

CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Meetings.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, 5th September 1967 at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

On this occasion the evening will be devoted to Technical Questions, when members will have the opportunity to put their queries to a panel of experts. It is hoped that you will therefore bring along at least one question, relating to amateur radio.

Forthcoming Events.

With several members wishing to attend the Harlow Mobile Rally on September 24th, it has been decided to bring forward the next DF event originally fixed on that day, to Sunday 17th September. PLEASE NOTE. The starting point will be from Galleywood Common near the Church, map reference 703029 commencing at 1400 BST. The hidden station will be G3RZP/P.

The last DF event for this season will be held on Sunday 15th, October, further details next month.

News Item.

Members will no doubt be surprised to hear that Peter Naish G3EIX is leaving Chelmsford, to take up residence in Australia. An ardent member of the Society for many years, we are naturally sorry to hear of his decision, but I am sure that we all wish him every success in his new venture and look forward to hearing a new VK callsign in the near future.

DF Results

The "practice" DF event held on Sunday afternoon 6th, August worked out well apart from lack of sunshine.

The starting point on this occasion was Galleywood Common where, with the assistance of Roy Martyr's mobile equipment, contact was established with the hidden station soon after 1430 BST. After a general role call by G3PMX the six teams were soon under way.

The hidden station G5IX/P was located north of Howe Street in a hedge adjoining a farm track, map reference TL.694157 with a convenient tree nearby for supporting the aerial.

Peter Naish G3EIX was the first to appear and after an overshoot checked in at 1559 BST to be followed by Roy Martyr G3PMX some fifteen minutes later. At 1700 BST, as no further competitors had been sighted

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it was decided to conclude transmissions, this was unfortunate as it subsequently turned out that Ian Gillis, Frank Piper (minus compass)! and John Rollison G3WCO were all in the vicinity. Of the other competitors, one apparently had trouble with ferrite mines and was last seen travelling in the direction of Stock.

With no base station, due thanks must go to G3HT, 3EBU, 3RHO and 3OET for keeping contact with the hidden station throughout the afternoon.

Those taking part included G3BGO, 3WCO, 3EIX, 3KPJ, 3PMX, 3KXQ, 51X and Ian Gillis.

It seems fair to say that the DF event held on Sunday 20th, August can be classified as one of the most successful, with ten teams competing and ideal weather.

Nine cars set off from Victoria car park soon after 1415 BST with G3EDM starting on his own from Galleywood Common. Sensing once again proved unreliable to at least one competitor who had a plot for Southend.

The hidden station G3RZP/P was located on the outskirts of Felsted in a ditch by the side of a farm track and well concealed by an overhanging hedge, map reference TL. 683203.

Roy Martyr G3PMX assisted by his son David, in cooperation with Arthur Wreford G3EHZ operated a "pincer" movement during the final stages of their individual hunts, and tied for first place at 1601 BST, followed by John Rollison G3WCO as runner up at 1612 BST. After this there was a fairly steady stream of competitors, with Mike Smith G3RMN winning the cross country walk! Transmissions from the hidden station concluded at 1700 BST with only one competitor unaccounted for, we hope he is not still looking!

We wish to thank Pete Chadwick G3RZP, Paul Selwood, and Jon Naughton for their efforts in setting up and running the hidden station in spite of subsequent difficulties with the receiver, also to Ron Ferguson G4VF who once again did valiant work in operating the base station single handed.

Those taking part included G3WCO, 3EDM, 3EHZ, 3EIX, 3KPJ, 3PEV, 3PMX, 3RNM, 3RZP, 4VF, 51X, Ian Gillis and Glen Swift.

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