

# STARLITE

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### Hi-LITES for the COMING WEEKS

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<b>JUL</b>	<b>Mon 3rd</b>	<b><u>Natter/Activity Night Tea/Coffee available</u></b>
	<b>Mon 10th</b>	<b><u>Open Shack Night Tea/Coffee available</u></b>
	<b>Mon 17th</b>	<b><u>ROY CLARKE - AMATUER SATELLITE OPERATIONS</u></b>
	<b>Mon 24th</b>	<b><u>Open Shack Night Tea/Coffee available</u></b>
	<b>Mon 31st</b>	<b><u>SHEEP WALKS BARBECUE</u></b>

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Visitors always welcome

# MEETINGS

The Society holds its full meetings on the  
1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3 for 2006. Apologies to Jim for the belated publishing of his article – but it did come a long way!

- **Stourbridge Carnival** on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> June – Please make every effort to attend the coming meetings and give the society the support it needs to take part in this event. 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.

Forgot on last month

- **Elvaston Castle Rally** – It has been arranged that that we take up a stand at this rally in an effort to turn some of our 'surplus goodies' into additional funds to support the ongoing enhancements of shack facilities – Any offers of help would be appreciated as would any offers of additional items . Please arrange either to bring them on the day, get them to myself or Hon treas before Saturday PM
- **Foundation course** – There are still plenty places on this course but a number of members are beavering away to try and drum up some additional candidates.

73's for now de Malcolm G8JTL.

## OUR ROVING REPORTER

Well not too much to feature in this report because of the long report for the last newsletter, but in true G8BOP style and never failed yet in 20yrs, I have found something to write about.

So I start with the last meeting [May] which I found to be most interesting Bill always gives a good presentation whenever He visits STARS to give a talk, and the idea for having the RSGB fun van at the Carnival or any future event at the School seems great, and some of His ideas for publicity for STARS especially from the younger element.

Thinking back to some of the older long serving members like Myself.

When I first joined the society I had just started work and I was 15 yrs old, of course in those days there were not any mobile phones,computers, TV was only just come into the Midlands,so if anyone had a interest in communication over a distance, Amateur Radio was the hobby.

Such a lot could be learned from becoming a member of an Amateur Radio Society, I choose Stourbridge, I never realised 55 yrs later I would still be a member,like Alan Parkes, Alec Higgins and Eric Brickstock.

I do a great deal of publicity for all My other interest, especially for the Stourbridge Branch of The George Formby Society,which I started 15 yrs ago,when only 6-8 sometimes less attended the meeting at the Robin Woods Centre, now at the Summerhouse The Portway Kingswinford on The 3rd Wednesday of each month 8pm.

The attendance is around 36 and its due to publicity both from Press TV and the recent website,which everyone who as left comments think it is great,and thanks go to one of the Junior members for creating it, I have even been invited to give a talk to a school in Wednesfield W,ton were one of a class subjects by one of the teachers,features Old Thyme Music Hall George Formby and other Stars Gracie Fields etc come into it, but you can bet that publicity for STARS and My other interests will come into it especially the Wurlitzer

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at the Buttermarket which came from that era of the cinema's when the mentioned stars were popular.

Unfortunately I will not be able to be at Stourbridge Carnival [where I was hoping to do some publicity at the same time as being with STARS ] instead I will be in the Army over that and the following week end for the 1940s event on the Severn Valley Railway.

All being well I will be at Elvaston on the 11<sup>th</sup> June, and helping out on the STARS stall, and there may be the sound of UKE Strings coming from the arena Tent where the Jazz Band will be playing, { I wonder Who ? }.

At the time of writing this report My friend in Australia, who I have been in contact with for 40yrs, has had no further contact with our fellow STARS member Jim Kimpton. When they do meet up it will be in My report.

Finally at the time of writing Glenys and Myself are just getting over a two nights stay in Blackpool for the second week end meeting of 2006 of the George Formby Society.

Twice I was on stage at the Winter Gardens on the Morning Free and easy session and in the evening, had a great time and came into contact with some interesting people.

Well That's All For Now Best 73s

Your Roving Reporter -Malcolm Palmer G8BOP

## OUR MAN DOWN UNDER

### Down Under 2006

We seem to have been here ages already but it is only since Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> . This time we met the family in Perth, using it as a stopover part of the flight to Sydney.

It was very hot, about 30c most of the days we spent here. Paul had some business to attend to which was the reason for their trip and from researching my family history, I had found a distant cousin, descended from a family member transported as a convict in 1845. Last year we had found all the records of her imprisonment and subsequent marriage to a fellow convict whilst on a trip to Tasmania.

