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The 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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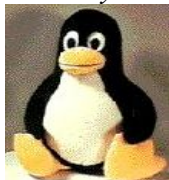
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Hi-LITES for the COMING WEEKS

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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,

And the months roll by

At the moment the Programme of events looks a bit sparse but we are working to fill the slots, however we have been unable to fill the April slot so, following from comments made at the AGM we have decided to give everybody an opportunity to view the Archives ' Those fabled archives do I hear someone say'.

Thus on April 24th all the material from the Society Archives will be available for your perusal

Additionally if anyone has items that they feel should be part of the archives perhaps they could bring them to that meeting where John Hon.Treas. (Holder of the Archives) will be pleased to receive them

73's for now de Malcolm G8JTL.

OUR ROVING REPORTER

We are now well into the new year of 2006 ,I am still just as busy with all My other interests,and still not too much time for Amateur radio other than attending the monthly meetings and the committee meetings in between.

Its been a interesting year being on the committee,I hope it continues for the next 12 months ,I am used to committee work now its eight years since I was asked to go onto the committee of the Shropshire Theatre Organ Trust and I am still on the committee and Glenys is involved as well, the other local interest which I started 14 yrs ago last December.

The Stourbridge Branch of the George Formby Society, now has its own web page thanks to one of the younger local GFS members Matthew Richards, that can be found by logging on to www.freewebs.com/george-formby-stourbridge-branch/ it well worth a visit and its updated every month. I wonder who the report is?

At the time I am writing this report out it's the 5th March 2006 on the 6th March 45 yrs since George Formby died 1961 in a hospital at Preston,after a heart attack. 45 yrs later His popularity is just as great with four meetings a year at The Winter Gardens Blackpool and always well attended not only from this country but from different parts of the world [1000 members]

I would have liked to have been there in March 06 because there is a Radio Rally on the Sunday at Norbreck Castle, but it's the the same day as the Organ Concert at The Buttermarket Shrewsburyand even I can't be in two places at once.

Towards the end of last year I received a E Mail from Gordon Bryant that Arthur Parkes became a silent key on Xmas day, He had not been well for some time, I know when he used to visit the club thanks to the good services of fellow member Dr Alan Parkes who also assisted Arthur with His hearing problem, He always said He enjoyed reading My reports,and starlite items, I used to visit His Radio and Tv shop in W,ton Street Dudley from time to time,it was not until He retired and he visited the club meetings that I got to know him more ,and he also had another interest that I am connected with Theatre and Electronic Organs,and He used to play the latter, I shall never forget His talk about Egypt, He will be missed, His funeral was held at Gornal Crem on the 11th Jan 06,the chapel was 80% full being attended by several S.T.A.R.S members and other radio amateurs that Arthur had contacts with, and family and friends.

On Jan 11th its Our son Andrews birthday,Andrew works on Dudley Zoo for 27 yrs, it was from the Zoo in the 1940s that Arthur had some unusual guests at His wedding two Elephants, He will be missed by all who knew Him.

The following day I was at West Bromwich Town Hall for the Lunch Time Concert, by Nigel Ogden who presents the Organist Entertains on BBC radio 2 at 8pm each Tues . He released a CD which was originally on audio cassette made on The Buttermarket Wurlitzer entitled From Stage and Screen. If You obtain a copy take a look on the inside cover at the photograph at the Town Hall concert. In the audience was Bob



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G4HRG, it was the same at the Jan Concert at The Buttermarket. In the Audience was Doug G3ZLJ and His XYL Jean that was Phil Kelsalls concert. Phil as been resident organist at The Tower Ballroom Blackpool for 30yrs. Connections still continue the Feb concert at West Bromwich on Feb 9th Richard Hall was the organist, Richard being the organist now since 1988 at St Mary,s Old Swinford He also acts as Organist and accompanist to Old Swinford Hospital School and King Edward College so that's the connection.

Next concert at West Bromwich thurs 9th March ,Keith Hearnshaw thurs. 13th April Katheryn Samuels, and to end the season for His first time at West Bromwich [and not to be missed] John Barnett thurs 11th May John is treasurer of The Shropshire Theatre Organ Trust and lives with his Wife Jeanette at Willenhall nr W,ton.He released a Cd 4 yrs ago on the Buttermarket Wurlitzer entitled For You again I wonder who the photographer was ? John along with Keith Tomlin was resident Organist at The Motor Cycle Museum [where the radio rally,s were held for some time]

Finally on Sat 25th Feb I received a phone call from Our treasurer John Scott that Art. Davies G4JY from Kinver died suddenly on Fri 24th Feb from a heart attack Arthur used to attend the meetings at St A R S, He had been a member for a number of years until His wife's illness prevented him from getting out too far other than shopping trips to Sainsbury's at Kidderminster were Glenys and Myself used to meet them from time to time, long before I was involved with the Severn Valley Railway Arthur, Stan G8SR, Bill G4DFE, and John G4CVU had some QSL Cards printed on which the photo was taken on one of the platforms at SVR.

Looking through My Archives I have found the QSL Card,



From Left to Right on the Photo John G4CVU Art. G4JY Stan G8SR and Bill G4DFE , there is only John left now. The funeral was held at Stourbridge Crem. At 2pm Wednesday 8th March [a report will be in the next edition of Starlite]

Our condolences are sent to Arthur's XYL and son Peter and Family, He was 87, but very active on air right until His untimely passing the DVD which came from a video tape which was made by Bill G3CAQ in the 1980s which I presented with My talk at the club in Oct featured Arthur and His shack at Kinver. That's all except to say that in another two years time it will be 70th year of S T A R S .

