

COULSDON AMATEUR TRANSMITTING SOCIETY  
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# CATS WHISPERS



**April 2015**



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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 April 13 Understanding HF Propagation  
Monday May 11 Our New Website And How It Works by Steve G3WZK  
Monday June 8 DF Hunt: Location to be confirmed



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

## **CATS March Meeting**

On March 9th Mike G0JMI Alton Antennas returned to CATS to deliver another of his fascinating talks. This time the subject was the FunCube and Saudi Sat.



(L-R): Mike G0JMI of Alton Antennas explains the set-up to CATS member Tom G4DFA



Mike G0JMI with a selection of CATS members

Immediately after the meeting Mike wrote: "The presentation seemed to go well from 'my side of the table' and generated many questions from the audience which was good.

"It's a shame that we didn't hear FUNcube satellite yesterday evening as it supposedly flew over. Try listening between 145.950 and 145.970MHz USB this evening from 20.47pm to 21.00pm with the antenna in an east direction at about 50 degrees maximum elevation. Guess who thought yesterday was the 10th March when it was actually 9th March!"

Many thanks to Mike for his most enjoyable talk which was very well put together.

## **CATS April Meeting**

This will be a video evening to include a film entitled "Understanding HF Propagation."

The date for your diaries is April 13th 2015.

## **CATS May Meeting**

At this meeting CATS member Steve G3WZK will give a talk about the new CATS website.

The date for your diaries is May 11th 2015.

## **CATS June Meeting**

This will be a Direction Finding hunt. Details of the location of the start will be sent to all CATS members nearer the time.

The date for your diaries is June 8th 2015 with a start time of 7:30 pm.

## **CATS July Meeting**

For this meeting, we are developing ideas for an operating evening at St Swithuns. More information on this evening will be published in due course.

The date for your diaries is July 13th 2015.

## **Kempton Park April Rally**

This year's rallies take place on 19th April and 8th November, and CATS will, as usual, be providing our ever-popular Bring and Buy stand. CATS members willing to help run the stand should contact Graham 2E0XDZ or any Andy G0KZT with any offers of assistance.

## **CATS Publicity**

Members are reminded that the Newsletter Editor holds a large stock of printed CATS flyers. These are intended for distribution to anyone interested, including prospective new members. If you fancy distributing some of these flyers to other societies, organisations churches, libraries etc, please pick some up at the next CATS meeting or direct from G3WZK QTHR.

## **GB50LBC - London Borough Of Croydon's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Mark Samuel G3ZRR has advised CATS that he is organising a special event station, GB50LBC to celebrate the London Borough of Croydon's 50th birthday. Starting from about 16<sup>th</sup> May, he intends to operate the station at venues throughout the borough, during the Council's 50th anniversary. The idea is to include Croydon's parks, educational establishments, scout, guide, military and cadet force installations.

He writes: "As this event is hopefully to be staged over several months, any support (especially operators and equipment) from CATS would be most welcome. I will come back to you again with some further information presently. In the meantime I look forward to hearing from you with any thoughts or suggestions.

"Many thanks and 73 de Mark."

07861 635644/ [markrlsamuel@aol.com](mailto:markrlsamuel@aol.com)

## **Repeater News**

*Andy G0KZT writes:* "While I was listening to the February 22nd ICQ Podcast, which is broadcast fortnightly by Martin Butler M1MRB, there was mention of a new London VHF repeater becoming active from Morden. The repeater keeper will be Neil Horton M0ZEY and from what I understand it is being supported by our neighbouring club, the Sutton & Cheam Radio Society. The call sign will be GB3XP and will operate on RV55 (145.6875 MHz) with a CTCSS tone of 82.5 Hz and will be an analogue voice repeater. To hear that a new VHF repeater is being put on the air is something of a rarity as most new ones are either on UHF or are solely digital.

Neil is struggling to source the necessary cavities for the 600 kHz split and asks anyone with any surplus 2m cavities to get in touch at:

[neil.m0zey@gmail.com](mailto:neil.m0zey@gmail.com)

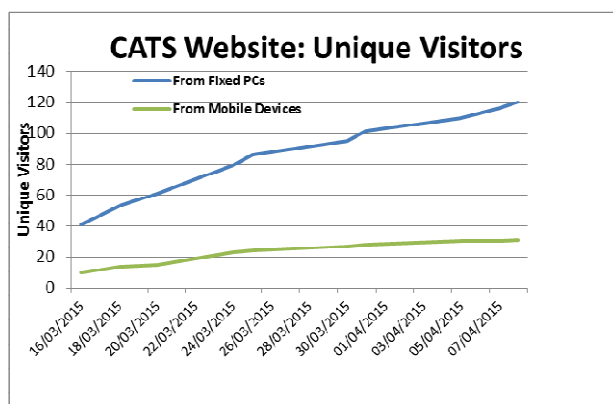
More information can be found at <http://scrs.org.uk/repeater/>

