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Next Meeting.

Unfortunately the speaker for the August meeting (G3PEM) has been called away to a North Sea oil rig and will not be able to give his talk. John Bowen stepped in and has arranged a visit to Chelmsford Telephone Exchange on the club night. This should prove to be very interesting and will include a tour of automatic and manual installations. International dialling equipment is being fitted and we should see some of that also.

The Telephone Exchange is located in Cottage Place, which is reached by the road which runs along the side of the Wheatsheaf pub in New Street. The Exchange buildings are in two blocks with an interconnecting bridge over the road. We are asked to arrive at 7.15 p.m. and park cars on the road under or near the archway. We will then be treated to a cup of Post Office tea and an interesting talk. The visit will finish at about 10.00 p.m.

The Post Office are still very concerned about security and it will be necessary to give them a list of those attending beforehand so please ring John Bowen (Danbury 4677) or John Greenwood (Chelmsford 421223) if you would like to go. Closing date for applications is Sunday 5th August.

The visit will take place on Tuesday August 7th. Please note that you should carry some form of identification during the visit e.g. Work pass, Driving Licence, Bank card etc.

Committee Meeting.

Wheatsheaf, Wednesday 15th August, 7.30 p.m.

Woburn Rally Trip Sunday 5th August.

The trip is definitely ON but there are still a few places left. Contact John Bowen (Danbury 4677) if you would like to add your name to the list. The bus will stop at the County Hotel at 8.10 a.m. but will not wait, the main pick up point is at Writtle Green near the duck pond and the bus will leave there at 8.30. We expect to be at Woburn until 4.30 p.m.

Direction Finding.

Last months event was well attended and was a bit unusual in that the hidden station was operated by Doreen G8NMO using

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the call sign G4CUE/P. Doreen and Barry (G8NMP) set up the station and did a fine job of it too, being located in a ditch in wood close to Hanningfield Reservoir. The results were as follows :-

Competitor	-	Time finished.
Dick G3WHR		2:52
Ron G8PUI		2:53
Graham		2:59
Arthur G3KPJ		3:04
Geoff G8PXT		3:14
Andrew G8KQE		3:15

Larry, G8NDU had receiver trouble and went home.

Next months DF will take place on Sunday 26th August starting at 2.00 p.m. from Galleywood Common behind the Church. The Call sign of the hidden station will be announced at the start.

The Colchester club will be holding one of its popular evening hunts on the preceding Friday. The start will be at Fordham Heath near Colchester opposite the Star pub. NGR 945264. Map 168 Colchester and the Blackwater.

#### VHF Field day.

The event was largely a chapter of disasters but everyone enjoyed themselves and were keen to have another go next year. The first problem came when it was discovered that the Southend Club were going to use a site less than a mile from our site at Little Baddow. It was reckoned that this would make operation very difficult and so as they were there first we decided to move. Fortunately Willy was able to find a site at Great Braxted by kind permission of the Water Authority. The site was superb and we were doing very well indeed on 70 cm until the linear expired (cause still unknown). The 2 metre linear never did work and at the end the 23 cm station was running more power than the other stations put together!

Nevertheless we had some very good contacts on all three bands and a lot was learnt which should make next year much more successful.

If those who helped could give a piece of paper to Willy setting out what they thought was wrong (be brutal!) and what could be done to improve matters, we will be able to maximize the improvement for next time.

73,

Bill.

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