This winter scene was taken by Glenys on route towards home Fri 24th Feb 06 its the Sedgley side of Sandyfields Rd.



Well That's All For Now Best 73s

Your Roving Reporter -Malcolm Palmer G8BOP



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THE SHOOTING PARTY

Those that attended last time will be pleased to note that another Party has been arranged for the morning of Saturday May 6th

CLAYS SHOOTING



Saturday 6th MAY 2006

A Mornings Clay Shooting With M5LLT
At
Wyre Forrest Guns
Button Oak
Bewdley



Guns and guidance provided

£20.00 for 25 clays, insurance and tuition, including use of guns and cartridges

Varied shooting even if you have never picked up a gun before.

Arrival time at shooting ground 10 AM prompt

Should be completed by about 1:30 PM

Directions Talk in will also be on 2metres 145.550 if clear

Cross bridge at Bewdley and follow round the town to the right taking the lower road out of town past the car parks and then the caravan park, all on your right. Follow that road for about 2-3 miles you will come into the village of Button Oak when you see the signs for the village, immediately after them take the next turn on your right there is a sign for Ye Olde Oak Pub follow the road until you go past a sign saying Airfield on your right then after that the road takes a sharp left bend, on the apex of the bend is a track going straight on you will see signs for Wyre Forrest Guns follow the track until it opens out and then park.



£5 DEPOSIT REQUIRED

If you wish to attend please advise Wayne – who will require a deposit of £5 ASAP



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Meeting held at Old Swinford Hospital (The Shack)
Monday 27th February 2006

Minutes

5 The meeting opened at 8. 05pm.

2.Those Present : Malcolm Davies G8JTL John Clarke M1EJG. John Scott G8UAE
Nick Moss G6DQN Eric Hickman G7JWJ.
Malcolm Palmer G8BOP. Richard Carroll M1DBC
Dave Hardwick M3ZDH

3. Apologies : Non

4 Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as a true record and were signed by the President, subject to the following amendments :- 1.6 Gig band to read 10 Gig : Sat card for PC is the receiver : Kidderminster club should read Bromsgrove club.

5Matters arising from minutes.

There were no outstanding matters.

6. Secretaries report

Several books and items of historical club interest have been received from Alec G8GF by the Secretary and have been passed to John G8UAE for club archives.

7. Treasurers report.

Club funds stand at £780. 00. with 25 paid up members. This is a fall in membership.

8. AGM.

Notification period to members for the forthcoming AGM on 20th March was confirmed as one week. Agreed that all paperwork should be prepared for viewing by 6th March. Malcolm (Pres) confirmed that he will prepare the Agenda.

9. Projects.

Weathersat project now progressing, Malcolm (Pres) states that he now has the software for the display unit booting and running at home for the past four days with no problems. However the software for the feed of images is still awaited and could be a minimum of three weeks before receipt. The school have said that they will provide a plasma screen and the whole project could be completed in one month from present date subject to receiving necessary software. Club use of the school Web installation is to be investigated. The school secretary now acting on behalf of the Bursar may be the person to speak to. If access is granted the method to avoid the school firewall will need to be agreed.



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10. A.R.I.S.

Mr. Holmes has sent a read receipt back to Malcolm (Pres) regarding his E_mail asking for an expansion of the mission statement to be submitted.
Malcolm will follow this up in one week if no further reply has been received.

11. Foundation Course.

Agreed to fix the date of the next Foundation course for June.
Richard M1DBC suggested sending “fliers” to Redhill School, Ridgewood High and Stourbridge College who would be interested in this course. Agreed to follow this up and Malcolm G8JTL said that he had information to prepare an explanatory leaflet. A suggestion by Malcolm G8BOP for posters was not agreed as this had been tried before and had not been successful. Malcolm (Pres) said that he would follow up the previous attempt.

13. Any other business

John G8UAE informed the meeting that Art Davies G4JY had died on Friday 24th February from a heart attack. Funeral details have not yet been arranged. John (Sec) confirmed that he would inform Alec G8GF of Art Davies death and funeral details when known.
John G8UAE confirmed that the material from Alec was now in the archives but some of the information in the book “ History of Midlands Radio Clubs “ was incorrect and there were omissions concerning Stourbridge Radio Club.
Agreed to arrange a date to hold an “ Archives Night “ where all information concerning the club would be available for viewing.

RALLIES



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YOUR COMMITTEE

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| | RICHARD | M1DBC | |
| | MALCOLM | G8BOP | |
| | DAVID | M3ZDH | |

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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

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| April | Mon 3rd | Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
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| | Mon 15th | Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
| June | Mon 22nd | Main Meeting |
| | Mon 29th | Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
| | Mon 5th | Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
| | Mon 12th | Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
| | Mon 19th | Main Meeting |
| | Sat 24/27th | Foundation Course |
| | Mon 26th | Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
| July | Mon 3rd | Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
| | Mon 10th | Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
| | Mon 17th | Main Meeting |
| August | Sat 24th | Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
| | Mon 31st | Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
| | All Mon | Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
| September | Sat 5th Sun 6th | SSB field Day - All hands on Board Please |
| | Mon 7th | Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
| October | Mon 14th | Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
| | Mon 21st | Main Meeting |
| | Mon 28th | Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available |
| | Mon 4th | Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available |

