

COULSDON AMATEUR TRANSMITTING SOCIETY  
**G4FUR**  **M1FUR**  
**CATS WHISPERS**



**January 2014**



Affiliated to the RSGB

**CATS Committee**

Chairman: Stuart Barber, G6CJR  
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**Regular Society Meetings**

These are held on the second Monday of each month at:  
St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Road, Purley, Surrey, CR8 4LA at 20:15 to 22:15

**Society Nets**

1st Saturday of month - 17:15 - Crescenta Valley / CATS Net on Echolink/ GB3NS  
Sunday mornings - 11:00 - Call on 145.400 MHz  $\pm$  QRM  
Sunday evenings - 17:00 - Call on 3.700 MHz  $\pm$  QRM  
Wednesday evenings - 21:00 - Call on 70.425 MHz

**CATS Website** [www.catsradio.org](http://www.catsradio.org) **Email** [enquiries@catsradio.org](mailto:enquiries@catsradio.org)

**Forthcoming Meetings**

Monday Jan 13 CATS Annual Dinner At The Fox, Coulsdon Common  
Monday Feb 10 Talk on GB3NS by Denis G0OLX  
Monday Mar 10 Talk on the Raspberry Pi by Chris Howard 2E0CTH



CATS is twinned with the Crescenta Valley Radio Club  
Glendale California USA [www.gsl.net/cvrc](http://www.gsl.net/cvrc)

## **CATS December Meeting** **Annual General Meeting**

The December meeting, as usual, was devoted to the Annual General Meeting. A total of fifteen members, up from thirteen the previous year, turned out for the event.

CATS Chairman Glenn G4FVL opened the meeting and gave his view of the Society's past year, including membership and past/proposed activities.

CATS Secretary Steve G3WZK then delivered his report on the Society's year 2013, detailing membership figures, attendances at meetings and events, society activities, contest activities, and the work of the committee in managing the society's affairs.

The current membership is 34 compared with 40 at the end of 2012.

CATS Treasurer Steve G7SYO then presented the Society's audited accounts for the year ended 31 October 2013, which showed a healthy surplus.

In the Committee elections, the six nominations matched the posts available but the seventh post, for an ordinary committee member, was unfilled as James G0SDB has sadly become a silent key. (See page 3 of this issue of CATS Whispers.) The 2013 Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected for 2014. (Details as on page one of this issue of *CATS Whispers*.)

There was then a break for refreshments – including mince pies and wine - followed by announcement of the Chairman for 2014 (Stuart G6CJR) and Any Other Business. In his closing remarks, Steve G3WZK thanked G4FVL for his work as the Committee's Chairman over the past few years.

A full, detailed, set of minutes has been sent to CATS members.

## **CATS 2014 Annual Dinner**

The Committee have made a booking for The Fox Public House on Coulsdon Common, as a venue for the 2014 CATS Annual Dinner. The date for your diaries is 13th January 2014, 7:30 for 8:00 pm.

An email has been sent to all members about the event – and 19 members and guests have put their names down so far. Please let me know via [secretary@catsradio.org](mailto:secretary@catsradio.org) if you would also like to join us.

## **CATS Febuary Meeting**

This will be a talk about the GB3NS repeater by Denis Stanton G0OLX. The date for your diaries is 10th February 2014.

## **CATS March Meeting**

This will be a talk about the raspberry Pi by Chris Howard 2E0CTH. The date for your diaries is 10th March 2014.

## **CATS April Meeting**

This will be a talk entitled "Bill Basie and the Sky Waves" by CATS member Colin G3YCR. Colin says, "No, this isn't about the latest boy band, but is the story of how one of America's greatest big bands and its leader were discovered because of ionospheric propagation." Colin's talk will include a number of recordings that uniquely combine two of Colin's great interests: Jazz and Radio.

The date for your diaries is 14th April 2014.