Andy G0KZT

## **Updating The CATS Website**

As CATS members will be aware, our new website has now gone live. Both the PC and the mobile parts of the site include visitor counters, so that we can keep track of the numbers of unique visitors that the site receives. The Station Manager at G3WZK was so impressed that she has asked me to update her own website, so I now have plenty of work to keep me out of trouble!

Anyway, back to the CATS website. As I complete the final editing of this edition, we have had 122 unique visitors from PCs (including laptops etc) and 33 unique visitors from mobile devices. See graph below.



It is hoped to have a "members only" section on the website soon. Would CATS members please let me know what they would like to see included in this section.

Included on the new site are back numbers of Cats Whispers going back to 2006, with some editions for 2005 and one from 2004. If any members have electronic copies that would help me to fill any gaps, I would be very pleased to hear from them.

Likewise, the Gallery section of the website includes photos going back to 2009. Please help me to extend/improve this archive.

While developing the newsletter section of the website, I discovered a very useful free website on which you can perform simple on-line editing of PDF files. If interested, visit:

<http://www.pdfescape.com/>

I will be giving a talk about the new website and how it was designed at the May CATS meeting. See page two for details.

## **Play Weekend 2015 – Update**

Andy G0KZT writes: “The Committee has reluctantly decided to postpone the Radio Play Weekend that had been proposed for the weekend of Friday 19th to Sunday 21st June 2015. Although there was a good number of members with a *possible* interest in attending, the number of members who were prepared to commit to support the event was too low to make the event feasible.

“It is still hoped to run an event some time later this year, perhaps to coincide with SSB Field Day on 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> September. Please do let me know if this would appeal to you and if you would be willing to commit to support the event.”

73 de Andy G0KZT

## **Other club newsletters**

Every month, the following club newsletters are sent out by email to CATS members who have requested the Service:

Cray Valley  
Crystal Palace  
Horsham Amateur Radio Club  
Mid-Sussex  
RSGB Club Newsletter  
Surrey Radio Contact Club  
Sutton & Cheam Radio Society

If you would like to be added to the list of recipients, just tell the editor. Please note that if you opt in you will receive all of these newsletters (subject to the clubs concerned continuing to send them to us, of course.) It's all or nothing, I'm afraid.

## **For Sale**

CATS member Frank G3ZMF wishes to dispose of his TS2000X rig. Frank says, “It has been fully overhauled and recalibrated by Kenwood. It has the optional 23cm unit fitted plus the DRU-3 autcaller, new mike, new DC lead, manuals and original transit boxes.”

This set-up would cost £1800 new, but Frank is asking for £1200 cash. If you choose to buy it

at the Kempton Park rally the price would be increased to £1400 to allow for commission.

Frank also has available:

- 4000+ crystals from 10 kHz to over 100 MHz, many in new condition.
- ICs, transistors, some good up to 1500 MHz, TX and RX.
- 2 Pro snooker cues.

If interested, please text Frank G3ZMF on 07935 334 369.

## **Contests Coming Soon**

<b><u>Tuesday Activity Activity Contests 2015 – all begin at 8pm local time</u></b>	
Apr 7	2 metres
Apr 14	70 cm
Apr 21	23 cm
Apr 28	6 metres
May 5	2 metres
May 12	70 cm
May 19	23 cm
May 26	6 metres
Jun 2	2 metres
Jun 9	70 cm
Jun 16	23 cm
Jun 23	6 metres
Jun 30	4 metres
Jul 7	2 metres
Jul 14	70 cm
Jul 21	23 cm
Jul 28	6 metres
Aug 4	2 metres
Aug 11	70 cm
Aug 18	23 cm
Aug 25	6 metres
Sep 1	2 metres
Sep 8	70 cm
Sep 15	23 cm
Sep 22	6 metres
Sep 29	4 metres
Oct 6	2 metres
Oct 13	70 cm
Oct 20	23 cm
Oct 27	6 metres
Nov 3	2 metres
Nov 10	70 cm
Nov 17	23 cm
Nov 24	6 metres
Dec 1	2 metres
Dec 8	70 cm
Dec 15	23 cm

