

Wirral & District Amateur Radio Club

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Club Update

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Meetings
are held at
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Visitors are
always most
welcome to
join us.

Suggestions for
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The Fox Hunts, well known for their competitive nature, have been hit this year by fewer entrants. Many have been otherwise engaged. The winners of this years Eileen Medley were Frank G8REQ and Denis G3UVR who have kindly offered to fox for next years contest.



Foxes Bob G4NCI & Brian G4ZRP

The 4m Test your Rig Night proved to be one of the busiest of the year with one or two with rather more sproggies than fundermental. Those of us new to 4m have been introduced to a lot of DX with S51DI heading the list. Currently G, GD, GM, GW, GU, GJ, GI, EI, ZB2, 5B4, S5 and YU have access to 4m, with permits for SM and PA in the pipeline. 4m is also used as crossband mode via. 50.185 & 28.885

Some 25 members and guests enjoyed the BBQ held on the 11th July. They didn't let a little bit of damp and windy wx put them off. Thanks to Elaine, Claire (who stood in for Jan who was unwell) and Richard for supplying the flame thrower Phil G0JSB provided the mobile disco cunningly disguised as a Land Rover!

CELLNET to CELLNET

If you want to know when someone has just read your text message. Start the msg with *0# (Star Zero Hash) When it is **read**, you will receive an ack by return.



Neil G4OAR, Andy GM7HUD and Phil G6IIM in June at the Friedrichshafen Hamfest

Coming Soon to Irby Cricket

The Pre-Owned Bargain Items Evening starts off our winter schedule on the 12th Sept. There are going to be some real bargains this time so make sure you don't miss it AND bring something with you to sell. Lots of goodies follow with a new type of quiz night with Tom & Gerry, Use of the PC in Amateur Radio by Colin G3RLA on the 10th October. A 13 cms ATV night with some of the latest plug and play being demo'd. Don't forget the Home Construction and Hot Pot night on the 14th November. On the 28th November an unusual talk using an iphone internet link by Ian G3ZHI and of course your Chairman's Night on the 12 December (Names of absentees will be noted! Hi..

Hailed as one of the best Christmas Bash's ever, we have managed to book the Hotel Vic in New Brighton again for this year. At £12.99 (the same as last year) it has to be a great way to start your Christmas. Contact Neil and book your place asap.

MISSING

If you happen to be caring for the Club photo album (a deer-skin coloured fabric cover with the Club name hand written in gold leaf presented to us by Keith Medley) then please ring Gerry G8TRY on 630 1393

WADARC Christmas Bash
will be held on
FRIDAY 7th December
at the
Hotel Victoria, New Brighton
3 Course Turkey/Beef Carvery Dinner
(Plus all the trimmings + coffee & mints)
Price £12.99
Book asap with Neil, G4OAR
as numbers will be limited

Tech.Tip *"Do you have a Firewall operating on your*

When using your PC on the internet do you have a Firewall operating ? Connection to the Internet makes your PC a target for thieves, vandals and hackers. With new threats appearing on a daily basis you need protection. A Firewall is a software barrier against people connecting and downloading personal files or uploading a virus onto your system.

ZoneAlarm was recommended to me and this programme is freely available from their website www.zonealarm.com and is easy to install. It is an award winning Internet solution which will automatically block known and unknown Internet threats. After installing the programme I was rather horrified to find that in one 5 hour session when downloading music there were over 150 hits on my PC which were refused access by ZoneAlarm. It is just as important on your PC as locks on the front and back doors of your house ! New version now available is v 2.6. Have you updated recently ? .. DO IT NOW.

Another tip, don't save all your personal files under "My Documents" as everyone does that and you make it easy for anyone on your PC to find your request to the Bank Manager for credit or free access numbers/passwords. Make a new folder and call it something unusual, then put all your personal folders under it. Tell your (Word/Excel) the locations and they will remember where your files are .. it's that easy and a good precaution.

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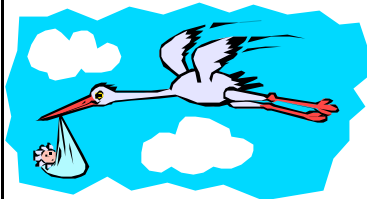
Have you checked your details on this site recently. Have you updated your postcode ?

It's a very useful site for QSL info, radio mods, shareware, DXCluster, CDRoms, books and reports and reviews of the latest equipment.

Described as the "Ham Radio Supersite", it's dedicated to serving amateurs worldwide although slightly biased towards the USA.

If you know of one better, please let me know.

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Congratulations to Lisa and Brian GOVAX on the birth of their daughter Lucy in July. Hope we see you both for the Christmas Bash ☺ Ed.

N.Wales DF Hunt

As you all know this popular event has had to be shelved this year due to foot & mouth. Restrictions are now being lifted but unfortunately not in time for us to organise one this autumn. We therefore propose to re-start in the Spring of 2002 and April is likely to be the favourite time. We will be writing directly to those who have shown interest in the past. If you know of anyone who may be interested please pass on my email address to them.

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CONTEST NEWS

Amid much debate the RSGB is resuming it's programme of portable contesting as from the 1st September 2001.

While foot and mouth has still not gone away it does appear to have reached a point where controlled access to the countryside is acceptable.

A Code of Practice has been introduced which RSGB ask everyone to abide by. For this and the latest updates including the full RSGB contest list:-

www.blacksheep.org/vhfcc/

Wirral & District ARC - Calendar 2001/2

September

- 02 Telford Amateur Radio Rally at RAF Cosford
- 05 D&W - The Bridge Inn, Port Sunlight
- 12 Pre-Owned Bargain Items Evening (Surplus Sale)
- 19 D&W - The Black Horse, Lower Heswall
- 21/22 Leicester Amateur Radio Show at Donnington
- 26 Cosy Quiz Night with Tom G4BKF & Gerry G8TRY

October

- 03 D&W - The Fox & Hounds, Barnston
- 10 Using the PC for Slow Scan/IP Phone by Colin G3RLA
- 17 D&W - The Hoyle Lake Lights, Hoyle Lake
- 24 13cms ATV "Off the shelf" with demo by Denis G3UVR
- 31 D&W - The Harp, Neston

November

- 3 & 4 Llandudno North Wales Rally
- 07 D&W - The Hotel Victoria, Lower Heswall
- 14 Home Construction & Hotpot Evening
- 21 D&W - The Chimneys, Hooton
- 28 Internet Connectivity in Amateur Radio by Ian G3ZHI (Using a live Internet Phone Link)

December

- 05 D&W - The Saughall Hotel, Saughall Massie
- 07 WADARC Christmas Bash - Hotel Vic' New Brighton
- 12 Chairmans Night
- 19 D&W The Green Lodge, Hoyle Lake

January 2002

- 02 D&W - The Railway, Meols
- 09 WADARC Annual General Meeting
- 16 D&W - The Fox & Hounds, Barnston
- 23 Pre-Owned Bargain Items Evening (Surplus Sale)

Guess the Swarrrr !!



These two antennas could be seen earlier this year at the Wimbledon media centre and whoever took the picture thought that the BBC OB engineers had installed them and posted the picture on uk.tech.broadcast

The BBC engineers were very quick to defend themselves and replied that they were not their antennas at all. One of the BBC men went up to have a look at the labels on the coax and it turned out they belonged to one of the German broadcasters at the centre. Bet they didn't check the SWR before heading off to the pub !

Thanks to Phil, g6iim@qsl.net