## **Subs For 2014**

It was announced at the CATS AGM on December 9th that CATS subscriptions for 2014 will be £12, or £6 for concessions. Payment was due on 1st January 2014. Members are politely reminded of Rule 21.3 which states that "Memberships not renewed by the end of February shall lapse with effect from 1st March."

The preferred method of paying subscriptions is by bank transfer to the CATS bank account, details of which have been emailed to all members. Alternatively, cheques may be sent to the Treasurer, Mr S Conway, 3 Greenhayes Avenue, Banstead, Surrey, SM7 2JF. Cheques should be made payable to "Coulsdon Amateur Transmitting Society."

We always welcome new members. Please contact the Secretary if interested.

# **James Flint G0SDB – SK** **By Andy G0KZT**

*James G0SDB sadly passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> December as the December issue of CW was being finalised. He would have been 55 the following day - December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013.*

I first met James in about 1992. Amateur Radio brought us together in an unusual way and not from an initial contact on the radio. At that time James was working at my local police station and he and Ray Griffiths G0TMA during their patrol, appeared outside my old QTH in Old Coulsdon while I was outside the front of my house. Unbeknown to me, they had heard me on the radio and had looked me up. This was to become a great friendship and also turned out to be a career changing moment in my life.

James had been trained by Marconi Marine as a wireless operator and his early career was with them but he left the Merchant Navy when he met Gill. She won his heart and James changed his career to be with her, deciding to serve the Metropolitan Police instead. They married soon afterwards.



**James G0SDB in his police days**

James's favourite mode was CW but I was lucky that he also chose to use 'phone'. His operation was a little limited from his location in South Godstone and much of his operation was done whilst mobile. After leaving "The Met" about three years ago, James began driving buses where he met Graham 2E0XDZ and between them they shared portable operation, giving James an opportunity to do a little more on the radio front.

James also enjoyed attending radio rallies and keenly took on the role of organising the Bring & Buy at the Radio Fairs at Kempton Park for CATS. However, one story I will always

remember was when James decided to buy a rig, a Yaesu FT-817 I think. On that occasion, I had driven us to the rally and while I was dropping him off at his door, Gill found out that he had bought the rig.



**James G0SDB at the CATS radio play weekend during the summer of 2013**

Suffice to say, it was not welcome news judging by the tone of her rant! I bid a hasty retreat to avoid any flying kitchenware!

James's illness came as a real surprise to me and many other people. I was first to learn that he had had an operation to remove a cancerous lump and when he was comfortable enough, we had a great pub lunch. Everything seemed OK at that time but nothing was to prepare us all for what was to happen next. The dreaded cancer led to another episode that was to effectively paralyse him and lead to his hospitalisation. I suspect that he knew that his prognosis was poor but he never shared that until the very end. Due to an untimely bout of illness of my own, I could not attend his funeral which was held at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on December 17th. I understand that in excess of 150 people, both family and friends were present. Several local clubs were represented including CATS (Jim G4WYJ, Steve G3WZK, Steve G7SYO and Stuart G6CJR), Crawley and Dorking, plus those who served with him in the police.

James was the godfather to my daughter Jessica. He even stopped the traffic at the end of Cannon's Hill when Dawn & I were married at St John's Church in Old Coulsdon as our wedding car left for our reception. He was a great friend to whom I owed so much personally. I will truly miss him.

James leaves behind his beloved wife Gill and his two children George and Victoria. But he also leaves us all, his Amateur Radio family, and the airwaves will sadly be quieter in his absence.

## Cats News

The G3WZK household recently lost our lovely tabby moggie due to a serious illness – but last month we acquired two new young cats. The two – a mother and 14 week-old daughter called Pippa and Lauren respectively – came from the East Surrey branch of the Cats Protection League in Redhill. Kitten Lauren is adapting well to her new life and is already an avid reader of CATS Whispers – see the photo below.



Kitten Lauren reads the December 2013 issue of CATS Whispers – what else?

