

CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Meetings

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday 4th, June 1968 at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford, commencing at 7.30p.m.

On this occasion the evening will be devoted to a quiz contest entitled RADIO QUESTION TIME. Members of the Colchester Radio Club have kindly agreed to take part in a challenge match against a team for our Society. The quiz Chairman will be Don Beattie G3OZF; he will invite the three members from each team to answer questions put to them in turn and will generally keep order on proceedings. The quiz will commence at 8.00p.m. to allow for the Colchester contingent's travelling time. In the preceding half hour, instruction will be given on use of the KW2000A for NFD operators.

Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday 18th, June 1968 at the Wheatsheaf, New Street, Chelmsford, commencing at 7.30p.m.

Forthcoming Events

National Field Day will be held on the week-end of June 8th-9th and the Society will be running two stations at Danbury Park.

Most of the arrangements are now complete and some fine equipment is available. However, we still need more helpers, especially to assist with setting up the stations, aerials, tents etc; should you feel unable to spend the whole weekend at Danbury, any short term help will be most welcome. The really busy time is Saturday afternoon, midday onwards. Sandwiches etc., are available at "The Bell" for those who want lunch at Danbury, while tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided on site.

We also need second operators for the stations to help with the logging, and the only requirements here is to be able to write! Anybody who can help for an hour or two (or more) between 1800 BST on Saturday and 1800 BST on the Sunday will be very welcome. For those without transport, there are cars going to Danbury, leaving Chelmsford around 1130 BST on the Saturday. Further details from G3OZF at the June meeting, or ring him at Chelmsford 72855 any evening.

The roster for operators will be finalised on the Saturday afternoon. If any operators cannot be on site at 1800 BST Saturday, can they please contact G3OZF before then to arrange their times.

Any operators unfamiliar with KW2000A operation are invited to come early to the June meeting, to have a "driving lesson" where a KW2000A will be available. Four pairs of headphones will be available on site. If you have a favourite pair of high or low impedance "cans" which you would rather use, please make sure that they are fitted with a standard, two pole jack plug. Likewise, keys should be provided with a two pole jack plug.

THE KW2000A'S HAVE BEEN MODIFIED TO USE 2E26 VALVES, WE HAVE NO SPARES!
IF ANYONE CAN BRING ONE WITH THEM FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY, WE SHALL BE VERY GRATEFUL.

The stations will be established near the middle of Danbury Park.

Directions to the main entrance:-

Drive up Danbury Hill from Chelmsford, turn hard right at "The Bell" public house into Danbury Park. Cars must be left at the car park just inside the main gates. NO CARS MUST BE TAKEN ON TO THE CAMPING GROUND. The site is then about three hundred yards down the central path towards Chelmsford, just beyond a clump of pine trees.

In conclusion, come along if you possibly can; you will be made very welcome.

DF Events

DF events continue to enjoy popularity with a steady increase in the number of competitors taking part; it has therefore been decided to book the following dates provisionally, further details later.

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Sunday 16th, June 1968
Sunday 7th, July 1968
Sunday 11th, August 1968
Sunday 15th, September 1968
Sunday 6th, October 1968

It is hoped to make at least one of these events a joint occasion with the Colchester Radio Club.

Ongar Transmitting Station

A visit has been arranged for Friday evening, June 21st and as private cars are being used, we have been asked to keep the number of these to a minimum, owing to parking facilities at the station. Will those members requiring transport please contact G3OZF at the June meeting. The arrival time on site is 1930 hours and the visit is expected to last about two hours.

The Mullard Observatory

Arrangements are now being finalised for the visit to Cambridge, numbers are unfortunately limited but one or two vacancies still exist, so if you are interested please contact G3OZF at the latest by the July meeting. The visit at the observatory commences at 1500 hours.

DF Results

Ideal weather conditions prevailed for the DF hunt held on Sunday 12th, May when a total of fourteen teams took part. The starting point was Galleywood Common where the majority of the competitors assembled. XJG/3VCH provided an unusual spectacle with a somewhat massive aerial array perched aloft.

Roy Martyr G3PMX kindly acted as marshall, keeping the control station G4VF advised on the identity of the teams taking part. The hidden station G3RMN/P provided a strong signal and teams were away to a good start soon after 14.05.

The transmitter was located in Potash Wood, map reference TQ848907, a site which proved quite difficult to locate with several competitors getting initial intersections in the Rettendon area. Arthur Butcher G3KPJ was the first to arrive at 1624, with Gilbert Newnham G3PDK at 1628, followed by George Cutting G3GNQ and Tony Dix G5IX at 1631. A total of nine teams managed to check in before transmissions were concluded at 1720.

An interesting discussion followed at the tea site at Hockley Woods, in all an enjoyable afternoon in spite of some of the bearings being not quite right.

Due thanks must go to Mike Smith G3RMN for his efforts in running the hidden station and to Ron Ferguson G4VF who once again provided the control station.

Those taking part included G3BGO, 3EDM, 3GNQ, 3KPJ, 3MU0, 3OYX, 3PDK, 3PEV, 3PMX, 3UCD, 3VCH, 3VLC, 3XJG, 5IX and 8AZC.

For Consideration

There are now at least sixteen active stations on 2 metres in the Chelmsford area and it has been proposed that a common calling frequency should be established so that it may be possible to make contact without prior arrangement.

This system has been adopted in other parts of the country and is meeting with success not only from the social point of view but could be very useful in the event of an emergency.

If you have any comments on this proposal, please inform G3O2F or any member of the committee.

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