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### Hi-LITES for the COMING WEEKS

JULY	Mon 9th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 16th	ARDF covering 80M and 2M by Robert G3ORI and friends. This will be followed by a mini-DF hunt around the school grounds to provide a practical demonstration of the practices and principles DON'T MISS THIS ONE
	Mon 23rd	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 30th	Sheep Walks Barbecue On-Air (note - 7:30) (weather permitting)
August	Mon 6th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 13th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available

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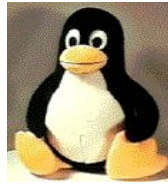
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Visitors always welcome



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,

That's All ..Best 73s Malcolm G8JTL

## OUR ROVING REPORTER

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Well That's All For Now Best 73s Your Roving Reporter -Malcolm Palmer G8BOP



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## “THE FORGOTTEN WIRELESS PIONEERS”.

HENRY JOSEPH ROUND

*Continued from Issue-7 .....*



Henry Round was short in stature and was said to be similar in appearance to Winston Churchill, and he also enjoyed a cigar. He was steadfastly devoted to Guglielmo Marconi, accompanying him on the yacht Elettra on many occasions. He was also great friends with C.S. Franklin even though they were very different in character, however both seemed to revel in clashes with authority and the administrators of the Marconi Company.

Perhaps because of his clashes with authority he decided to leave the Marconi Company in 1931 and set up his own consultancy. He continued to have a good relationship with the Company and worked closely with them, but he now felt that he was free to do the work he wanted to do and it gave him much more flexibility.

Shortly after the outbreak of the Second World War he was commissioned to work for the Admiralty on ASDIC (Antisubmarine Detection Investigation Committee), this was a committee that never met as such and ASDIC became the term used specifically for submarine detection. The more general use of the system was called “SONAR” an acronym for sound navigation ranging. Essentially this is a system using transmitted and reflected underwater sound waves to detect and locate submerged objects or measure the distance to the floor of a body of water.

After the war he used his considerable expertise as the recognised leading expert to refine the echo sounding equipment for the Marconi Company. He was instrumental in the redesign and modernisation of ships wireless equipment for the Marconi International Marine Communications Company. He took out his last patent in 1962.

In his personal life he married Olive Wright Evans in 1911 and they had seven children, two sons and five daughters. Sadly his eldest son John who was a Spitfire pilot in the Second World War was



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killed in action. He outlived Olive and remarried in 1960 to Evelyn Bays. He died in 1966 (age 85) in a nursing home in Bognor Regis after a short illness.

Despite his huge contribution to wireless and technology, and his contribution in two World Wars, he only received two honours, the Military Cross as already mentioned, and the coveted Armstrong Medal from the Radio Club of America in 1951.

Henry Round is certainly one of the forgotten and unsung pioneers of wireless. In over 60 years he served the Marconi Company and his country in wireless and communications technology.

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## SOCIETY LIFE

### **Monday July 9: 7 Members.**

Work continued on the shack refurbishment with the cables fed around the shack from patch panel to rig positions. The final patch lead was cut, terminated and also put into position. Also during this evening it was discovered that the HF beam rotator appears to be stuck/not responding to the control box – so yet another job to be scheduled

### **Monday July 16:**

### **Monday July 23: 10 Members ,1 Apology and 1 Visitor**

Most of the evening was a general natter plus checking on what was available for the forthcoming Carnival station.

### **Monday July 30: 8 Members and 1 Visitor**

Tonight turned out to be busy, first with the sorting out of the equipment used for the carnival and returning it to the correct 'hole' in the store and shack.

Then the work began – continuing with the shack refurbishment – work commenced on making up the required lengths of feeder ready for running around the shack. This was taken as an opportunity to demonstrate the termination of 'N' Type and PL259 Plugs onto the RG213 Co-ax. Once one of each connector had been demonstrated then it was over to Geoff and Mark to prove they had been listening. Both successfully terminated an 'N' plug onto the cable.



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## YOUR COMMITTEE

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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**

May	Mon 7th	MAY BANK HOLIDAY
	Mon 14th	On Air Night - Airing the club calls Hf + 2M
	Mon 21st	The Adventures of a Foundation Candidate
	Mon 28th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
June	Mon 4th	On Air Night - Airing the club calls Hf + 2M
	Mon 11th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 18th	General Meeting - Club Events
	Mon 25th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
July	Mon 2nd	On Air Night - Airing the club calls Hf + 2M
	Mon 9th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 16th	<b>ARDF covering 80M and 2M by Robert G3ORI and friends.</b>
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August	Mon 6th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 13th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 20th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 27th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
September	Sat 1/sun 2	SSB FIELD DAY
	Mon 3rd	On Air Night - Airing the club calls Hf + 2M
	Mon 10th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 17th	Slow Scan Operation by Wayne M5LLT
	Mon 24th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 1st	On Air Night - Airing the club calls Hf + 2M
	Mon 8th	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 15th	Main Meeting - TBA
	Mon 22st	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available