## Do you know the Kenwood TS480HX?

CATS Whispers was contacted recently by Brian G4LYU who lives in Hailsham, Sussex. He is thinking about buying a TS480HX and is looking for advice about the equipment from anyone who has owned or used one of these rigs. If you can help Brian please contact him by email at [brian.gauntlett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:brian.gauntlett@hotmail.co.uk) or landline 01323 840530.

## Transponder Net

Mark W6MW writes:

“We held our holiday edition of the Transponder Net on Saturday, December 7. Due to my inability to adequately promote it, turnout was weak on the US side but we had three participants on the UK side. Holiday wishes were exchanged and some stories were swapped about escapades getting Christmas trees home in an open Champ (Austin’s military equivalent of the Jeep) in a rainstorm.

“We also enjoyed hearing from Martin, G4FKK. It’s been a long time since he was able to check in and we always enjoy his input. He is working for the BBC doing video, a big change from his broadcast radio work.

“Finally, Paul (M0JXN) informed us that the pitter-patter of more little feet will be coming next year to join his family of Zoey and Harry.

“Congratulations!

“”Participants included:

### **U.S.**

AD6IZ - Larry  
W6MW - Mark

### **U.K.**

G4FKK - Martin  
M0JXN - Paul  
G8JAC - Andy

“I hope to be able to host a Net on the first Saturday of January. Club members of CATS & CVRC are encouraged to join in! We don't bite! Season’s Greetings from the Transponder Net!”

## Southgate Radio Club and onwards ... by Steve G3WZK

In previous articles in CW, I described my early days playing with radio, leading up to the construction of my first proper all-band, valved TRF receiver. Shortly afterwards, I decided to join a local radio club.

Joining the Southgate Radio Club (then called the Southgate and Finchley Group of the RSGB, hence the callsign G3SFG) was a good move. I can recall Tuesday evening meetings in the classroom of a local secondary modern school that were full of members’ cigarette smoke. One year, Dud Charman gave his famous “Aerial Circus” lecture (see November’s *CATS Whispers*.) Another amateur gave a talk about lasers and how they worked, complete with demonstrations. He also handed around an artificial ruby that was a vital component of lasers in those days. The ruby was a translucent red cylinder about 10 cm long, had a diameter slightly thicker than a pencil, and would have been astronomically expensive.

Another talk was about transistors entitled “Three-Legged Monsters” and aimed to encourage members to experiment with their use instead of valves.

The Southgate Club also held regular Construction Contests. As there was a junior section I decided to enter a crystal controlled converter that I had recently built to the G2DAF design to go with an R1155 that Len G3GHH had kindly given me. I was the sole entrant in the junior section but was nevertheless awarded a prize which consisted of vouchers for £1.50 to be spent at Crescent Radio – a local components shop with branches in Edmonton and Wood Green. Incidentally, the power supply unit that I constructed to use with the G2DAF converter is still going strong 47 years later. Its main purpose now is to provide a reliable source of 250 volts DC for reforming electrolytic capacitors. Fed from a variac, you can set the output voltage at anything you like depending on the capacitor in use.

At another meeting we had a talk about the use of radio for air traffic control. All I can remember now is seeing the inside of an AM VHF aeronautical radio: it contained many dozens of crystals as presumably frequency synthesis was not in use in aviation at that time.

Amongst the other members was a very bright young lad (Bruce) who had passed the RAE when he was only thirteen. However, at the time there was a minimum age limit of 14 years before anyone could gain a transmitting licence. Bruce applied for his ticket in advance and was very pleased to receive his call sign (G3WCE) complete with birthday card and licence documents from the authorities through the post on his actual 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. It's well worth while looking up G3WCE on qrz.com now to see photographs of his massive present collection of equipment including Heathkit, Eddystone, Drake, AR88s as well as some very impressive-looking homebrew gear – I counted six Eddystone 898 dials on these items alone! Check him out at:

<http://www.qrz.com/db/G3WCE>

At this stage I was still studying for the RAE myself which I sat in May 1967. The college where I sat the exam did provide RAE courses but it was not convenient for me to attend them, so I used mainly private study based on the "Radio Amateurs' Examination Manual" by G L Benbow. I had a tape recorder at this stage (homebuilt from a kit of course!) and I recorded most of the text from the book onto the machine which I would then listen to as I fell asleep. The technique was called "sleep learning" and it must have worked because I passed the RAE first time. As soon as I had the

RAE pass slip I started to learn Morse Code in earnest and successfully sat the Morse test during the half term holiday that October.

