

members. Weekly club activities take place on Sundays at 1100 — 1200 and 1400 to 1500, also on Wednesday from 2000 local time. Full details are available from the Club Secretary, Rev. G.C. Dobbs, G3RJV, 17 Aspen Drive, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham, B37 7QX.

From an international low power club we come to a high power club on Merseyside, it is in fact the ST. HELEN'S AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, G4LCK and G6LCK, who meet at the Conservative Rooms, Boundary Road, St. Helen's at 7.45 pm, every Thursday evening. From past events it is a club, though only 60 strong, which is very active in just about every field of amateur radio. Unfortunately I don't have any details of forthcoming events, but contact their Public Relations Officer, Alan Manchester, G6FJU at 67 King Edward Road, Denon's Green, St. Helen's, Merseyside.

Whenever I hear of Spalding, I think of acres and acres of flowers in bloom. I suppose some of the deft fingers tending the blooms could rattle a morse key equally as well.

The very active SPALDING AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, founded in 1965 now boasts 150 members. Club meetings are on the first Friday of each month, except for December and January, when they are held on the second Friday. All meetings are held in the Market Room, White Hart Hotel, Market Place, Spalding, from 7.30 to 10.30. Just in time for last orders? Activities include a 30 week course for RAE examinations every Thursday — practice morse sessions are given by a member G400 three times a week on 1980 kHz; and as a note for your rally diary Spalding Mobile Rally 1983 is held on the last Sunday in May — my calendar says that's the 29th. For full details on this and all other club events, contact the Chairman, Dennis Hoults, G400, Chespool House, Gosberton, Risegate, Spalding, Lincs PE11 4EU or on Risegate 382.



RAFARS DXpedition to the Scilly Isles. L to R G4NVD, G8RVK, G3XMU G40K0, G5DYG, G6ESD, G3ZDW and G4NSG. The two members not shown were G3YTT and GW6FOY.

Now for the first time on our tour we don our kilts and sporrans and go North of the border... can't you just smell the haggis? From the CENTRAL SCOTLAND FM GROUP comes an action packed newsheet. I hope by now the co-channel interference between three of their repeaters has been resolved; this was to involve channel changes. As always the lads were ready to make the changes necessary, but the Home Office were dragging their feet again. Unfortunately my visits to G.M. land are rare, but one gets the impression from reading F.M. News, everyone up there is mobile. For more information contact Colin Dalziel, B.Sc., GM8LBC, 12 Dunure Drive, Earnock, Hamilton, ML3 9EY. (Don't forget the SAE).

One Scottish club with more than repeater interest is the LOTHIANS RADIO SOCIETY, GM3HAM. Established for over thirty years the club holds its meetings at the Drummond High School, Edinburgh on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The next meeting on December 8th is a talk on Police Radio — ten four! On January 13th 1983 there is to be a series of mini lectures. The Secretary E. Evans GM6JAG, 4 Burdiehouse Street, Edinburgh,

EH17 8EY or on 031-664-5403, will be happy to give you full details of the club.

South of the border again to the WHARFEDALE REPEATER GROUP, who are responsible for GB3WF, Channel RB 14 70cm Repeater, covering the Leeds area and the Valley Wharfedale to the North and down into the Vale of York, located 9 miles North West of Leeds at Otley, a local beauty spot, at approximately 850 ft. above sea level, and has been in operation since 1979. The proposal for another 70 cm repeater to cover Leeds City, is in its application stage and has already been submitted to the Home Office for phase 7, proposed for operation on channel RB11. For further information contact the Secretary, Jack Burgess, G3KKP, Moor End, Hawksworth, Guiseley, Leeds, LS20 8NX

Turning left at Leeds we run across country to a point between the river Dee and the Mersey, to the WIRRAL & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB whose club call signs are G4MGR and G8WDC. From their Newsletter production they appear to be one of the more affluent clubs. Entitled Airwave 325, the book is full of interesting items for all tastes.

Only five years old, the

club has a membership of over 90, covering a wide range of ages. Normal meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Irby Cricket Club at 8 pm. Social activities play a large part with this club, known as 'D&W' nights, which stands for 'drinking and waffling' sessions.

The club 'net' frequency is 145.325 MHz, channel S13. (Now you know why its Airwave 325). For details of future events contact Gerry Scott G8TRY at 45 Stringhey Rd, Wallasey, Merseyside, L441EF. The next club meeting — December 8th is Chairman's Night (that should be good for a pint!). On December 15th a D&W meeting from 9pm onwards at the Greave Dunning, Greasby.

Weston-Super-Mare here we come, to Locking in fact, home of the ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, which needs really no introduction from me. Originating at Cranwell in 1936, the club moved to its present base in 1951. The callsign is G8FC (Flying Corps) was issued to the Society in 1936. The Society has 800+ group members throughout the world. Three stations are active from Locking, using the call signs G8FC, G3RAF and G8RAF. A nightly RAFARS 'net'