## Other Contests - 2015

Apr 5: RoPoCo SSB  
Apr 5: First 70MHz Contest  
Apr 12: First 50MHz Contest  
May 2/3: May 432MHz-248GHz Contest  
May 2: 432MHz Trophy Contest  
May 2: 10GHz Trophy Contest  
May 10: 70MHz Contest CW  
May 16/17: 144MHz May Contest  
May 17: 1st 144MHz Backpackers  
May 24: 70MHz Cumulatives #3  
Jun 6/7: NFD  
Jun 14: 2nd 144MHz Backpackers  
Jun 20/21: 50MHz Trophy Contest  
Jun 28: 50MHz Contest CW  
Jun 28: 70MHz Cumulatives #4  
Jul 4/5: VHF NFD  
Jul 5: 3rd 144MHz Backpackers  
Jul 19: Low Power Contest  
Jul 19: 70MHz Trophy Contest  
Jul 25/26: IOTA Contest  
Aug 1: 144MHz Low Power Contest  
Aug 1: 4th 144MHz Backpackers  
Aug 2: RoPoCo CW  
Aug 2: 432MHz Low Power Contest  
Aug 9: 70MHz Cumulatives #5  
Sep 5/6: SSB Field Day  
Sep 5/6: 144MHz Trophy Contest  
Sep 6: 5th 144MHz Backpackers  
Sep 20: Second 70MHz Contest  
Oct 3: 1.2GHz Trophy / 2.3GHz Trophy  
Oct 3/4: Oct 432MHz-248GHz Contest  
Oct 4: 21/28MHz Contest  
Oct 18: 50MHz AFS Contest  
Nov 7/8: 144MHz CW Marconi  
Nov 14: Club Calls (1.8MHz AFS)  
Nov 21/22: 2nd 1.8MHz Contest  
Dec 6: 144MHz AFS  
Dec 26/29: 50/70/144/432MHz Christmas Cumulatives Contest

## Local Rallies & Events

**19 April 2015 (Note revised date)**

### **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)

**17 May 2015**

### **32nd Dunstable Downs RC National Amateur Radio Car Boot Sale**

Stockwood Park, Luton, M1 J10

Open 09:00. Talk in on S22

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

**6 Jun 2015**

### **SERF, Sussex Electronics and Radio Fair**

**Eastbourne Sports Park, off Cross Levels Way, Eastbourne BN21 2UF**

open at 10am

Manufacturers, Distributors, Dealers, Clubs, Groups, Societies, Educational and private stands, tables and stalls, flea market, complete with a bring and buy area.

talk-in will be operating, together with

indoor and outdoor events,

refreshments

<http://serf.org.uk/>

[admin@serf.org.uk](mailto:admin@serf.org.uk)

**14 June 2015 East Suffolk Wireless Revival**

The Ipswich Radio Rally

Orwell Crossing Lorry Park

A14 Eastbound, Nacton

Ipswich, Suffolk IP10 0DD

Open 09:30

Car Boot Sale, Bring & Buy Sale, Special Interest Radio

Groups, Local Radio Clubs, RSGB Bookstall, UK

Microwave Group, Vintage & Military ARS

Live Radio Demonstrations, Excellent Food and Facilities,

Easy Parking, GB4SWR - HF Radio Station GB4SWR -

Talk-in on 145.550MHz

Contact Steve, M1ACB 07711-329624

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

**21 June 2015**

### **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/)

**26-28 June 2015**

### **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

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

**5 July 2015**

### **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)

**19 July 2015**

### **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

Big Boot Sale Pitches

Parking, trade stands, catering.

Contact: Pete G8FRC 01189 695 697

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

**24-26 July 2015**

**Amsat Colloquium**

Holiday Inn Guildford GU2 7XZ

Networking

Speakers

Gala dinner

<http://amsat-uk.org/colloquium/colloquium-2015/>

**9 August 2015**

**Flight Refuelling Hamfest**

Cobham Sports and Social Club Ground, Merley, Nr.

Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3AA

Open 10:00

Large marquees

Radio, computing, and electronics traders

Also art and craft stalls.

Car boot sale.

Ample free parking

Food and Drink, Licensed bar

Overnight On-site Camping

Talk-In on 145.550MHz FM

Entrance Fees Adults £3.50 Under 14's free

Contact: 07773 157356 (eves only)

[hamfest@frars.org.uk](mailto:hamfest@frars.org.uk)

Further information: [www.frars.org.uk](http://www.frars.org.uk)

**30 August 2015 NEW LOCATION**

**Milton Keynes 53<sup>rd</sup> Amateur Radio Society Rally**

Longueville Hall, Hammond Park, Whaddon Road

Newton Longville, Milton Keynes MK17 0AT

Free on-site parking

Large indoor space

Dogs allowed

Inside catering

A bar

Car boot area

Large outdoor space

Toilets/shower area

Open 10:00

Entry £2.