A local amateur, Percy G8QU, used to broadcast weekly slow Morse transmissions. There were random groups of 5 letters at varying speeds, numbers, plus some fascinating plain text which was taken from a book about Sir Vivian Fuchs' expedition to the South Pole using "Sno-Cat" vehicles in 1957. This expedition was part of the International Geophysical Year – another aspect being the launch in October 1957 by the USSR of the first ever artificial satellite, Sputnik 1. The polar expedition was a great success and Fuchs went on a lecture tour afterwards. The following summer I was on holiday in Eastbourne and saw him and one of the bright orange "Sno-Cats" driving along the main road en route to its next port of call – Brighton.



**A Sno-Cat – but we don't know if this one ever made it back to the UK!**

I applied for a licence immediately after passing the Morse test and on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1967 I finished construction of my first transmitter. It was another G3OGR valve design and covered 160m and 80m, AM and CW. I had some trouble loading it up to my indoor wire antenna in the roof but managed a phone QSO with G3SJE in Harrow on 160m at the first attempt.

The next day was Saturday and I managed several more local AM contacts and a few CW ones on 160m. On the Sunday I had a CW contact on 160m with a station in Birmingham (G3UXP) – my best DX so far! Once I had sorted out my antenna and loading arrangements, matters improved and in January 1968 I worked PA0PN (Netherlands) on 160m CW (in daylight!) and OL2AGC (Czechoslovakia) in February. Also worked in February was GM3SVK/A in the Orkneys – actually further away than the Czech station. This was also on CW. In those days it was

compulsory to keep a log book and it is fascinating to look back and see what my little station was capable of all those years ago.

That summer (1968) I sat my A-levels which enabled me to go to Bristol University to study Physics. In the first week I signed up to join the University's Amateur Radio Society, callsign G3KAC. The station was located at the top of the Physics building although it is now (2014) in the Engineering department. This is a shame because the Physics building was the highest on the campus and ideally suited for 2m, 70cm and 23cm working.

Other members of the Society included Nigel G3TXF and Clive G8ADP. CATS members will recall that Nigel gave CATS a talk in 2009 about the many DXpeditions he has been on. G8ADP (see photo below) gained a G4 licence (G4MBS) and is friends with Mike Parkin G0JMI who has recently given CATS a number of talks.



Clive G8ADP with his 23 cm antenna on the roof of the G3KAC VHF/UHF shack as published in the May 1969 Radcom

One year at G3KAC we decided to have a crack at a Top Band CW contest. The only HF antenna we had at the time was a trap dipole, until someone hit on the idea of a halfwave supported by a meteorological balloon. So late on a Saturday afternoon the balloon was filled with hydrogen from the Physics department and duly launched. I can't remember how we did in the contest, but I do remember hearing the very strong signals of Stew W1BB - the first time I had ever heard transatlantic signals on 160m. Stew was a good S7 on the meter and was easily worked. After a few hours however, everything suddenly went much quieter – the antenna wire had broken and the balloon was nowhere to be seen. The sequel to this tale is

that BBC South West Local Radio News carried a story the following day about “a mysterious balloon seen drifting over the city of Bristol early on the Sunday morning ...”

This brings to an end the story of how I got started in Amateur Radio. Due to other interests, the time I spent on the hobby tapered off and there was an 8 year void in the logbook until November 1979, by which time I had got married and bought my first house, thus enabling external antennas to be erected. However, my dream of having a largely homebuilt station remained and so I sent off for a Heath HW8 QRP kit. It was easy to build and soon tested ok with a piece of wire for receiving and a dummy load for transmitting.

