

COULSDON AMATEUR TRANSMITTING SOCIETY

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“CATS WHISPERS”



March 2017

Affiliated to the RSGB

CATS Committee

Chairman: Stuart Barber G6CJR

Secretary: VACANT

Treasurer: Steve Conway G7SYO

Members: Terry Giles G4CDY

David Milne G6VMI

Vacancies: Currently remains at **THREE**

CATS Whispers Editor: Andy Briers G0KZT

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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

Sunday mornings - 11:00 - Call on 145.400 MHz ± QRM

Sunday evenings - 17:00 - Call on 3.700 MHz ± QRM

Wednesday evenings - 21:00 - Call on 70.425 MHz

CATS Website www.catsradio.org

Email enquiries@catsradio.org

Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 13th March – Roll Your Own PCB's by Matthew Nassau M0NJX

Monday 10th April – To Be Announced

Monday 15th May – To Be Announced



CATS are twinned with the Crescenta Valley Radio Club

Glendale California USA www.qsl.net/cvrc

February Meeting Debrief –

The GB3XP Repeater Project by Martin Rothwell M0SGL

At the time of going to print, the report for this meeting had not arrived with the your newsletter editor. This is anticipated for next month.

March Meeting – Roll Your On PCB's by Matthew Nassau M0NJX

Matthew has kindly agreed to give his presentation of his technique of printing circuit boards locally.

We look forward to giving him a warm welcome.

Future Meetings

Topics for the year are still being arranged by your Committee. More news next month.

Committee News

David Milne G6VMI has kindly come forward to help out on the Committee. He was duly co-opted at the February Committee meeting and now brings the Committee up to four.

Currently, the position of Secretary remains unfilled.

Annual Subscriptions – Deadline Passed

It would appear that after several reminders, there are still a number of members who have not renewed their membership. Membership renewals fall on the 1st January each year and the rules allow TWO months grace for payment.

If you do intend to continue your membership and you haven't paid, I would suggest immediate action is required.

Bring & Buy – Kempton Rally Sunday 30th April

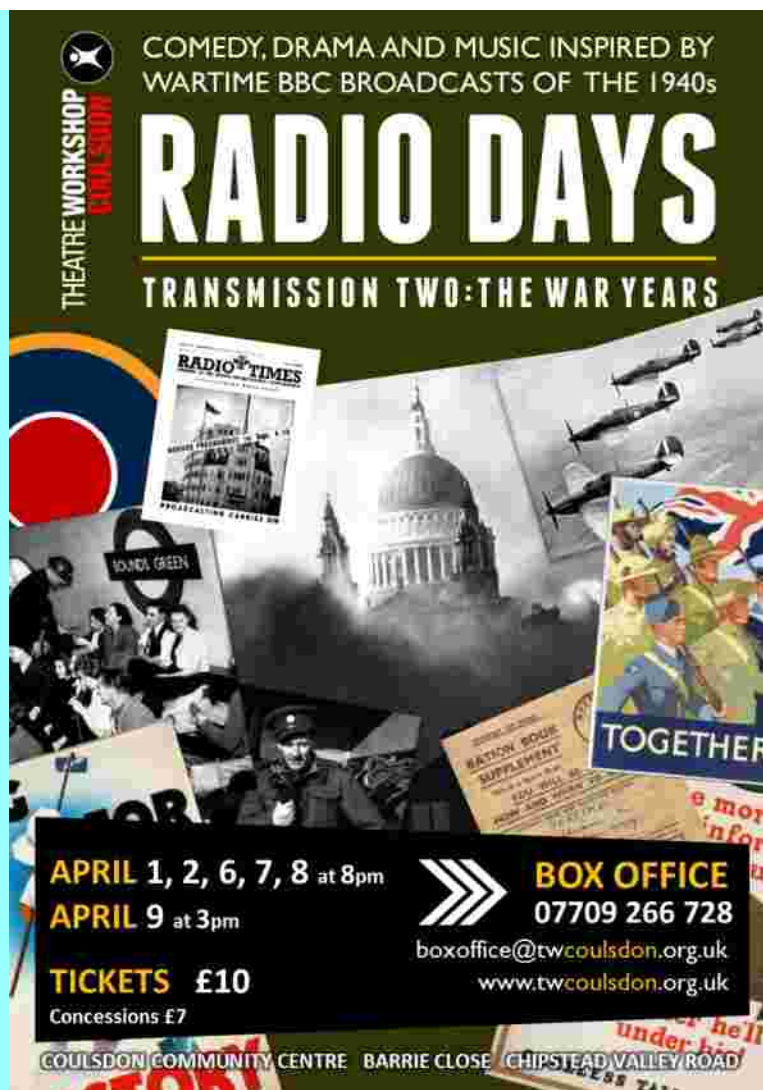
It's not long now until the Kempton Radio Fair and once again we will be running the Bring & Buy.

