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The next meeting of the Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society will be on Tuesday 2nd December, 1975. at 7.30 pm sharp, at Marconi College Arbour Lane, Chelmsford. Our speaker for this month will be Eric Mollart who will talk about D.F. Hunting, he will also be showing a film on the subject.

The next committee meeting is at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10th December in the saloon bar at the Wheatsheaf New Street, Chelmsford.

RAFFLES

Last months raffle was well supported by members with a reasonable profit made by the club. This will help to cure additional inflationary costs. This months raffle has ten items, so please continue to support it.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have not renewed your subscription since the A.G.M. in October, this will be your last newsletter, the circulation list for 1975/76 will be finalised after the December meeting.

NEWS ITEMS

A rumour which will become an established fact after December 1st 1975. This is an increase in the cost of transmitting licence fee payable to the Home Office. This has been brought about by the increased Administration and Interference search costs. It is an all round increase of 60% which covers mobile radio paging system and amateur radio. So your new licence for the fixed station will be £4.80 and £2.40 for the mobile licence. The cost of the present licence has been constant since October 1968, which is not bad when you take all things into consideration.

The afternoon of Sunday November 9th gave many VHF operators a chance to communicate via Aurora. This was quite an intense one with GM stations being worked at S9. Much of the Dx was semi local, G, GI, GD, GM although OZ, SM, LA, PA, DM, SP and HB9 were also worked. There was considerable activity on both SSB and CW; one UR was heard on 2 metres and Simon, G3LQR worked one QSO on 70 cms, G3WSN was alerted by his mel drum monitor and by Barry, G3WFF, who by the way has joined the ranks of 2 metre SSB (QRP at present). Another VHF exponent Paul, G3YDY who has not been active of late due to other commitments and Qth moves, was heard the other day on a strange band (for him) 20 metres, trying out an SSB Rig!

Congratulations to Peter, G3LTF on a new European Record G to SM5 on 23 cms obtained during the last lift at the end of October.

Further to comments in "Radio Communications", the collecting of QRA squares has become common practice throughout region 1 and it has nearly overtaken the county system. A top list is published in the German "Dubus" magazine and steps are being taken to publish this in "Radio Com".

Finally, although it is a wee bit early a Happy and a not too expensive Christmas to all members.

Best 73 and Good Dx
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