It was a snowy day when I assembled a brand new 12AVQ triband vertical. For some reason, lost to me now, I had a quick listen on the little HW8 rig while the 12AVQ was lying horizontally in the snow. Much to my surprise the 15 metre band was buzzing with signals, so I reasoned that things would be even better when the vertical was mounted at eaves level on a pole, but would my 3 watts of CW get me anywhere?

Watch this space if you want to find out!

## **Contesting In 2014**

Andy G0KZT writes, “For those members present at the AGM, you will know that for 2014 I have decided to continue to co-ordinate our contesting but encourage the membership to choose which contests the club should take part in. Last month's CATS Whispers listed all the contests for 2014 from the RSGB Contest Calendar. If there are any non-RSGB ones that were not listed, they would be welcome too. Members will be aware that we had to cancel our SSB Field Day event last September due to poor support. Another consideration is site safety as one of the events we did take part in we only had one operator on site for the night shift. While I don't want to tie ourselves up with Health and Safety issues, when we are at a remote site with perhaps no guarantee of mobile telephone coverage, someone else on site must be strongly considered.

“Please let me know ASAP what you would like to see us doing. I'll find a site and book it.

“I believe that the CATS Play Weekend has now become a popular club activity of leisurely operating. At this time a date has not been set

to hold an event in 2014. One suggestion at the AGM was to incorporate the event with the 6 Metre Trophy contest. Again, your comments and support is welcome if you wish to repeat this event this year.

“73 de Andy Briers G0KZT.”

## **TDOTA 2014**



The 2014 Girl Guides' "Thinking Day On The Air" takes place on February 15<sup>th</sup>. This year, CATS is planning to support events at two separate locations – Old Coulsdon and East Croydon, the idea being that this should make it much easier to provide radio contacts for the girls. If you would like to help, please contact Stuart G6CJR (E Croydon event), Andy G0KZT (Old Coulsdon event) or any committee member.



## **Contests Coming Soon**

<b><u>Tuesday Activity Activity</u></b> <b><u>Contests 2014 – all begin at</u></b> <b><u>8pm local time</u></b>	
Jan 14	70 cm
Jan 21	23 cm
Jan 28	6 metres
Feb 4	2 metres
Feb 11	70 cm
Feb 18	23 cm
Feb 25	6 metres
Mar 4	2 metres
Mar 11	70 cm
Mar 18	23 cm
Mar 15	6 metres
Apr 1	2 metres
Apr 8	70 cm
Apr 15	23 cm
Apr 22	6 metres

Apr 29	4 metres
May 6	2 metres
May 13	70 cm
May 20	23 cm
May 27	6 metres
Jun 3	2 metres
Jun 10	70 cm
Jun 17	23 cm
Jun 24	6 metres
Jul 1	2 metres
Jul 8	70 cm
Jul 15	23 cm
Jul 22	6 metres
Jul 29	4 metres
Aug 5	2 metres
Aug 12	70 cm
Aug 19	23 cm
Aug 26	6 metres
Sep 2	2 metres
Sep 9	70 cm
Sep 16	23 cm
Sep 23	6 metres
Sep 30	4 metres
Oct 7	2 metres
Oct 14	70 cm
Oct 21	23 cm
Oct 28	6 metres
Nov 4	2 metres
Nov 11	70 cm
Nov 18	23 cm
Nov 25	6 metres
Dec 2	2 metres
Dec 9	70 cm
Dec 16	23 cm
Dec 26	Christmas Cumulatives: 70cm, 2 metres, 4 metres, 6 metres
Dec 27	70 cm
Dec 28	23 cm
Dec 29	6 metres