We need YOU! To volunteer to help run the stand, and the most help is required prior to the show with setting up but most importantly, to get the items being sold booked in and displayed.

As a small reward, you'll be able to take time out to go around the show and therefore you'll not have to pay the entrance fee.

If you feel you can help, please contact a Committee member as soon as possible.

An Evening Out in April?



THEATRE WORKSHOP
LIVE SHOW

COMEDY, DRAMA AND MUSIC INSPIRED BY
WARTIME BBC BROADCASTS OF THE 1940s

RADIO DAYS

TRANSMISSION TWO: THE WAR YEARS

APRIL 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 at 8pm
APRIL 9 at 3pm

TICKETS £10
Concessions £7

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COULSDON COMMUNITY CENTRE BARRIE CLOSE CHIPSTEAD VALLEY ROAD

Other visible text on collage: RADIO TIMES, HOUND GREEN, RATION BOOK SUPPLEMENT, TOGETHER, e more nforz, under hell, LESS TALK

Mike Buckley M1CCF has put forward a suggestion for a club evening out. On either Saturday 1st or Saturday 8th April, to meet in the pub near to the community hall (venue for 2015 CATS Bazaar) for a Fish & Chip supper (from the chip shop opposite and apparently the pub accommodate patrons bringing in their own food) and then going onto see the play. Members and "XYL's most welcome.

Details were posted via email and several members have given positive feedback with no preference to either of the two suggested days.

Please put your interest forward by the end of Monday's club meeting.

Another Suggestion from M1CCF

REMEMBERING 1916 - LIFE ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Closing Sunday 16 April 2017

Have you visited our 5* rated [Remembering 1916- Life on the Western Front](#) exhibition? No? Well here's an added incentive. From 1 March until 16 April 2017 we are offering FREE ENTRY to the Exhibition. Spread the word. Don't miss out on visiting this major exhibition before it closes for good, on Sunday 16 April.

Opening Hours:

10am - 5pm, 7 days a week (last entry 4:00pm) So we could have a Club visit during the weekend

Mike

CATS Personalised Clothing Offer

Our illustrious Chairman, Stuart G6CJR has undertaken to produce a new version of the CATS polo tops, sweatshirts and new for 2017, a fleece top.

Members will have received a personal email with the full details and a booking form with a one off deadline of 20th March. These productions are effectively a "one off" production tailored to each member's own specification. So, if you want to be included, best make sure you're subs are up-to-date as I'm sure the 2017 membeship list will be used as the mailing list.

Contests Corner

Date	Band	Period of Operation
Sat 4 th & Sun 5 th March	144/432 MHz	1400 - 1400hrs
Monday 6 th March	80m Club Championship DATA	2000 - 2130hrs
Tuesday 7 th March	144 MHz FMAC	1900 - 2000hrs
Tuesday 7 th March	144 MHz UKAC	2000 - 2230hrs
Thursday 9 th March	50 MHz UKAC	2000 - 2230hrs
Sat 11 th & Sun 12 th March	HF Commonwealth Contest	1000 - 1000hrs
Sunday 12 th March	70 MHz Cumulative	1000 - 1200hrs
Tuesday 14 th March	432 MHz FMAC	1900 - 2000hrs
Wednesday 15 th March	80m Club Championship CW	2000 - 2130hrs
Tuesday 14 th March	432 MHz UKAC	2000 - 2230hrs
Thursday 16 th March	70 MHz FMAC	1900 - 2000hrs
Thursday 16 th March	70 MHz UKAC	2000 - 2230hrs

