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Hi-LITES for the COMING WEEKS

MAY	Mon 15th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 22nd	<u>Bill G3TZM-Repeater Management Committee</u>
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	Mon 26th	Open Shack Night Tea/Coffee 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,

Welcome to issue 2 for 2006. As you can see from the calendar the next few months will be a busier time for the Society and I hope that you will all support me and the committee in meeting these commitments.

- **Stourbridge Carnival** on Sunday the 25th June – In addition to Operators on the day we may need to provide some communications around the town during the day – more details will be given at Society meetings. So I am asking that as many members as possible will make themselves available on the day. If we are to attract new members I think it is very important that we are seen and that there is sufficient activity to attract interest, not just a group of men huddled around an unseen / quiet Radio.
- **SSB Field Day** – Advance warning again for as many people as possible make themselves available and seize the opportunity to take a turn on the Mic!! - The problem period will undoubtedly be the overnight session – covered on the last two years by Hon. Treas John and who now feels that it is time for other members to share the burden
- **Aerial work at the Shack** – There is still a fair bit of work to be done to get our 'aerial farm' into shape – so again all hands to the pump please when the arrangements are made for work to be carried out – Currently we have some prep work and items to acquire before we can continue but it is hoped that this work can commence during July
- **Foundation course** – This has been moved back into July due to a clash with the carnival but is still in the calendar although we haven't yet got sufficient candidates

73's for now de Malcolm G8JTL.

OUR ROVING REPORTER

Well I am still alive despite a rumour that I had passed away suddenly.

Now for the news that I have been collecting since the last report, that starts with Art Davies funeral that was at Stourbridge Crematorium, which was over three quarters full, at the service, representing S T A R S were John Scott and Myself. Ex S T A R S members present were John Bills, G3KZJ and Robert Silvera , G4WDS and members of Kinver model engineering of which Art was also a member , being an ex-railway man himself. There was also a mention of an incident in the 1970s about a transatlantic balloon crossing, the crew on the flight were in trouble so they sent out a distress call which Art , by luck received. The call was passed on by Art to the appropriate authorities [which was frowned upon by the GPO], and Art never got recognition for it except by the crew, which was a life saving exercise. They honoured Art for His service.

Moving on to the AGM I was delighted it passed without any problems, and that a full committee was elected and I am on that committee for a second term. I do have to be careful how much I am taking on board what with My other interests, and having passed the three score years and ten, I feel the time has come to slow down a bit.

I was last on the committee 30 years ago. Much younger then Hi, there is one thing that must be done that is to take on more members and younger members to keep the Society going. In two years time the society will be 70 years old, so much publicity is required to get more interested..

I decided not to attend the Wythall Rally, what with the weather, and also that I like to stay at home most week ends. I believe the rally was well attended as was the Northern Rally at the Norbreck Hotel Blackpool, so My fellow roving reporter and G F S member informs me. He was able to attend the Rally on the Sunday morning, because He was in Blackpool for the week end meeting of the George Formby Society. Which I was unable to attend because of the Organ Concert at Shrewsbury. My colleague says the rally was



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packed it was a job to see everything in the short space of time He was there. It was the same when I attended a few years ago.

Also since my last report I have been attending more funerals in a short space of time than I have ever attended. It's probably a sign of getting old! This time Malcolm Smith G4OXV who passed away in March. His funeral was on Wednesday 5th April 06 at All Saints Sedgley, it was attended by Ron G4NME, Beryl G4NMG (The late Bill Raybould's XYL [G4DFE]), Don G4FJJ, and Mike M0MGS with whom Malcolm



used to in contact with on 2m FM most mornings. I sometimes used to join in the QSOs. Malcolm was 80 and a fellow organ enthusiast. On the 3rd of May I was at Stourbridge Crematorium again, this time it was Bert Maile [80] a fellow member of the computer club, Amateur Radio was well represented even though Bert had no interest in the hobby, John Tracey, Nick Moss, Doug Robbins G4FYQ, Malcolm Skelding G3VHA and Myself.

It did not end there because in the paper that same night I read that My old work colleague and fellow Radio Amateur of 35yrs from Contactor Switchgear, Derek Robbins G8DKF became a silent key on 26th April he was 74. His funeral was at Bushbury Crematorium on Wednesday 10th May. But due to other commitments I could not attend and also I was at a family funeral on the day before. Derek and his XYL Margaret also had a interest in organ music and I would see them sometimes at the free lunch time concerts at West Bromwich Town Hall, that are held once a month from November until May, on Thursday afternoons 1-2pm.

Just as a example of My busy life on Sat afternoon 22nd April, Glenys and Myself were at the Grand Theatre Wolverhampton to see one of our fellow GFS members, Andy Eastwood in 'A night at the Music Hall'. Within 45 mins of arriving home both of us were at the Centenary Organ concert by Jean Martyn to celebrate the Centenary of The Zoar Chapel, Gornal Wood. The first person I came in contact with was John Cooper G3XEV and His XYL.

In addition to all the things mentioned I have also been visiting the Hospital Out patients With either our Son Andrew Or Glenys.

That's all this time, apart from many thanks to our Treasurer John for transporting me to the MARS rally on Sunday 7th May at Solihull. Glenys and I are hoping to be at Elvaston, and as a result of the M A R S rally I will be doing a solo spot in the arena [I do get Myself into all sorts of things]. Another one was at the Digital Sign Exhibition at the N E C last week when I came in contact with Glen G0HPS who was on one of the stands.



Finally the picture on the was taken on Friday 12th May while i was at work on Seven Valley Railway - Thomas The Tank Engine standing the other side of the fence next to our work yard ready for 'Thomas the Tank Engine week end' that attracts a lot of Visitors,

Now I will start looking for more news for the next Starlite. and for other publication s I write for.

Well That's All For Now Best 73s

Your Roving Reporter -Malcolm Palmer G8BOP

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BRAIN TEASER 1

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RALLY SCENE

4 JUNE 2006

SPALDING & DARS Annual Rally – Sir John Glead Technical School, Halmer Gardens, Spalding. OT 10am. C. Ambrose, M0DJA, 07989 636 520

WEST MANCHESTER RC 10th Red Rose QRP Festival – Formby Hall, Alder Street (off High Street), Atherton, Manchester. OT 11am, £1.50. Les, G4HZJ, 01942 870 634

11 JUNE 2006

37th Elvaston Castle National Radio Rally – Elvaston Castle Country Park, Elvaston, Derby, on the B5010 between the A6 and A52, 5 miles SW of Derby. OT 9am, £3 under-16s free Les, G4CWD, 01332 559 965

18 JUNE 2006

NEWBURY DARS Car Boot Sale – Ackland Memorial Hall, Cold Ash, Newbury. Direction and map on website. Kevin, G6FOP

2 JULY 2006

NORFOLK ARC Barford Radio Rally



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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 3rd	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 10th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 17th	Easter - NO MEETING
	Mon 24th	MAIN MEETING - A chance to View the Society Archives
May	Mon 1st	BANK HOLIDAY _ NO MEETING
	Mon 8th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
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	Sat 8 th -13th	Foundation Course
	Mon 10th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 17th	Roy Clarke - Amateur Satellite Operations
	Sat 24th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 31st	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
August	All Mon	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
September	Sat 5th/6th	SSB field Day - All hands on Board Please
	Mon 7th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 14th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 21st	Main Meeting
	Mon 28th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
October	Mon 4th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available