### **Other Contests**

#### **2014**

Jan 12: AFS Contest CW  
 Jan 18: AFS Contest PHONE  
 Feb 2: 432MHz AFS  
 Feb 3: 80m CC SSB  
 Feb 8/9: 1st 1.8MHz Contest  
 Feb 12: 80m CC DATA  
 Feb 20: 80m CC CW  
 Feb 23: 70MHz Cumulatives #1  
 Mar 1/2 : March 144 432MHz  
 Mar 3: 80m CC DATA  
 Mar 8/9: Commonwealth Contest  
 Mar 9: 70MHz Cumulatives #2

Mar 12: 80m CC CW  
 Mar 20: 80m CC SSB  
 Apr 6: First 70MHz Contest  
 Apr 6: RoPoCo SSB  
 Apr 7: 80m CC CW  
 Apr 13: First 50MHz Contest  
 Apr 16: 80m CC SSB  
 Apr 24: 80m CC DATA  
 May 3/4: May 432MHz-248GHz Contest  
 May 3: 432MHz Trophy Contest  
 May 3: 10GHz Trophy Contest  
 May 5: 80m CC SSB  
 May 11: 70MHz Contest CW  
 May 14: 80m CC DATA  
 May 18: 1st 144MHz Backpackers  
 May 22: 80m CC CW  
 May 25: 70MHz Cumulatives #3  
 Jun 2: 80m CC DATA  
 Jun 7/8: NFD  
 Jun 8: 2nd 144MHz Backpackers  
 Jun 11: 80m CC CW  
 Jun 19: 80m CC SSB  
 Jun 21/22: 50MHz Trophy Contest  
 Jun 29: 50MHz Contest CW  
 Jun 29: 70MHz Cumulatives #4  
 Jul 5/6: VHF NFD  
 Jul 6: 3rd 144MHz Backpackers  
 Jul 7: 80m CC CW  
 Jul 16: 80m CC SSB  
 Jul 20: 70MHz Trophy Contest  
 Jul 20: Low Power Contest  
 Jul 24: 80m CC DATA  
 Jul 26/27: IOTA Contest  
 Aug 2: 144MHz Low Power Contest  
 Aug 2: 4th 144MHz Backpackers  
 Aug 3: 432MHz Low Power Contest  
 Aug 3: RoPoCo CW  
 Aug 10: 70MHz Cumulatives #5  
 Aug 13: 80m Club Sprint CW  
 Aug 28: 80m Club Sprint SSB  
 Sep 6/7: 144MHz Trophy Contest  
 Sep 6/7: SSB Field Day  
 Sep 7: 5th 144MHz Backpackers  
 Sep 10: 80m Club Sprint SSB  
 Sep 21: Second 70MHz Contest  
 Sep 25: 80m Club Sprint CW  
 Oct 4: 1.2GHz Trophy / 2.3GHz Trophy  
 Oct 4/5: Oct 432MHz-248GHz Contest  
 Oct 5: 21/28MHz Contest  
 Oct 8: 80m Club Sprint CW  
 Oct 29: 50MHz AFS Contest  
 Oct 23: 80m Club Sprint SSB  
 Nov 1/2: 144MHz CW Marconi  
 Nov 8: Club Calls (1.8MHz AFS)  
 Nov 12: 80m Club Sprint SSB  
 Nov 15/16: 2nd 1.8MHz Contest  
 Nov 27: 80m Club Sprint CW  
 Dec 7: 144MHz AFS

## Local Rallies & Events

**2 February 2014**

### **29th Canvey Radio & Electronics Rally**

The Paddocks Community Centre, Long Road, Canvey Island, SS8 0JA

Open 10:30

Parking, Catering, Disabled Facilities, Trade Stands

Major Amateur Radio and Electronic component exhibitors Selling New and S/Hand equipment .

Freshly made refreshments. (And by popular demand the famous Canvey Radio Rally Bacon Rolls are back on the Menu).