Date	Band	Period of Operation
Tuesday 21 st March	1.3 GHz UKAC	2000 - 2230hrs
Thursday 23 rd March	80m Club Championship SSB	2000 - 2130hrs
Sunday 28 th March	SHF UKAC	1900 – 2130hrs
Sunday 2 nd April	RoLo SSB HF Championship	1900 – 2030hrs UTC
Monday 3 rd April	80m Club Championship CW	2000 – 2130hrs UTC
Tuesday 4 th April	144 MHz FMAC	1800 – 1900hrs UTC
Tuesday 4 th April	144 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130hrs UTC
Tuesday 11 th April	432 MHz FMAC	1800 - 1900hrs UTC
Tuesday 11 th April	432 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130hrs UTC
Wednesday 12 th April	80m Club Championship SSB	1900 – 2030hrs UTC
Thursday 13 th April	50 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130hrs UTC
Tuesday 18 th April	1.3 GHz UKAC	1900 – 2130hrs UTC
Thursday 20 th April	70 MHz FMAC	1800 – 1900hrs UTC
Thursday 20 th April	70 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130hrs UTC
Tuesday 25 th April	SHF UKAC	1900 – 2130hrs UTC
Thursday 27 th April	80m Club Championship DATA	1900 – 2030hrs UTC

CATS Caption Competition (Just For Fun)

Steve Conway G7SYO has sent in this photograph and put it forward for a caption competition.



I'll publish your suggestions next month!

Rallies & Events

12 March 2017 Dover Radio Club Rally [Update]

Whitfield Village Hall, Sandwich Rd, Whitfield, Dover, Kent, CT16 3LY.
Admission £2. Open 10:00-13:00. Talkin by GB3KS. Parking. Trade. B&B. Refreshments.
Auction (at 12:30).

Details: Aaron Coote, 2E0FQR, 07714-654267, aaroncoote@hotmail.co.uk
Club website:<http://darc.org.uk/>

23 April 2017 Andover ARC's 17th Wildhern Rally

Village Hall, Wildhern, just north of Andover, SP11 0JE. Map reference: SU350510
Open 10:00/Sellers 09:00. Admission £2. Tables in the hall £10, £8per Boot.
Free Raffle. (See also 10 September).

Details:arac@arac.org.uk Club Website <http://www.arac.org.uk>

30th April 2017 Cambridge Repeater Group Rally

Foxton Village Hall, Hardman Road, Foxton, Cambridge, CB22 6RN.
Entry £2. Open 09:30/07:30 traders. Free on-site parking. Trade. B&B.
Car boot sale. RSGB books. Catering.

Details: Lawrence, M0LCM, 07941-972724, rally2017@cambridgerepeaters.net
Web:<http://www.cambridgerepeaters.net>

30 April 2017 West London Radio & Electronics Show (Kempton Rally)

Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Road East, Sunbury on Thames, TW16 5AQ.
Open 10:00/09:50. Free parking. Talkin. Trade. B&B. SIGs. Lectures.
Raffle. On-site catering.

Details: Paul, M0CJX, 0845-165-0351, info@radiofairs.co.uk
<http://www.radiofairs.co.uk>

6 May 2017 SERF 2017 Southern Electronics & Radio Fair - Eastbourne Rally [Saturday]

Eastbourne Sports Park, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 2UF.
Doors open 10:00 to 16:00. Admission £3, children under 16 Free. Inside a large hall and
outside in an adjacent field. Traders. Flea market & boot fair. Free clubs/groups pitch. Easy
access. Adjacent free parking. Auction. Talks. Camping/caravanning. Refreshments.
RSGB books. Talkin. Event station.

Disabled facilities. Lunchtime live entertainment. Hall stand setup from Friday 17:00.
Details: Dave, G8PUO, 07807-074538, <http://www.serf.org.uk>

18 June 2017 30th Newbury Radio Rally

Newbury Showground, Priors Court, Hermitage, Thatcham, Berks. RG18 9QZ.
by M4,J13 - follow the AA signs.

