

CLUB NET

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As of next month, we will be changing the format of CLUB NET.

The column is to be incorporated into a new diary feature, RADIO TOMORROW. Entries will be limited to event, venue, time and date. News originating from club activities will be published in our RADIO TODAY column as part of the magazine's regular news service to amateurs.

Please continue to send us your lists of forthcoming club events together with any news items for wider circulation.

All material should be addressed to Richard Lamont G4DYA, Ham Radio Today, Argus Specialist Publications, 145 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 0EE.

A IS FOR ABERGAVENNY

ABERGAVENNY AND NEVILL HALL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB is running three special event stations, the first is on the 4th of June at the Nevill Hall Fete: the station's callsign is GB2NHF. The next one is the Abergavenny Castle special event where the callsign will be GB4AC; this takes place on the 24th of July to commemorate the Year of the Castles in Wales. The Club's third special event station for now (I understand there could be more!) will be at the site of the Abergavenny and Border Counties Show, the callsign to be used is GB2ABC, on the 30th of July. We wish the Club every success in their marathon task of running all these stations. How about some photographs for the *Club Net* from all these events? David Jones GW3SSY, the Club's secretary, tells me there's a lot more going on in the Club, like on the fourth Tuesday of each month when a section of the Club meets to play with the ZX81. David says they are on the lookout for any suitable programs or lectures on the micro with ham radio connotations. If you can help, contact David GW3SSY at 2 Dalwyn House, Llanover Road, Blaenarfon, Gwent NP4 9HY with an SAE or phone 0495 791617. Just in case you were wondering, they do have normal club nights, these are held every Thursday at 7.30 pm above Male Ward 2 at the Penylf Hospital. Meanwhile RAE

classes are held at the Nevill Hall Hospital. (Both of these are in Abergavenny.) This sound to me like an ailing club, Hi.

A mine of information on Satellites, whether they are used commercially or by amateurs, makes little difference to AMSAT-UK. Ron Broadbent G3AAJ leaves few stones unturned while compiling *Oscar News*. You don't have to be into amateur satellite communications to appreciate the wealth of knowledge packed into each issue of *Oscar News*. If you want to find out about all those metal birds flying around up there, join AMSAT-UK. Write to Ron Broadbent G3AAJ at 94 Herongate Road, Wanstead Park, London E12 5EQ with an SAE if you want a reply.

Just to let the **BANGOR AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY** know that Northern Ireland is not precluded from Club Net, like it is from some insurance companies. This was a viewpoint raised in the Club newsheet recently. The Club's callsign is G13XRQ and it is on the air from the Sands Hotel, Bangor, County Down at 8 pm on the 1st Friday of each month. It appears that Club members and visitors alike are getting great satisfaction from the Club's new 70cm repeater, which came into operation earlier in the year. GB3UL is on the same site as the 2 metre repeater at Craigantlet. The Club has a very neat pocket size newsheet produced by Stewart Mackay G140CK, the club's PRO. For more details of the Club contact Stewart at 11, Dellmount Park, Bangor, County Down BT20 4UA including an SAE.

BIGGIN HILL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB hold their meetings at 8pm in the Biggin Hill Memorial Library, where on June 14th they hold an antenna evening. On the 26th June they are holding a foxhunt, on Tuesday July 12th there is a talk on vintage radios, and on the 19th July there is a visit to a power station.

SECRET WEAPON

Mark Goodfellow G4KUQ tells me he has just landed the job of PRO for the **BRISTOL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** and has taken me to task for not including some of his previous press

releases. Sorry about this chaps, only the Editor was propping his desk up with your copy. (Such is the life of a PRO.) The Bristol Amateur Radio Club is one of the oldest clubs in the Bristol area and it hopes to increase its membership this year. Hopefully, to take advantage of the Club's expanding facilities on both 2 metres and 70cm, they anticipate competing using Club callsign G3TAD in a number of contests, hopefully using their secret weapon in the VHF Field Day: a 10 ft diameter dish for use on 23cm. The Club meets at 7pm every Tuesday with the 4th Tuesday every month kept for the Computer Club night. Details of forthcoming events are available from Mark G4KUQ at 99 Somerset Road, Knowle, Bristol, BS4 2HX or by phone 0272 716093.

A number of interesting items come from the spring edition of **CENTRAL SCOTLAND FM GROUP News**. One which is causing a lot of concern to members is the Home Office announcement of the end of repeater licensing. It seems that down in England just about every inch is covered by a repeater, but the Home Office has forgotten they have things called mountains in Scotland! I hear the Government has a large stock of bulldozers going cheap.

3rd July is a good day to be in Dumfries. **THE DUMFRIES CLUB** is holding an open day at the Carhenholm Hotel, New Abbey Road, Dumfries. Just a few weeks later the Scottish Convention is to be held at Cardonald College, Glasgow on the 27th August. There will also be a dinner-dance in the Bellahouston Hotel in the evening so bring along the YLs and XYLs. For all the latest information call Colin Dalziel GM6LBC at 12 Dunure Drive, Earnock, Hamilton ML3.

A short note from John Alldridge G6LKS, Secretary of the **CHESHAM AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**, tells us that the Club meets on every Wednesday at the Stable Loft, Bury Farm, Pednor Road, Chesham at 8pm, where new members will be more than welcome. I don't have any programme details, so I suggest you contact John G6LKS at 15 Whichcote Gardens, Chesham, Bucks. I'm sure he will be only too

pleased to tell you what's going on in the Stable Loft. Sounds like they may have plenty of 'horsepower' to generate watts, Hi!

LOGO

Crammed with items to interest everyone is the **CHESHAM AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** Spring Newsletter. You can even win a fabulous prize for designing a new badge and logo for the club. From the newsletter I see that they have QTH problems, or more to the point a place in which to build a shack, so they can have on-the-air nights using the Club callsigns G4ECT and G6CRC. For the time being they have natter nights on June 1st, 15th and 29th and an event to be announced on June 8th, and a 2 metre portable operation on Baas Hill Common on June 22nd. The club meets at 8pm in the Church Room, Church Lane, Wormley, Herts every Wednesday. Roger Frisby G4OAA, the Club's Secretary, will provide any more information required (2 West Field Road, Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 8QX or 0992 464795).

CHICHESTER AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB tell me they have a meeting on the 7th June and a barbecue on the 16th, with another club meeting on the 5th July. On Friday 8th July they are running a special event station GB2CHI at Priory Park, Chichester. Sunday 17th July sees the Club taking part in the Sussex Mobile Rally at Brighton Race Course, where they will all be in charge of the bring-and-buy stall. On 21st July there is another Club meeting, which are held in the Green Room, Fernleigh Centre, 40 North Street, Chichester, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7.30pm. There is a club net on 145.275 MHz (S11) every Wednesday at 7pm. It would appear from the March newsletter that they are getting themselves involved in the Vintage Wireless Day at the Chalk Pits, Amberley on the 5th June and the RNARS Mobile Rally, HMS Mercury, Petersfield on 12 June. The man to contact for more information is T Allen G4ETU at 2 Hillside, West Stoke, Chichester or phone West Ashling 463.