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Hi-LITES for the COMING WEEKS

FEBRUARY	Mon 6th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
FEBRUARY	Mon 13th	Open Shack Evening - Tea/Coffee always available
FEBRUARY	Mon 20th	Constructors Competition + Quiz Night
FEBRUARY	Mon 27th	Foundation Course - Providing enough Candidates
MARCH	Mon 6th	Open Shack Evening - 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,

Well I must admit that I have had difficulty getting Starlite out this last few months – Family problems have kept me occupied. I was convinced I had issued copies in Dec but it appears not – and I was hoping to get this out in January but I didn't quite make it. so some of the items are a bit old but I feel still worth the read 73's for now de Malcolm G8JTL.

OUR ROVING REPORTER

Once again its been another busy time for me since My last report with all My interests which included being being handicapped as far as walking was concerned ,for almost a month,which started with what I thought was a muscular pain at the back of My left leg, it got worse,after visiting My GP and then spending half a day in Hospital and they could not find anything wrong so I was put on pain killers and a walking stick.

I later found out from another source,who was connected with the medical profession it was a sciatic nerve that had got trapped its still not 100% but at least I can walk about which before I could not put any pressure on My left leg at all.

I could not be of too much assistance in Oct. when extra aerials and feeder cable were installed, so I stayed at ground level and did as much as what I could from there.



I was able to get on with work on the computer [Because rest was part of the cure] in copying files from the incoming mail on to disc and outgoing , I would think the computer takes up 40% of My life no wonder I never seem to be on Air.

I enjoyed the talk by James about Networking, that's something I will have ago at to get My other two computers running as one now I am on Broadband, with Homecall.

After the talk I was at the NEC at The Call Centre exhibition and that was to do with Networking etc.

I have finally found a great venue for the Stourbridge GFS Branch , the meeting are held on the 3rd Tues each month [as they have always been] this time at The Summer House the Portway Kingswinford ,the first meeting there was held in Oct .

Staying with entertainment for a while on 14th Oct I was playing during the interval at Dudley Concert Hall, 11th Nov at Quarry Bank Conservative Club, and the 26th Nov in The great Hall at O H S. and then Tues

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13th Dec entertaining 50 ladies for their Xmas Party at Gornal Exercise Class, and to end the year on the 20th Dec the 14th anniversary meeting of the Stourbridge Branch at the New venue and 34 attended from different parts of the West Midlands the most I have ever known in the 14yrs that started at The Robin Woods Centre, I can only put it down to all the publicity that I have managed to get this year [I want to do the same for ST.A.R.S. in 2006 it's the one of the ways to attract new members which is needed to carry on especially from the younger element]



The same being for the Shropshire Theatre Organ Trust and The west Midlands Amateur Computer Club, which has received a set back since the death of Our Chairman Les Fernihough so if there are any Stars members who would like to attend the clubs meetings they are on 2nd and 4th Tues at Quarry Bank Community Centre.

I enjoyed the Xmas Dinner at The Gig Mill Mon 19th Dec and thanks go to Malcolm for finding a good venue.



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Previous to that Our Surplus Auction I thought it was well attended with the bits and pieces at affordable prices I never thought I would purchase one of My XYL's Xmas presents from one of Our Auctions. I have not been able to get to any more Radio Rallies since Leicester because of other interests on the same date. So its next Yr before it all starts again.

I wonder what 2006 is going to bring ??

Well That's All For Now Best 73s

Your Roving Reporter -Malcolm Palmer G8BOP

SILENT KEY

Arthur Parkes G2DVI, died in Russells Hall Hospital on 24th December 2005

His funeral took place on Wednesday 11 January 2006 at Gornal Crematorium

and was attended by in excess of 60 members of Family , colleagues and Friends. The Society was well represented and condolences passed to the family, both from the Society, and from those members unable to attend

It was agreed at the January meeting that the Society would make a donation, in memory of Arthur who was a long standing Member of the Society.

