

# STARLITE

The Newsletter for Members and Friends of

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## Stourbridge and District Amateur Radio Society

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**Old Swinford Hospital Radio Club**

**G4CVK**

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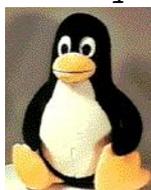


**MAY 2003**

### Diary Dates

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*Produced by G8JTL*



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## Editorial

Not much to say this month.. Not been very active having had other things to keep me occupied. However I did attend the Stourbridge Boat Club's talk and found it very interesting, It's just a pity we didn't have a better showing of members – we were almost outnumbered by those of the Boat club who had gone to great lengths to bring down their models for the talk and to put on display. Those that attended the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> May will have already experienced the changes that have been made at the school.. See the article further on for full detail

73's Malcolm G8JTL

## Our Own Roving Reporter

Time seems to be passing to quickly, in a months time it will be June and the first half of the year, and I still have not completed the jobs I had planned.

Which for the future would have taken Me a step near to starting My interest in Amateur Radio again, which is what I am doing as I am writing this report listening on 2m FM. That's also taking My other interests into consideration.

Opening My E-Mail last night there was one from A colleague and fellow GFS member John G8NPK who has moved QTH from Uxbridge to Portsmouth now He as retired from His engraving business part of which included engraving the badges for the RSGB, He is also a cinema organ enthusiast, so We have a lot in common.

I decided to have a Sunday at home instead of attending the Aldridge Radio Rally plus the fact My XYL as not been to well, which resulted having to call the ambulance on the Monday morning with what appeared to be a suspected heart attack which was discovered after tests to be a pulled chest muscle which take a very long while to heal.

As last year and previous years the Drayton Rally clashes with the organ concert, I am hoping to be at Elvaston Castle which last year I could not get along to because of Glenys being in Hospital.

I have noticed in Rad Com that there will be a Radio Rally at Stevenage at the end of the month, I am familiar with that area its not far from Digsweil where I usually get to once a year for the Ukulele Society meeting, its best going by train, by road 130 miles.

I enjoyed the April meeting about the Radio Controlled boats, I only wish I had the camera with Me, they looked so real, they could have been taken for the real thing in close up, I will not be taking that up for a hobby, its a lot of work, when I can see My way clear I will go along to the park and take some photos while they are on the water, for a future Starlite edition.

I have had four days last week playing about with a 100cm satellite dish that came along cheap, I found one of the Stations 19.2 I usually receive the other being on another 80cm dish, but in trying to see what other stations or transponders I could find I lost 19.2 even though the receiver was set to that station it was downloading 28.2 degrees east after continual attempts it finished up with sending a E-Mail to the receiver manufactures and a telephone call and it resulted in moving the dish onto the correct transponder but because of the increase in gain from the enlarge dish the separation between transponders seems to be



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very fine only a slight movement can effect the dish locking on to the correct transponder, its just another interest.

Going back to Radio again, in my travels around the Midlands I have noticed that there seems to be a number of cars that have call sign registration plates I wonder if any other club members have noticed this? Finally I still have My 8-30 pm BST sched 2m fm on Fri with Len G4HCZ so I do go on Air once a week even for 2min.

*Well that's all for now Best 73s Your Roving Reporter Malcolm G8BOP*

## AROUND THE CLUBS

<b>KDARS</b>	<b>Tony Saunders G1OZB (Secretary) 01299 400172 anthony.saunders@btinternet.com Meets at the Chain Wire Club...</b>
6 May	Wayne Griffin M0BRU "DF Equipment and Techniques"
3 Jun	Summer Outdoor Activity Night and Barbeque
1 Jul	Video Night and talk on "DXpeditions" with Gordon G3LZT

## Our Man Down Under

I know that I was allowed to "take part" in the AGM, but can I also, through the Starlite, say thank you to Wayne for even thinking about me. It was fun listening in to the meeting this morning even though it was only 0700 here, at least no one could see me sat here in my dressing gown waiting for the call. Maybe a good job no one saw all the remarks passing backwards and forwards on the message pad either before I got the chance to say my little bit.

Thanks also for the March Starlite which I have just read through, but as I wasn't there, can't really comment on. Hopefully the hf beam is now working ok and the ATV dishes are operational. I will look forward to seeing that in action when I'm back in the UK that of course is =/- the Iraq situation and also this rather horrible bug that is busy working its way round the world.

Next is our big trip to New Zealand, to which, we are really looking forward. We fly first to Auckland for about 10 days with the family and spending that time in a rather large camper.... should be fun!!!. When the family returns home, just the two of us fly down to south island, to Christchurch, and pick up a smaller camper for almost 2 weeks. I'll let you know how it goes.

Regards to all the members, hopefully a few more will pick up the Echolink habit, its growing quickly out here and of course its also accessible via 2m and 70cm in many places, so, if you see me listed, do give me a call VK2IVJ is the call to look for.

