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We come swinging back down country to THE RADIO SOCIETY OF HARROW, who hold their meetings on Fridays at 8 pm in the Harrow Art Centre, High Road, Harrow Weald.

Yet another interesting Newsletter, covering a wide range of subjects apart from club activities. The club continues to grow and membership has now reached 138. One point of interest that I read is the formation of a technical help group. A panel of experts which you always find in every club, put to good use in an effort to help members with their problems. I can only fault their Newsletter on one point — how about a name and address to contact. I only have the name of Peter Marcham G3YXZ, Publicity Officer, but no address or 'phone number.

Who said all Ham activity was in the Midlands and North of England. We go back now to the South Coast again to the HASTINGS ELECTRONIC AND RADIO CLUB, where 32 new members bring current membership up to 175.

Their newsletter 'Vital Spark' is certainly a mixed bag, something for everyone. I was impressed by their ability to get a 'quart into a pint pot'. On the first page fifteen members of their Committee are listed in a unique fashion. For example, listed at No. 4 the Secretary George North, G2LL and his 'phone number; in the lower half of the page at No. 4 is his address.

Despite this, the club has accommodation problems. Since its formation, club meetings have been held in a shop below a member's flat, but now has to move. It looks as if they have been successful in finding new accommodation in Downey Road, St. Leonards, but for confirmation contact the Secretary on Cooden 4645. However their next meeting is on 15th December, the Christmas Social, at which YL's and XYL's are welcome. January 19th 1983 starts the New Year's meetings with Astronomical Electronics by

P. Read of the Royal Greenwich Observatory.

IPSWICH RADIO CLUB is next on the list, with the station call signs of G4IRC and GB2IRC. The Secretary is Jack Tootill G4IFF at 76 Firecroft Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, on Ipswich 44047. Meetings are held on 2nd and last Wednesdays in each month at the Rose and Crown 77, Norwich Road, Ipswich. This well produced quarterly magazine is well worth the 25p charge, containing much interesting and helpful information and obviously profitable advertising. Regrettably the copy received by me contained no information on future events. An interesting point is the consideration given to ten other local clubs listing their meeting places and some events.

We now jump on the magic carpet, switch on the computer and press a few of the right buttons to visit the only overseas society whose details we have, this is THE RADIO SOCIETY OF KENYA who tell of the preparations for the Kenyan Award which are now completed and invite applications from all interested Radio Amateurs. Requirements are ten points. One point from each 5Z4 station who must be a member of the RSK. Five points scored by contacting 5Z4RS, the Club Station; all modes and all bands permissible. Witnessed Photo Copies of Log Book are required and should be sent to the Radio Society of Kenya, P.O. Box 45681, Nairobi, Kenya, accompanied by a self addressed label. A charge is made of 5 US dollars of surface mail or 10 US dollars for airmail.

From the Kenyan sunshine we splash down in East Lancashire where at the Shadsworth Centre, on the outskirts of Blackburn we find the EAST LANCASHIRE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, who hold their meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm. On 7th December they hold their A.G.M. and January 4th 1983 is a talk on Raynet by Mr. T. Hore G8LTC. The Centre in Shadsworth Road has a good

car park and many leisure activities including a bar. For further information contact Norman Jenkin, G4CGT, 5 Minster Crescent, Darwin, Lancs BB3 3PY or phone (0254) 75037.

In Yorkshire we find the formation of a new club THE MALTBY AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY (MARS) meetings are held every Friday at 7.00 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Blyth, Maltby. For further information contact Ian Abel, G3ZHI, at 52, Hollytree Avenue Maltby, Rotherham, Yorks. Phone (0709) 814911. Best wishes for the Club's future.

When they're not riding the surf boards, you will find members of the NEWQUAY AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY at Treviglas School Newquay, where they meet on alternative Wednesdays. The Secretary P.L. King G4GRY, hasn't given me any dates or forthcoming events, but a call to him at Truro 71133 will answer your questions, or S.A.E to 23 Trevella Vean, St. Erme, Truro, Cornwall.

Norfolk folk appear to be very short on words. The few details I have from THE NORFOLK RADIO CLUB G4ARN, are that the Secretary is K.W. Bilton G4NRL. From the newsheet, I understand that meetings are held each Wednesday at 7.45 pm at the Crome Centre, Telegraph Lane East, Norwich. The meeting on 8th December is 'a short meeting' and on the 15th bring your YL's and XYL's evening.

The next club obviously enjoys its Field Days, their last one 4th/5th September, was full of wonderful surprises for them. The club concerned is the POOLE RADIO AMATEUR SOCIETY, who meet at the Poole Technical College on the last Friday of each month. Visitors are always welcome. Again we are short on the ground when it comes to forthcoming events, but I am sure Tony Laycock G3XYD of 36, Bushell Road, Poole, will fill you in! The Christmas dinner is planned for January 1983 (odd!)

It's nice to see our hobby is not just for whizz kids, it has its more useful aspects like helping to keep disabled folk in contact with the outside world and increasing their circle of friends. The PINFOLD SOCIAL & HANDICRAFT CENTRE FOR DISABLED AND HANDICAPPED PEOPLE is one organisation. The PINFOLD RADIO CLUB at this time has only three members, but are not lacking in enthusiasm. One white stick operator took the R.A.E and is now licenced; the other two are expecting their licences soon. Christopher Moore, Club Secretary, tells me one of their main interests is home brewed equipment, despite the fact that only one member can wield the soldering iron with anything like safety. Christopher is trying to recruit further members for the Radio Club by encouraging his colleagues to use their domestic receivers medium-wave DX listening. To this end he has enlisted the wood working fans at the Centre to make him some one metre square loop antenna's that can be loaned to anyone interested enough to hunt for something different. He has one problem, a shortage of 500 pf variable capacitors to tune the loops. Come on chaps, dig in your scrap boxes, and give those old 'C's a new lease of life. Send them to Christopher Moore, Pinfold Radio Club, 24 Sally Ward Drive, Walsall Wood, West Midlands, WS9 9JZ.

Of all the new clubs and newsletters I have read while compiling this column, S.P.R.A.T Newsletter of the QRP Club, is one of more attractive efforts. I would truly love to hear some of the Reverend George Dobbs' sermons, if they are half as good as the quarterly journal he produces for the QRP Club, the church must be full to capacity. It is refreshing, in these days of 1Kw linears, to see that over 1,300 members of the QRP Club communicate with 5W or less.

The G-QRP Club is open to world wide membership and has many interesting facilities available to