

Service Sports Ground, Bucklesham — a radio rally for the family. Jack Tootill G4IFF can fill you in on all details and he can be found at 76 Fircroft Rd, Ipswich or on 0473 44047.

I hope the Component Fair organised by the **PONTEFRAC T & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY** was a great success and no doubt they are looking forward to the forthcoming Mobile Rally calendar. Call Niall Whittingham G4ISU or go along to the club rooms at the Carleton Community Centre, Pontefract on any Thursday evening and you will be made most welcome.

From **AMSAT-UK** comes the usual bumper magazine in which there is a very nice article by Dave Lane G3VOM, trying to persuade those members of the organisation that haven't operated through a satellite to have a go! Also the truth about **ARIANE 5**. To those of you who are waiting for hard covers for **OSCAR NEWS**, these are now available, says Ron Broadbent G3AAJ. For those who are not members of **AMSAT-UK**, I'll just say "Why not?". You can apply for your membership to Ron Broadbent, 94 Herongate Rd, Wanstead Park, London. (With an SAE)

Like **AMSAT** the **G-QRP CLUB** cram so much information into the Winter edition of their journal **SPRAT** that it is difficult for me to select something to tell you about. Just to wet your appetite how about a 'Tuned Balun ATU' or 'TTL TX' or '160m Converter' and lots more besides. If you're a **QRP** type drop a line to the Rev. George Dobbs G3RJB at 17 Aspen Drive, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham (with an SAE if you want a reply).

From the **BROMSGROVE & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** I understand from the Secretary A. Kelly G4LVK (How about some first names) the club meets on the 2nd Friday in the month at the Avoncroft Art Centre, at 8pm and on 4th Friday of the month the quiet part of the club meets (QRP meeting) at the same time and venue. This month the 'Constructors Contest' is to be judged so don't forget to take your goodies with you to the next meeting. With snow on the ground as I write it's nice to see the club looking forward to their annual picnic, which I'm sure the Secretary will tell you about if you drop him a line at 8 Greenslade Cres., Marlbrook, Bromsgrove.

In a short letter from the **CLIFTON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY** I see their next meeting is on **OSCAR** by G4RFC. They meet at the New Cross Inn, Clifton Rise, New Cross, London every Friday at 8pm. Their Secretary is R. W. Hammond G4DBW, 43 Durrant Rd, Hextable, Swanley, Kent.

Just creeping in with the last



Using a special event call sign, **GB8CFC** the **CHESHAM & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY** gave a demonstration on amateur radio to the local physically handicapped and able bodied club, where over 35 contacts were made in the evening.

Peter Cabbin G4OST persuades a club member to talk into the mike.

couple of meetings on the list of programmes **THE CHICHESTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** have a club meeting on 5th April and their AGM on the 21st. The Club meets at the Green Room, Fernleigh Centre, 40 North St, Chichester on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7.30pm. For up to the minute information there is a club net on Wednesdays at 1900 local time on S11, or ring the Secretary T. M. Allen G4ETU on West Ashling 463.

With the ever increasing costs of our hobby it's not surprising that sooner or later someone would look into the expense of the certificates and awards that abound. It has fallen the lot of the **FYLDE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY** to do just this at their May 10th meeting. It will be most interesting to learn the result of the discussion! The club meets at the Queens Hotel, Central Beach Lytham, at 8pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Secretary Harold Fenton G8GG will be pleased to give you up to the minute information. Contact him at 5 Cromer Rd, St. Annes, Lytham St. Annes. (With an SAE)

Everybody's making a beeline for the **HASTINGS ELECTRONICS AND RADIO CLUB**, on 20th April for the Club's

'Junk Sale'. As I haven't heard from them lately I'm not certain of the Club's new QTH, it may be in Downey Rd, St. Leonards. However, if you're travelling any distance or taking a big van with you (Hi) I should contact George North G2LL on Cooden 4645. On May 18th there is a lecture on 'QRP' by 'low power' Chris Page.

LINCOLN SHORT WAVE RADIO CLUB, who are on the air with call signs G5FZ and G6COL, meet at the City Engineers' Club, Lincoln, at 8pm. They are meeting on April 13th for a talk on 'Contest Preparation and Operation' by G8ZHP Contest Group, and on 27th April for a talk about the RSGB by G3SZJ. Their big day is on 8th May when they hold the '1983 Ham Fest' at the Lincolnshire Show Ground just north of the city on the A15. Talk-in on S22 and SU8. This family day out plus all the usual trade stands etc., starts at 11am. If you don't believe me when I say how good it will be, ask Pam Rose G8VRJ (the Club Secretary), at the club address.

Steve Thompson G4RCH, Secretary of the **NORTH WAKEFIELD RADIO CLUB**, admits in his second Newsletter that he hasn't a great deal to say. Going along with that, all I can tell you is that the club meets at Carr

Gate WMC (wherever this is) and on 14th April they're having a visit from G4DAX who is the RSGB Regional Rep. (I hope he finds them OK). If you want to know more contact Steve at 3 Harlington Court, Morley, LS27 0RT.

THE READING & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB meet at the White Horse, Emmer Green, Reading, at 8pm each Tuesday. At their meeting on April 12th, they've delving into the workings of the VHF Contest Committee (dig deep fellas). On April 26th they will all be struggling to the meeting loaded with antique equipment and pockets bulging with pound notes, to witness a demonstration by South Midland Communications (the best salesmen in the land). On May 5th they're having a 'Quiz' played against the Maidenhead Club in the Red Cross Hall, The Crescent, Maidenhead. Further info from Chris Young, G4CCC, Reading 471761.

The **RHYL & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** meet at the 1st Rhyl Scout Headquarters, Tynwydd Rd, Rhyl, on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month. On April 28th they're delving into 'Propagation' by G3LEQ and on May 12th they have an Activity Night. If you want to know what