

Wirral & District Amateur Radio Club

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COMMITTEE At the first committee meeting to be held after the AGM, on Tuesday 16th January, Neil G4OAR was voted in as Chairman. Treasurer is Bob G4NCI and Gerry G8TRY takes over as Secretary. Other members of the committee are:- Phil G6IIM, Tom G4BKF, Phil G0JSB and Chris G0PKE.

NEW NATTER QRG The list of stations now operating on the newly adopted 4m frequency of 70.450 (also known as the calling frequency) is now up to 6. Regulars on so far are Brian, G4ZRP, Denis G3UVR, Tom G4BKF, Eddie G6XHG, Neil G4OAR and Jem G4NOY with more due on soon. A keen advocate of this band is Tom G4BKF who has been exploring many avenues to source suitable pmr rigs to mod and make available to club members at minimal cost. Tom has been so successful that radio's are now starting to arrive through the post from all over the UK ! If you would like to join in on 4m, contact Tom either on packet @GB7OAR or email [✉g4bkf@qsl.net](mailto:g4bkf@qsl.net) Get your name on the list !

XMAS BASH On Firday 1st December last, a party of 20 plus members and wives enjoyed an excellent night out at the Hotel Victoria in New Brighton. The variety and quality of the food was excellent. Second helpings were the order of the evening and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all attending. Harry, G1UHO, also managed to pull a free bed and breakfast, courtesy of the NHS, and glad to report was fine the next morning.

Membership Fees

Same as Last Year !

Full membership £17
Retired members £12
if paid before March 31st or
+ £2 afterwards.

NARSA Rally is again at the Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool on the 18th March. WADARC usually man the disabled doors for a couple of hours during the day in return for free entry to the Rally and a share of the Rally profits to WADARC. If you can join us please email Phil [✉g6iim@qsl.net](mailto:g6iim@qsl.net)

Coming Soon to Irby

The New Year starts off traditionally with the "Pre owned Bargain Items" evening on the 24th January. Auctioneer for the evening will be Peter, G3PYU.

Glyn Parry returns by popular demand in February with pictures and stories about Liverpool Railway Transport.

Meanwhile, Phil G0JSB has promised the first of a possible series on the topic of "Building a Website" Part 1 will be starting at the very basics of planning and design and will be using software we all have on our PC's and ending the talk by uploading the evenings build onto a suitable site. This will be an excellent evening for those who don't know where to start. (Me for one Ed.)

March brings back that increasingly popular "Bring & Tell" night. Bring a piece of equipment and tell us about it. It can even be non-radio bring something which would be of interest. March 28th is to be a Video night including the excellent IOTA video which many missed.

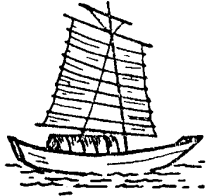
PTO. for full list of the first 4 months events.

Oakum or Salt Beef ?

JUNK, *n.* junk, pieces of old cable or cordage, used for making points, gaskets, mats, &c., and, when untwisted and picked to pieces, forming oakum for filling the seams of ships; hard salt beef supplied for long voyages, so called from its resemblance to old rope. (Port. *junco*, a rush.)

JUNK, *n.* junk, a Chinese flat-bottomed vessel with one or more pole masts and flat matting sails. (Port.)

JUNKEE, *n.* *yoonk-er*, a young German nobleman or squire, especially a member of the reactionary Prussian nobility. (Ger. literally, young lord.)



Junk.

Over the years, you may just have noticed that I have carried out a "one person" crusade over the use of the phrase "Junk Sale". As you can see from the definition of "Junk" in Nuttals Standard Dictionary of the English Language we don't sell rope, salt. beef or even Chinese boats !

Any of the following would be acceptable:-

- Pre owned Bargain Night
 - Surplus Disposal Evening
 - Unwanted Goods Opportunity
 - Used Device Liquidation Event
 - Pre enjoyed Chattels Bazaar
 - Secondhand Equipment Givaway (nearly)
- Have fun.. Brian G4ZRP@GB7OAR

N. Wales DF Hunt

This popular event sadly was cancelled last year due to the fuel shortage and so this year we propose to hold two events, April and September. Make a note in your diaries that Sunday 29th April is to be our first major 2m North Wales DF Hunt. The start will be the car park of the Clwyd Gate Inn and Motel. Please be there at the latest 09:50am for 10am start. The NGR is SJ 164582 and the frequency will be 145.325. All details for the day will be given to you then. There will be one morning fox which it is anticipated everyone should find, and two more difficult afternoon foxes, the format arranged after experiences gained in previous years.

For more details, please contact Tom, G4BKF either @GB7OAR or by email
✉ g4bkf@qsl.net

Internet or Packet ?

Like it or not (and we do) the internet is here to stay and we (the committee) believe we should make better use of it to propogate our club activities etc.

We therefore propose, with your help, to draw up a list of those who would like to receive this kind of Newsletter in .pdf format rather than the club having to pay postage and envelope costs in sending it to you by traditional means. The Club Calendar would still be on GB7OAR.

Brian G4ZRP will therefore be asking everyone who attends the club for your email address (clearly @qsl.net would be easiest Hi..)

CONTACT If you have any suggestions for club talks OR comments please contact:-

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Wirral & District ARC - Calendar 2001

January

- 10 AGM
- 17 D&W at The Chimney's, Hooton
- 21 *Oldham ARC Rally*
- 24 Pre owned Bargain Items Evening – Auctioneer Peter G3PYU
- 31 D&W - The Railway, Meols

February

- 7 D&W – The Harp, Lower Neston
- 14 "Under Over & Up" by Glyn Parry
- 21 D&W – The Black Horse, Lower Heswall
- 28 Phil G0JSB – Lets Build a Website Part 1

March

- 7 D&W – The Fox & Hounds, Barnston
- 14 Bring & Tell
- 18 *NARSA Rally, Norbreck Castle Hotel Blackpool*
- 21 D&W – The Bridge Inn, Port Sunlight
- 28 Video Night – Dxpedition + Historical Wirral

April

- 4 D&W – The Hotel Victoria, Lower Heswall
- 11 "Public Broadcasting Anecdotes" by Martyn Doig GW4CQZ

QSL.NET was started in the Winter of 1996 by K3TKJ as an experiment in managing a live Internet network and learning about the Linux Operating System. Now QSL.NET has over 200,000 users and sends and receives over 1 million emails a day with over 50,000 individual live web pages. The QSL system consists of 8 internet servers offering the following services FREE... all for being a ham.

FREE email address automatically forwards your email to your real address.
Yourcall@qsl.net

FREE web space for your homepage
URL is <http://www.qsl.net/Yourcall>

FREE FTP Access...

QSL.NET is a hobby site, not a business and running it is not cheap. In 1999 the total budget was \$25,000 and is funded mostly by donations.

Just log on to www.qsl.net and follow the instructions.

73 de Neil ✉ g4oar@qsl.net