Free car parking with space outside main doors for disabled visitors

Contact: Vic Rogers G6BHE Tel 01702 308562

[NVR@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:NVR@blueyonder.co.uk)

[www.southessex-ars.co.uk/canveyrally.html](http://www.southessex-ars.co.uk/canveyrally.html)

**9 February 2014**

### **Harwell Radio and Electronics Rally**

Didcot Leisure Centre, Mereland Road, Didcot, OX11 8AY, Oxfordshire.

Radio, electronics and computing trade stalls, secondhand stalls, special interest groups, displays.

Refreshments. Entrance £2.50.

Open 10:30 to 15:00.

Contact: Ann Stevens 01235 816379 or

[rally@g3pia.org.uk](mailto:rally@g3pia.org.uk)

[www.g3pia.org.uk](http://www.g3pia.org.uk)

**23 February 2014**

### **Rainham Radio Rally**

Rainham School For Girls, Derwent Way, Gillingham, Kent, ME8 0BX

Talk in on 2metres using G0BRC.

RSGB RAIBC RSARS RNARS Peter Weatherall / QRP club, Clifton ARS contest Group

Traders incl Sycom

Contact Trevor, G6LYW, 07717 678795 or

[trev@wiq1.co.uk](mailto:trev@wiq1.co.uk)

[www.brats-qth.org](http://www.brats-qth.org)

### **Cambridge and District ARC Rally**

Normally March but no rally in 2014.

**16 March 2014**

### **Dover Radio Rally**

Location: Whitfield Village Hall

[www.darc.org.uk/](http://www.darc.org.uk/)

**13 April 2014**

### **West London Radio & Electronics Show**

Kempton Park Racecourse.

Open 10:00. Parking, trade stands, catering, disabled facilities. Contact [info@radiofairs.co.uk](mailto:info@radiofairs.co.uk)

*NOTE: CATS involvement in this event. The CATS bring and buy sale is a permanent feature of this rally.*

[www.radiofairs.co.uk](http://www.radiofairs.co.uk)

**15 June 2014**

### **27<sup>th</sup> Newbury Radio Rally & Boot Sale**

Newbury Showground, M4 J13.

The Rally takes place at one of the biggest showgrounds in the south of England.

Newbury Showground is located right next to junction 13 of the M4 Motorway. Nearest Post Code: RG18 9BB

Open 09:00. Free parking, trade stands, catering, disabled facilities.

Contact [rally@nadars.org.uk](mailto:rally@nadars.org.uk)

[www.nadars.org.uk/](http://www.nadars.org.uk/)



27-29 June 2014

**39<sup>th</sup> Hamtronic Show, Friedrichshafen**

Messe Friedrichshafen, Germany

Open 09:00 each day

- 63rd DARC Lake Constance Meeting
- with lectures and meetings
- HAM RALLYE - Friday and Saturday
- HAM tent camp
- HAM NIGHT - Saturday

[www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.de/ham-en/index.php](http://www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.de/ham-en/index.php)

6 July 2014

**Norfolk ARC Barford Radio Rally**

Barford Village Hall

Barford 9 miles SW of Norwich close to A11 and A47

Open 09:00 (traders from 8am), CP, TI, CBS, B&B, C, TS, RSGB Bookstall, Demos.

Contact: David G7URP 01953 457322 or

[radio@dcpmicro.com](mailto:radio@dcpmicro.com)

[www.norfolkamateurradio.org](http://www.norfolkamateurradio.org)

13 July 2014

**McMichael Rally & Boot Sale**

Reading Rugby Club Holme Park Farm Lane, Sonning Lane (B4446), Sonning on Thames, Reading. RG4 6ST off A4 east of Reading

Open 09:30.

Large Boot Sale on Level Site

Demonstrations & Lecture

Catering Services

Barbecue (weather dependant)

Fully Licensed Bar

Parking, trade stands, catering.

