

Next Meeting

Traditionally, the June meeting is the Constructors Competition, 1978 is no exception. So get those projects finished off and bring the bodies along to the club. Be prepared to speak for a few minutes and answer questions. Each entry should be clearly labelled and the label should give a brief description of the equipment. The first, second and third prizes, will be £5, £3 and £2 respectively. The judges decision is final.

The meeting will take place at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford on Tuesday 6th June beginning at 7:30pm.

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 14th June, Wheatsheaf, 7:30pm.

Contest

The offer mentioned in newsletter 148 has been taken up and the club will be entering the 144MHz portable contest on 27th & 28th May. The effort is being run by a small group of young members and is being co-ordinated by John Donnithorne, G8MKX. The site is in Danbury Park close to the old NFD site. Please go along during the weekend and lend hands or moral support.

Happy Event

All are welcome to attend Rettendon Parish Church on 24th June at 2:30pm for the wedding of Andrew G8KQE and Daphne. I'm sure I speak for all the club members in wishing them both good fortune for the future. (For your information Daphne, Pocketfones may be rendered virtually unusable by a simple modification. Details from G4CUE)

RSGB

With WARC79 fast approaching it is vitally necessary that the RSGB has a strong voice and truly represents the opinions of the radio amateurs within the UK. To ensure that the Society receives the maximum support please make sure that you try and convince any non-members of your acquaintance that they would benefit greatly by joining. Membership forms are available from Les.

Ally Pally Report by John Bowen, G8DET

The Club Outing to Ally Pally went off smoothly with 30 people going on the 6th May. We had a 45-Seater so had a little room to move about. 4 members did not go and so lost their deposit, pity, we would like to have seen them. The Club is pleased that Braintree and Colchester Club Members came and swelled the numbers.

We were able to park at the rear of the exhibition hall with a little persuasion to the traffic wardens.

The coach returned a little early to avoid the Cup Final crowds and arrived back in Writtle at 6pm. Lets do it again next year.

(Members contributions like this are always welcome - G4CUE)

Woburn Rally 6th August

Following the success of the Ally Pally outing, the club will be running a coach to Woburn. Please reserve your seat by giving Les, G4CUT or John G8DET a £1 note.

Club Nets

Mondays 145,55MHz (S22) fm  
Fridays 1920kHz (approx) SSB/am

Direction Finding

The next club hunt is on Sunday 28th May starting from Galleywood Common (behind the church) at 2pm. The hidden station will be G4CUE/P.

The Chelmsford Qualifying Round of the National DF Championship took place on 23rd April in superb weather. The unofficial results went as follows:-

		'A' Station	'B' Station
1.	Peter Lisle	Mid-Thames	1535½ 1430
2.	Ian Butson	Chelmsford	1536 1432
3.	Brian Bristow	Mid-Thames	1536¼ 1430
4.	Chris Wells	Mid-Thames	1546 1431
5.	Bernard Poole	Mid-Thames	1546¼ 1432½
6.	Dave Holland	S. Manchester	1548 1452½
7.	Derek Newman	Slade	1604½ 1434
8.	Paul Tyler	Mid-Thames	1616 1452
9.	Geoff Foster	Stratford	1617½ 1433
10.	Bill North	Mid-Thames	1619 1431
11.	Dick Brocks	Chelmsford	1620 1456
12.	Colin Merry	Dartford Heath	1629 1455
13.	Arthur Butcher	Chelmsford	- 1431
14.	Phil Wells	Dartford Heath	- 1508
15.	Paul Yeates	Salisbury	- 1510
16.	Trevor Gage	Mid-Thames	- 1534
17.	Paul Homer	Dartford Heath	- 1617

The event was very closely contested and congratulations go to Peter Lisle and Ian Butson who, subject to confirmation, qualify for the final. Ian also won the Mid Essex Trophy for the best placed member of the Chelmsford, Colchester or Vange Clubs. Thanks go to Mike, G3WMM and Colin, G3VKQ who operated the hidden stations.

Small Ads

G8DET reports that he has sold many of his "hand warmers" as advertised in the last issue. Don't forget that this is a free service available to all members. Send your ads to G4CUE or G3PMX.

Mullard Modules

Tony, G5IX has located a source of the popular modules suitable for DF sets at £1 each plus p&p. There are also some of the vhf fm modules (LP1185/86) at £6 a pair. See Tony for details.

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SITUATIONS VACANT

The Marine Communications Development Group of Marconi Communication Systems Ltd., (New St. Works, Chelmsford) have vacancies for transmitter technique orientated engineers. Although a Degree or H.N.C. is desirable, we give very serious consideration to enthusiastic people who have had experience in the Development of Radio Communications Equipment, or are very knowledgeable and have done a fair amount of "home-brew work" such persons would be put to work under the direction of experienced Senior Marconi Engineers. We are looking primarily for people aged between 25 and 35 years of age.

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