stops to get the German city to stay with proprietary software.

According to a document seen by USA Today, the concessions the software behemoth was prepared to



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punt Munichs way included undercutting a Linux bid by \$12 million, letting Munich license stripped-down versions of Windows, and offering training and support or nothing.

The migration is expected to be complete by 2008 or 2009.

Earlier this week, Norway s second-largest city, Bergen, announced it would be following in Munichs footsteps and opting to run Linux.

RALLY SCENE

10 JULY 2004

CORNISH RAC Radio Amateur and Computer Rally - Penair School, Truro. 10.30am.

John, g4lly@dsl.pipex.com, or Ken, ken@jtarry.freemove.co.uk

11 JULY 2004

SWINDON & DARC Steam & Radio Fun Day - Swindon & Cricklade Railway, Blunsdon. 10am, Ian, 2E0ZVG, ibrowne2@ntlworld.com

18 JULY 2004

FENLAND RG Horncastle Summer Amateur Radio Rally - Horncastle Youth Centre, The Old School, Cagthorpe, Horncastle, Lincs 10.30am. Chris, G0PXB, 07749 715 165.

McMichael Amateur Radio Rally & Car Boot Sale - Reading Rugby Football Club, Sonning Lane, Sonning, Berks.G0JMS, 0118 972 3504, g0jms@radarc.org

24 JULY 2004

ALTON & DRC Rally - Valley Nurseries, Basingstoke Road, Alton, Hants. 10Am.,Richard, G4IBW, 01428 717 524, g4ibw@uku.co.uk

25 JULY 2004

COLCHESTER RAC Rally 2004 - St Helena School, Sheepen Road, Colchester. 10am. C. James, M0ZZO, 01255 242 746/Gary, M0JJH, 01621 818 620

30 JULY - 1 AUGUST, 2004

AMSAT-UK Space Symposium - University of Surrey, Guildford. Day pass £10. Jim, G3WGM, 01258 453 959, or g3wgm@amsat.org

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	ADRIAN	M3HBA	

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

It should be noted that the Shack will be open every Monday evening unless shown otherwise in the Calendar

APRIL	Mon 5th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 12th	Bank Holiday - No Meeting
	Mon 19th	Richard G0EWH - Using an Antenna Analyser
MAY	Mon 3rd	Bank Holiday - No Meeting
	Mon 10th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 24th	Malcolm G8jtl - Satellite Projects Galore
	Tues 25th	All members are invited to the TA Centre OldSwinford for a talk on the Gulf War given by Adrian M3HBA
	Mon 31st	Bank Holiday - No Meeting
JUNE	Mon 7th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 14th	Committee Meeting
	Sat 19th	+++++ Wordsley Carnival +++++
	Mon 21st	Dave Johnson G4DPZ AMSAT-UK
JULY	Mon 5th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 19th	EGM + Planning for Contest + Open Evening
AUGUST	Mondays	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
SEPTEMBER	Sat 4 th /5th	SSB FIELD DAY - COOKLEY
	Mon 6th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 20th	Bob G4VPE - HF Amplifiers
OCTOBER	Mon 4th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 18th	Main Meeting - Open Evening
NOVEMBER	Mon 1st	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 15th	Main Meeting - Annual Surplus Sale
DECEMBER	Mon 6th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 20th	Main Meeting - Yet to be announced
JANUARY	Mon 3rd	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 17th	Main Meeting - Yet to be announced
FEBRUARY	Mon 7th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 21st	Main Meeting - Constructors Competition
MARCH	Mon 7th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 21st	##### AGM - 2005 #####