Contact: Pete G8FRC 01189 695 697

[www.mcmichaelrally.org.uk](http://www.mcmichaelrally.org.uk)

## **Other Club News & Contact Information**

**BROMLEY & DISTRICT ARS**

Website: [www.bdars.org.uk/](http://www.bdars.org.uk/)

Email: [info@bdars.co.uk](mailto:info@bdars.co.uk)

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of every month at Victory Social Club, Kechill Gardens, Hayes, Kent, 19:30 for 20:00.

21 Jan – AGM

**CPREC (CRYSTAL PALACE)**

Website: [www.qsl.net/g30ou/](http://www.qsl.net/g30ou/) or <http://www.g30ou.co.uk/>

Club Net: Wednesdays 20:00 on 145.525 MHz

Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at All Saints Church Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill at 19:30

7 Feb – AGM and construction contest

7 Mar - Small Aerials in Difficult Locations –

Professor Mike Underhill G3LHZ

4 Apr - TBA

**CRAY VALLEY RS**

Website: [www.cvr.org](http://www.cvr.org)

Contact: Lawrie Atkinson G4FAA. (see website)

Club Nets: Wednesdays 21:00 on 145.500/QSY and 22:00 on 3.720 ± QRM, and Sundays 11:00 on 3.720 ± QRM

Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 1st Royal Eltham Scouts HQ, Rear of 61 - 71 Southend Crescent, Eltham, London, SE9 2SD.

16 Jan – Annual Planning Meeting

**DORKING & DISTRICT**

Website: <http://www.ddrs.org.uk>

Email: [ddrs.secretary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ddrs.secretary@yahoo.co.uk)

Contact: George Brind, G4CMU

Club Nets: Sunday 08:15 on 3.770 MHz & Thursday 20:00 on 144.775 MHz

Meetings: Friends Meeting House, Butterhill, South Street Dorking at 19:30.

28 Jan - Communications in WW1 Dr. Elizabeth Bruton

25 Feb - An introduction to data modes Andrew Vine M0GJH

25 Mar - History of FM broadcasting in the UK Prof. Tony Davies

22 Apr - Club evening at Martin Lynch (7 - 9pm)

**REIGATE ATS**

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Club Nets: Thursdays 20:00 on 145.500 MHz and Sundays 20:00 on 3.740 – 3.760 MHz

Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at RNIB, Redhill College, Philanthropic Road, Redhill for 19:30

**SRCC**

Website: [www.g3src.org.uk](http://www.g3src.org.uk)

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Club Nets: Sunday 09:30 on 1905 kHz

Daily natter channel – 144.215 MHz at 19.30.

Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon CR9 7AT 19:45 for 20:00

6 Jan – GB3NS by Denis G0OLX

3 Feb – Talk TBC

3 Mar - Surplus equipment sale

7 Apr – AGM

**SUTTON & CHEAM RS**

Website: [www.scrs.org.uk](http://www.scrs.org.uk)

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Club Nets: Monday 20.00 on 145.500 MHz

Saturday 11.00 on 145.500 MHz

Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at Sutton United Football Club, The Borough Sports Ground, Gander Green Lane, Sutton. 19:30 for 20:00

16 Jan – Loops and small antennas by Mike G3LHZ

20 Feb – FUNcube by Satellite Project by David M0MRP

20 Mar – ALMA by Neil Phillipson of Astronomia

17 Apr – TBC

**WIMBLEDON & DISTRICT ARS**

Website: [www.gx3wim.org.uk](http://www.gx3wim.org.uk) (currently unavailable also checked 28.10.13)

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Club Net: Mondays 20:45 on 145.500 MHz

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> & last Friday of each month at

Martin Way Methodist Church, Buckleigh Avenue, Merton

10 Jan - Members' Holiday Activities

31 Jan - University of the Third Age - Bill Lakin

14 Feb - Antenna Forum - Eric Masters G0KRT

28 Feb - VHF Field Day Then & Now - Jim Gale G4WYJ

14 Mar - Direction Finding - Dennis Noe M0NDJ

28 Mar - Construction Evening

11 Apr - Surplus Sale

25 Apr - Shack Layout Discussion - Mary 2E0FMM

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