Open 09:00/08:00 sellers. Admission £2.50/£12.30 for car boot area. Free parking.
Exhibits. SIGs. Amateur radio display. Clubs & societies. No on-site catering or
disabled facilities. Discounted advance bookings via the website:

<http://www.nadars.org.uk/rally.asp>

Other Club News & Contact Information

BROMLEY & DISTRICT ARS

Website: www.bdars.org.uk/

Email: info@bdars.co.uk

Club Net: Wednesdays 9:00pm - meet on 145.500 MHz FM and QSY

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

Apr. 18 Frequency Counter Construction 2E0EUI

May 16 Fix-it Evening G8MNY

Jun. 20 Direction Finding 2E0DIZ

Jul. 18 Morse Code G4NPD

CRYSTAL PALACE & DISTRICT RADIO SOCIETY

Website: www.qsl.net/g3oou/ or <http://www.g3oou.co.uk/>

Club Net: Wednesdays 20:00 on 145.525 MHz

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

7th Apr - Club project - Frequency Counter Design Considerations and the use of KiCad
by Alan O'Donovan G8NKM

4th Aug - Summer Social

1st Sep - Antenna Modelling by Quin Collier G3WRR

6th Oct - SDR Without Maths by Alan G0TLK

1st Dec - Christmas Social

CRAWLEY ARC

Website: www.carc.org.uk

Meetings: Every Wednesday at Hut 18, Tilgate Forest Recreational Centre, Tilgate Forest, Crawley from 19:30, and Sundays, 10:30 to 13.00.

Wed 22nd Mar - GB7MH Upgrades - Paul G7KBR

CRAY VALLEY RS

Website: www.cvrs.org

Contact: Richard Cains G7GLW rcains@btinternet.com

Club Net - 10m Sunday morning net @ 10:00 local: 28.570 MHz +- QRM

4m net – Fridays in weeks where there is no club meeting @ 20:30 local: 70.450MHz, then QSY to 70.425 or 70.475MHz

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

16th Mar - Signal Generator and Spectrum Analyser demos by Bob G30OU

6th April - From Top Band to 198 kHz – Jim G4AEH

20th April - Annual General Meeting

DORKING & DISTRICT

Website: <http://www.ddrs.org.uk> Email: 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 Mar "Dead bug" construction by Bob G3OOU

HORSHAM ARC

Website: www.harc.org.uk

Club Nets: Saturdays 21:30 on 144.725MHz and Sundays 10:00 on 3.722 MHz

Meetings: 1st Thursday at The Guide Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, Sussex

MID SUSSEX ARS

Website: www.msars.org.uk

Club Nets: Sundays 08:00 on 3.740 MHz and at

11:00 on 145.350 MHz, Wednesdays 20:00 on 145.350

MHz and Daily 13:30 on 21.330 MHz

Meetings: Every Friday at Cyprus Hall, Cyprus Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex for 19:45

SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

Website: www.g3src.org.uk

Contact: John Kennedy G3MCX, 020 8688 3322 email secretary@g3src.org

Club Net: Sunday 09:30 on 1905 kHz , 70.300 MHz Thursday 8:00 pm, 145.35 MHz +/- 25kHz Friday 8:00 pm

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Mondays at Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon CR9 7AT 19:30 for 19:45.

6th Mar - Surplus Equipment Sale

3rd Apr - AGM

8th May - The Architecture & Functionality of Low Cost Digital Storage Oscilloscopes

Sutton & Cheam Radio Society

Sutton United Football Club. The Borough Sports Ground, Gander Green Lane, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2EY

Web site: <http://www.scrs.org.uk> General Enquiries e.mail: info@scrs.org.uk

Nets – Wednesday 20.00hrs 145.500 MHz , Saturday 10.00 7.125 MHz, Saturday 11.00 145.500 MHz

16th March - 'Radio Fox Hunts' – Terry Giles – G4CDY

1st April - Visit to British Vintage Wireless & Television Museum (Dulwich)

3rd April

20th April - Home Construction & Finishing' – Bob Burns – G3OOU

30th April

6th May

18th May - Annual General Meeting and Constructional Contest

15th June - The Sun & The Sky - How Space Weather Affects Radio Signals –

Dr Colin Forsyth.

20th July - ICQ PodCasts – Martin Butler – M1MRB

Wimbledon & District Amateur Radio Society

Meets on the 2nd and last Friday in the month at Martin Way Methodist Church Hall, Martin Way Merton Park, London, SW19 9JZ at 19:30hrs for 20:00hrs.

Contact: Andrew G4ADM on 020 8335 3434 or [andrew.maish\(at\)ntlworld.com](mailto:andrew.maish@ntlworld.com)

Submissions are most welcome from CATS members, Local clubs and societies

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