Contact: Steve 07866 673192 or

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

**13 September 2015**

**West Kent Radio and Electronics Fair**

Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys, St. John's

Road, Tonbridge Wells, TN4 9XB

The school is on the A26 main road between Tunbridge Wells and Southborough, and will be open to the public from 10am to 4pm and set up will be available from 8am.

Admission will cost £2.50

Children under 14 free

Catering available throughout the day

Talk in station

Excellent on-site car parking

RSGB bookstall

Wide range of trade stalls

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

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

**25-26 September 2015**

**National Hamfest**

Open 10:00 to 16:00.

George Stephenson Pavilion, Newark & Nottingham Showground, Lincoln Road, Winthorpe, Newark NG24 2NY.

Hosted by Lincoln Short Wave Club, sponsored by RSGB

Flea market

Traders

Bring and Buy

For the latest details and ticket information, visit:

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

**8 November 2015**

**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)

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

**15 November 2015**

**CATS 38th Annual Radio and Electronics Bazaar**

**NOTE NEW VENUE:** Coulsdon Community Centre,

Chipstead Valley Road in Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BE.

Open 10:00 to 13:00

Parking, trade stands, bring and buy, refreshments

Contact: [enquiries@catsradio.org](mailto:enquiries@catsradio.org) or

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

## **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 Apr** – Magnetic Loops (TBC)

**19 May** – Electric Cars

**16 Jun** – DF Hunt

**21 Jul** – Toilet roll crystal sets, everything to be home-made except wire and detector

**18 Aug** – Operating and Social (TBC)

**15 Sep** – DSP introduction

**20 Oct** – Example Rigs and stations

**17 Nov** – Short Talks

**15 Dec** – Quiz and Mince Pies (TBC)

### **CPREC (CRYSTAL PALACE)**

**Website:** [www.gsl.net/g3oou/](http://www.gsl.net/g3oou/) or <http://www.g3oou.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

**10 Apr** - Lifeboats by Alan Ashley

**1 May** - Electronic Components – 1

**5 Jun** - Computation Techniques and Modelling by Dr Brown

**3 Jul** – ‘Keep It Dry’ by Prof Billingham

**7 Aug** - Club Project “Build & Buns”

**4 Sep** - RSGB Activities

**2 Oct** - A Talk on Tesla TBC

**6 Nov** - Electronic Components - 2

**4 Dec** - “Equipment and Trifle”

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**1 Jan** - Electronic Components - 3

**5 Feb** - AGM

### **CRAWLEY ARC**

**Website:** [www.carc.org.uk](http://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.

**22 Apr** – Surplus Equipment Sale

**27 May** – 21MHz 4 Square Antenna - G3NPC

**24 Jun** - Arduino Introduction M0WID

## CRAY VALLEY RS

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

**Contact:** Richard Cains G7GLW rcains@btinternet.com

**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 Apr** – AGM

**7 May** – Data Modes For All Occasions – Dave M0TAZ

**21 May** – History of the Crystal Palace mast – Guy G0UKN

**6 Aug** – The History of Eltham through its Street Names, by Margaret Taylor

**5 Nov** - Annual Surplus Sale

## 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 Apr** – TBD

**26 May** – Practical Evening

**23 Jun** – TBD

**28 July** – South Downs Evening

**25 Aug** – Social Evening

**22 Sep** – TBD

**27 Oct** – TBD

**24 Nov** – AGM

**?? Dec** - Christmas Dinner

## HORSHAM ARC

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

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

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at The Guide Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, Sussex