Ok Malcolm, time to pick up the little ones from school so I'd better depart. Thanks again for the award, BCNU fairly soon

73 de Jim G4WAO/VK2IVJ



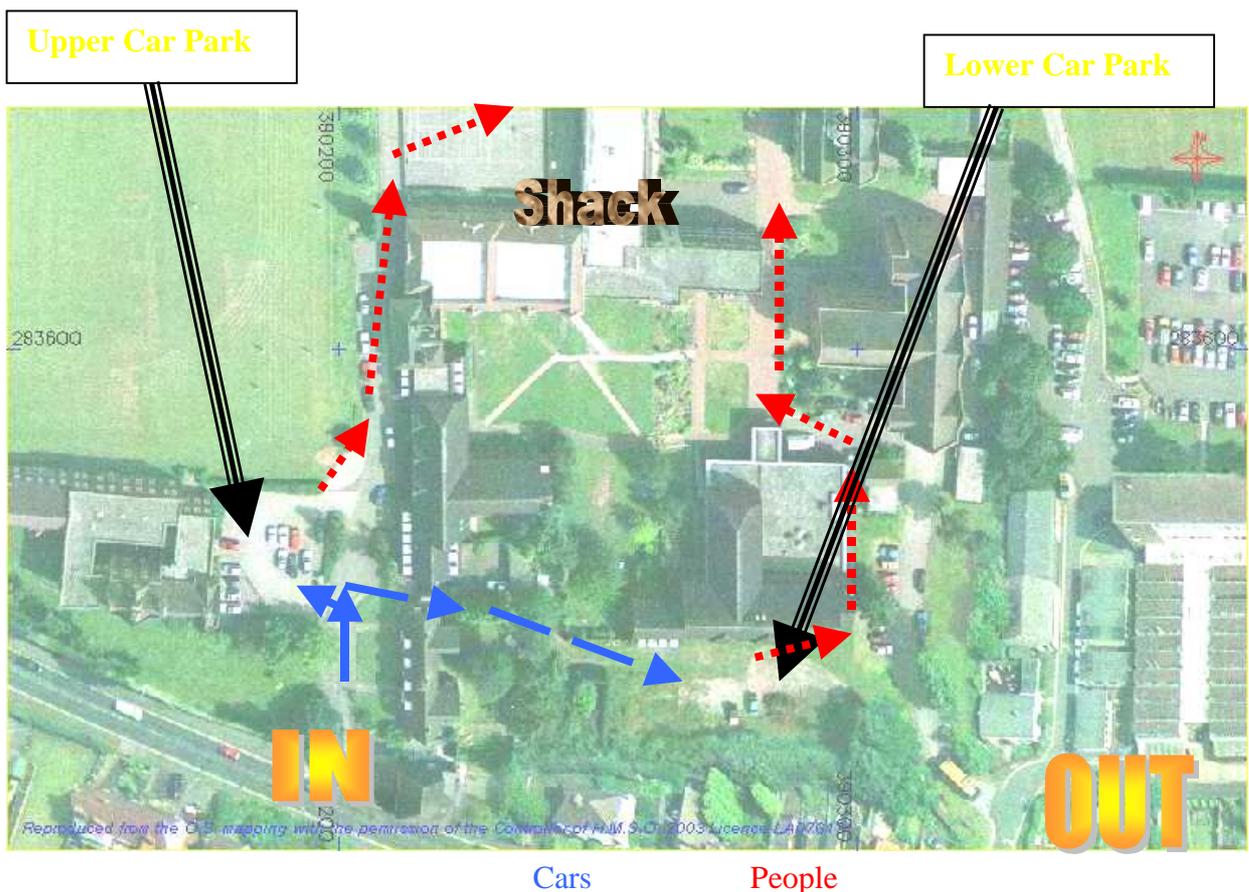
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## Access changes at Oldswinford

At the Boat Club meeting there were rumours going round that the access and parking arrangements at the school were about to change, probably fuelled by the appearance of a barrier on the access road from the Main heath lane entrance. Well.. No-Entry signs and a diversion to the Right greeted those that attended the Club on the 12th. This eventually brought you to a new car park, whose exit led to the Lower Heath Lane entrance.

Thus it was brought home that no longer could we get vehicular access to the area outside of the shack. SO all members need to note that the options are to park on the upper car park (Left of the Main Heath Lane entrance) and walk past the barrier to follow the path down to the shack, or follow the signs to the right and park on the Lower Car Park in which case the route to walk is around the bottom end of the building on your left.

I have reproduced a site plan to indicate the parking and route to the shack and/or meeting rooms.