If any members wish to make personal donations the family has requested that they be made to the Russells Hall Renal Unit

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THE SHOOTING PARTY

The title I am afraid was stolen from the novel by Isabel Colegate but was quite apt for the motley crew that signed themselves up for the mornings shooting I offered to organise November 5th 2005. From left to right Yours truly Wayne Mcroft, Nick Moss, John Clarke, Malcolm Davies, John Scott and seated Eric Hickman



The signs were put out on route the talk-in on 2m was set up and everything was organised and nearly everyone saw the sign markers and found the shooting grounds ok (thank heavens for 2m talk-in).

After a prompt start Barry Cheadle, who owns the shoot, introduced himself and began the safety talk (strict safety at all times where firearms are concerned) and checked everyone for their dominant eye. This is the eye that takes priority when you look directly at a single object at distance, you can check your own dominant eye by pointing at a fixed object at distance with both eyes open, if you then close your left eye your finger should be still pointing directly at the object. This confirms that your right eye was dominant. If your finger was pointing away from the object you will find that your left eye was dominant. This then determines which shoulder you mount the gun on. All but John Clarke (Hon Sec) were right eye dominant so John had to shoot left handed.

After this was complete we moved on to the clay ground for some fun. Everyone was shown by Barry how to hold and mount the gun and everyone had turns to hit the clays and hit them they did. Barry used one of his 20 gauge over and under guns due to the lighter weight for first time shooters also he used a low velocity cartridge with light load this all helped to relieve some of the kick you get with shooting. I used my Berretta 12 gauge o/u with high velocity and standard load but I have been doing it for more than 5 years, you do get used to the kick and don't even notice it, that is till you occasionally forget and don't get your cheek down

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quite tight enough on the stock and it feels like Bruno has just given you a right hook, you soon remember the next time.

Everyone shot well and everyone managed to hit some of the variety of different Birds that Barry put on that day. We didn't keep a score this time so I can't tell you who shot the best but everyone has asked me to organise another shoot. So soon in the new year I will organise another mornings shooting, for this one I will do a score sheet and let you know the results.

We then retired to the local hostelry near to the river in Arley and had a very tasty lunch and pint which finished off the day very nicely. Thanks to all the people who supported the day the next one is planned early 2006.

One other thing good that came out of this and not entirely by coincidence was that with the bit of extra practice I had on the Saturday it must have helped me on the Sunday back at the same place. I managed to win the trophy in their monthly shoot, so the next shoot will be before the competition day again Hi Hi.



SATELLITE NEWS

Hot of the press – At approx 2303 on Friday 3rd Feb a new Amateur Satellite was launched into orbit. Aptly named 'SuitSat' it was launched from the International Satellite during a Space Walk. The experiment consists of transmissions in various modes but the batteries are only expected to last for a few days.

see <http://www.suitsat.org/> for further information

The following Photos have been reproduced from my Computer Screen – so please excuse the quality



SuitSat'



The 'suit' leaving the Space Station' live
Pity about my reflection!!



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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

JUNE	Mon 6th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Sat 11/15th	Foundation Course
	Mon 20th	Wayne M5LLT - MMSSTV Master Class
	Sun 26th	STOURBRIDGE CARNIVAL STATION
JULY	Sat 2nd/3rd	VHF NFD - Entry Cancelled for this Year
	Mon 4th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 18th	GOEWH Richard and G8PZT Paula - Packet Radio Primer
AUGUST	Mondays	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 8th	Sheep Walks Barbecue / On Air
SEPTEMBER	Sat 3rd/4th	SSB FIELD DAY - COOKLEY
	Mon 5th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 19th	James G7HEZ - Networking Master Class
	Sat 24/27th	Foundation Course
OCTOBER	Mon 3rd	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 17th	Malcolm G8BOP - Society History
NOVEMBER	Mon 7th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 21st	Annual Surplus Sale
	Sat 26/29th	Foundation Course
DECEMBER	Mon 5th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 19th	Xmas Bash - Yet to be announced
JANUARY	Mon 9th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 16th	Main Meeting - Yet to be announced
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