**7 May** - Antenna Gain!! - Mike Underhill G3LHZ

**28 May** - Fox Hunt - Adrian G4LRP

**4 Jun** - CubeSat - Dhiren Kataria

**2 Jul** - 21MHz Four Square Beam Antenna - Garth Swanson G3NPC

**30 Jul** – Fox Hunt

**6 Aug** - BBC Outside Broadcasting - Tony Crake G0OVA

**3 Sep** - TBA

**1 Oct** - Junk Sale

**5 Nov** - HARC-CARC Challenge (interclub quiz night)

**3 Dec** - AGM

## MID SUSSEX ARS

**Website:** [www.msars.org.uk](http://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

**17 Apr** - Trip to Titanic Wreck - Rob Goldsmith

**24 Apr** - Radio Night and Table Top Sale

**1 May** - Quiz and Cakes Night

**15 May** - Construction Contest

**22 May** - Radio Night and Table Top Sale

**29 May** - Fox Hunt

**12 Jun** - Chairman's Barbecue

**19 Jun** - Windmills Evening at Jack and Jill Car Park

**26 Jun** - Radio Night and Table Top Sale

## REIGATE ATS

**Website:** [www.gsl.net/rats](http://www.gsl.net/rats)

**Email:** [rats@gsl.net](mailto:rats@gsl.net)

**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)

**Contact:** John Kennedy G3MCX, 020 8688 3322

**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

**13 Apr** – AGM

**11 May** - DIY PCB Design and Production by Steve G4FYF

**1 Jun** - TBC

**12 Jul** – SRCC 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at G3MCX QTH.

**3 Aug** - TBC

**7 Sep** - TBC

**5 Oct** - Autumn Surplus Equipment Sale

**2 Nov** - Short Talks Evening

**7 Dec** – Construction Contest

## SUTTON & CHEAM RS

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

**Contact:** John Puttock G0 BWV 020 8644 9945

**Club Nets:** Saturday 10.00 - 7.120 MHz ± QRM  
Saturday 11.00 - 145.500 MHz (S20) Then QSY

**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 Apr** - 'Test Equipment - Signal Generator & Spectrum Analyser' by Bob Burns G3OOU

**21 May** – AGM and construction contest

**18 Jun** – CQWW 2014 by John G4IRN

**16 Jul** - 'The Rosetta Mission' by Professor David Southwood

**20 Aug** - Early Wireless Licences by Dr Elizabeth Bruton

**10 Dec** – Surplus Equipment Sale

## WIMBLEDON & DISTRICT ARS

**Website:** unavailable as at 24.3.15

**Contact:** Andrew Maish G4ADM

020 8335 3434

andrew.maish ATntlworld.com

**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

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# **Annex A: CATS COMMITTEE REPORTS: MARCH 2015**

*CATS Secretary Mike M1CCF writes: "Rather than send out the full committee minutes to CATS members we have decided to continue to use this newsletter to provide a synopsis. Members' feedback on this will be appreciated! What follows is a synopsis of the meeting of March 3rd 2015."*

## **GENERAL:**

We agreed to change the official start time to 20.15 to allow for the keep fit class that uses the hall before us.

Mention was made of an evening set around using the "Raspberry Pi" We need an expert and a number of machines for project use either individually or in groups. Ongoing.

Andy now has the RSGB Propagation Presentation and will make it available for committee members to view.

Secretary will contact Bob Burns CPREC regarding a construction evening & presentation. (Done, replied and briefing visit subsequently booked for 10th March.)

The suggestion to demonstrate remote receiving over the internet does not seem practical due to the lack of public internet connections in St Swithuns and the surrounding area.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS PLANNED:**

- April - Andy will present & lead discussion on the RSGB Propagation Video
- May - Provisionally Steve B will do a presentation on web sites including our own new one
- June - Foxhunt - Details of location and time to be announced.
- July - OPERATING EVENING from St Swithuns Hall
- August - BBQ - Pru has offered her facilities again, this year.

Kempton Park is next booked for us to organise the Bring & Buy for Sunday 19th April 2015. Graham Parsons is Ok with organising this on our behalf with Andy supporting him.

Due to the poor response we agreed NOT to attend the Coulsdon Rotary Fair this year

Wings Museum located near Balcombe and a visit to BP in Milton Keynes will be investigated by Andy. This is likely to be at a weekend, although Mike said he would be happy to arrange a weekday visit by rail - cost is about £35 with rail card via Watford Junction assuming RSGB Members get in free.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Subs were due in February and as a rough indication we are £60 down on income as at this point last year! £2129.58 Current £3015.44 on Deposit.

**MEMBERSHIP:** No new membership applications, currently 28 have paid for this year. Len West has now resigned from the Society due to his move to Kent where he has joined a local group.

**PUBLICITY:** New ideas for future use are still sought. Stuart's spreadsheet has been circulated. CR5 Magazine takes advertising and information. There may be other similar publications in which we could perhaps have entries.

Stuart has looked into the ATC and now thinks we might do better to contact the Surrey Wing and offer general radio training to ATC members.

**COMMITTEE BADGES:** Completed and handed out for use on 9th March.

**INSPIRE WORKSHOP** - No new feedback but the RSGB are currently discussing this and we await the results being published.