We arranged to meet Neva ( my cousin ?? times removed) and her husband, Bill, at their home in Singleton just south of Perth and spent a very pleasant couple of hours talking and reviewing our families and the distant (about 1812 ) connection.

Our five days in WA passed quickly and using our Qantas air miles, we upgraded to Business for the flight to Sydney. Oh the comfort from cattle class!!!.... our usual mode of flying.

February and the daily routine quickly returned. It was sunny and hot here too but more humid and a bit sticky so a regular dip in the pool to cool off was the order of most days. We had booked a short break down to Canberra, driving down.

It took about 3 hours and the a/c in our little car was very necessary. Our apartment was just a short walk from the Australian Parliament House so we had a walk around the area bringing back memories of a previous visit some years ago so we didn't go on the guided tour this time. From the front of the building, we could see along Anzac Parade, to the Australian War Memorial, a really impressive sight.



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Inside the memorial is a war museum, mostly exhibits from WW1 & WW2 but obviously other war zones were included.

A most impressive gallery of all the VC's won by Australian forces, showing the actual medals and citations, was a definite must see.

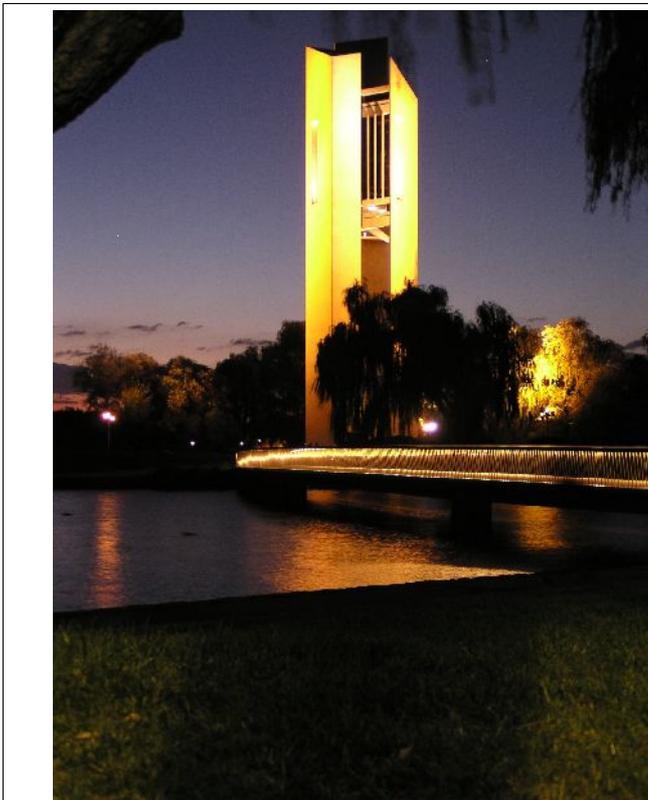
The other galleries contain war planes, a tank (ww1 vintage) loads of artillery pieces and shells, pictures, models of battle scenes and all the usual showcases of uniforms and small arms.



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No visit to Canberra is complete without walking round Burley-Griffin Lake. At one end is the fountain, very similar to the one in Lake Geneva in Switzerland, a single column of water about 30m high, and at the other the bell tower. This was a gift from the British Government and is a carillon of 58 bells spanning four octaves. On the evening that we went there to see it there was a concert by a guest carillonist from Sydney University it was the most peaceful time, just before sunset hearing the bells playing across the lake. I suppose we must have sat there for about an hour just listening.



So that you can see what goes on, they provided a cctv from the keyboard chamber to a large notice fully describing the bells and the tower history. All in all a truly memorable visit. March is a trip to the Blue Mountains, tell you about that next time.

Jim.

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## BRAIN TEASER SOLUTIONS

9	5	4	2	6	7	3	1	8
8	6	1	4	3	5	2	7	9
3	7	2	8	9	1	4	5	6
4	9	8	7	5	3	1	6	2
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5	4	9	6	8	2	7	3	1
2	3	7	5	1	9	6	8	4
1	8	6	3	7	4	9	2	5

## RALLY SCENE

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** David, G7URP, 0

29 JULY 2006

**RUGBY ATS Annual Radio Rally** – T M Humphries, GOOLS,

8 / 9 SEPTEMBER 2006

**Leicester Amateur Radio Show** – Geoff, G4AFJ,

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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
	Mon 15th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 22nd	Bill G3TZM - Repeater Management Committee
	Mon 29th	BANK HOLIDAY _ NO MEETING
June	Mon 5th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 12th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 19th	PREPARATIONS for CARNIVAL + SSB FIELD DAY
	Sun 25th	STOURBRIDGE CARNIVAL
	Mon 26th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
July	Mon 3rd	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> -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	SHEEP WALKS BARBECUE Note:1900z
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