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## Committee Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2003

Further to the discussions held at the AGM, the committee has looked at moving the club bank account to an outlet giving better interest rates. Best rates were offered on Internet banking, but club rules state that there shall be two signatures on all cheques and this could not be complied with using on line banking. The possibility was thus rejected. Best alternate rates found were at Abbey National and Wayne G7LLT said that he would call in and obtain application forms during the coming week. Agreement was given to this action.

The previously organised Foundation course was postponed due to several students having to cancel. However the secretary informed the meeting that he had now obtained a series of dates, which enable the missing students (Duke of Edinburgh Award leaders from OSH) to attend. Dates finally agreed upon were June 14<sup>th</sup>. And 15<sup>th</sup>. Half day. June 17<sup>th</sup>. And 18<sup>th</sup>. Evenings. The dates will now be circulated to see if any other potential students may be interested.

Discussions concerning purchase of a new club rig ensued as both Bob G4VPE and Tony M1CZH had investigated market availability. Summary of information obtained was as follows:

- Both Radio World and Castle Electronics would do a demonstration at the club reluctantly and only if pressed hard.

Only current equipment should be considered, as chips were only obtainable for models in production or very recently discontinued.

Kenwood, Icom and Yaesu investigated and for HF use Kenwood was considered best buy.

It was agreed that the rig purchased should have built in DSP and be new in order to obtain the maximum guarantee.

In conclusion Bob G4VPE recommended that the club seriously consider the Kenwood 870, which covered the listed requirements and also included an auto ATU.

The matter was held over for final decision to when the satellite project is nearer completion.

A weather satellite program has been discussed on several occasions and has been considered to be beneficial to both club and School. Alan G6UYJ indicated that with very little outlay a black and white setup on 137MHz could be in operation very quickly. Malcolm G8JTL offered the extended loan of a 137MHz rig and it was agreed that a "home brew" antenna could rapidly be constructed. With a monitor mounted at high level in the corridor it could be viewed by the school whenever the satellite was in view. If this proved successful an improved colour version using geostationary satellites could be constructed with 1.6Gig down converters to be obtained. Approval was given for the initial project.

Treasurer reported that club funds at the beginning of the financial year stood at £1849 and were now £1959. There were 8 members to date who have paid their subscriptions along with 5 Life members.

Under the heading of Any Other Business, Tony reminded the meeting that next Mondays meeting was a talk on Eddystone Wireless by a former employee. As the access and circulation around the school has now been altered, Wayne indicated that he would prepare and put up direction signs to the Eric Moody room where the talk is to take place.



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The School representative William Jones offered to prepare a poster advertising club activity to be placed around the school. The offer was accepted enthusiastically by all present.

Finally secretary John said that the schools were prepared to accept an article from the club for inclusion in the yearly school magazine. If anyone has items of interest past or present from the club history please E-mail them to him and he will co-ordinate for publication.

The next meeting will take place on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

MORE RALLY DATES	
16 - 18 MAY 2003	52nd DAYTON HAMVENTION - Dayton, Ohio, USA. [ <a href="http://www.hamvention.org">www.hamvention.org</a> ]
18 MAY 2003	MIDLAND ARS Drayton Manor Radio & Computer Rally - Drayton Manor Park, Fazeley, Tamworth, Staffs, on A4091 near jcn9/10 of M42. OT 10am. TS in 3 marquees, FM, SIG, CBS, clubs. Norman, G8BHE, 0121 422 9787 or 07730 132 726. [ <a href="http://midamradio.members.beeb.net">http://midamradio.members.beeb.net</a> ]
31 MAY / 1 JUNE 2003	LONDON COMMUNICATION & COMPUTER SHOW - *** New venue *** - Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage. One minute's walk from mainline station. OT 9.45/10am. TS, B&B, TI (2m & 70cm), CP close by, SIG, MT, MA, LEC, LB, C, DF. RadioSport 01923 893 929. [ <a href="http://www.radiosport.co.uk">www.radiosport.co.uk</a> ]

## Light Relief?



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## Reminders

# Wanted

I am now getting short of copy for the newsletter so urgently require an information boost from members

### NEXT STARLITE ISSUE DUE

**June 9th – submissions by June 5th please.**

YOUR newsletter wants YOU  
(Or more to the Point your INPUT)

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The club holds its full meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each Month at: -

**Old Swinford Hospital School, Heath Lane, Stourbridge.  
(8.00pm – 10.00pm)**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Monday is usually an informal Social evening with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday having prearranged talk or other event.

## MEETINGS

### CALENDAR

MARCH	Mon 3rd	Informal Social night –Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 10th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 17th	<b>- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8pm Prompt</b>
	Mon 24th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 31st	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
APRIL	Mon 7th	Informal Social night –Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 14th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 21st	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 28th	Stourbridge Boat Club talk.
MAY	Mon 5th	Informal Social night –Tea/Coffee available
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	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
AUGUST	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Informal Social night –Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
SEPTEMBER	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Informal Social night –Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available

