

CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY.
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Next Meeting.

At the next meeting we welcome Richard Limebear, G3RWL from AMSAT UK to give us an illustrated talk about the amateur satellite service. The talk will include a slide show and it is hoped that during the evening a satellite will make an overhead orbit so that we can hear this fascinating mode of communication on a ten-metre receiver. Venue as usual, Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Springfield, 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7th June.

Meetings to come.

July - Constructors Competition.
August - Slow Scan Television or R.S.G.B. Lecture.

Committee Meeting.

Wednesday June 15th 7.30 p.m. at the Sportsmans Arms, Hatfield Peverel.

Report on last months meeting.

On May 2nd we were honoured with the presence of Ted G4MOV and his guide dog Drake. Ted started by telling us how he became interested in radio by listening to his P.M.R. set in the cab of his lorry. Following a road accident in the early seventies he completely lost his sight and began listening on the short waves. Ted passed his oral R.A.E. with a credit and a distinction and now is fully operational on H.F. as well as V.H.F. He told of his acquisition of his tower and how he dismantled it from its previous location and re-erected it in his garden with a little guidance from his wife. Ted then told us a little about the training of a guide dog and how dedicated they are to their owners. During the evening he demonstrated his audio test equipment and showed us how he loads up his H.F. transceiver with the aid of an audio generator linked to the front panel meter. A truly remarkable chap who gave us a very interesting talk.

D.F. News 1 - Dick G3WHR.

The first Chelmsford event of 1983 was held on Friday 15th April. The hidden station G3WHR/P was in Chalkney Wood, to the North of Coggeshall. A very good signal at the start misled some competitors into thinking that the hidden station was much nearer than it was. Late arrivals at the Tx site found the daylight fading fast, which presented problems for those without a torch.

Results.

Pat Crammer	G6DTU	8.32	Ron Newman	G4JIE	8.42
Frank Pearson	G4JVM	8.33	Ian Butson	G4HKC	8.48
Paul McNeil	G8DRG	8.37	Peter Larbalestier	G6HIR	8.50
Alan Williams	G4PQY	8.40	Andy Haynes	G6HTD	9.01
Roy Emery	G4JAC	8.41	Jeff Herbert	G4JJH	----

D.F. News 2 - Dick G3WHR.

Local Event 13th May, 10 teams assembled for the start. The hidden station was G3WHR/P in a wood near Wakes Colne. Once again the strength of the signal caused competitors to underestimate the distance. One competitor left his car nearly 1 mile from the transmitter, but the sound of a passing train soon had him on the right track.

Results.

Andy Haynes	G6HTD	8.19	Roy Emeny	G4JAC	8.33
Ian Butson	G4HKC	8.22	Paul McNeil	G8DRG	8.37
Frank Pearson	G4JVM	8.23	Paul Clark	-----	8.40
Alan Williams	G4PQY	8.29	Dave Piper	G4JXY	8.42
Peter Larbalestier	G4TEB	8.31	Ron Newman	G4JIE	8.43

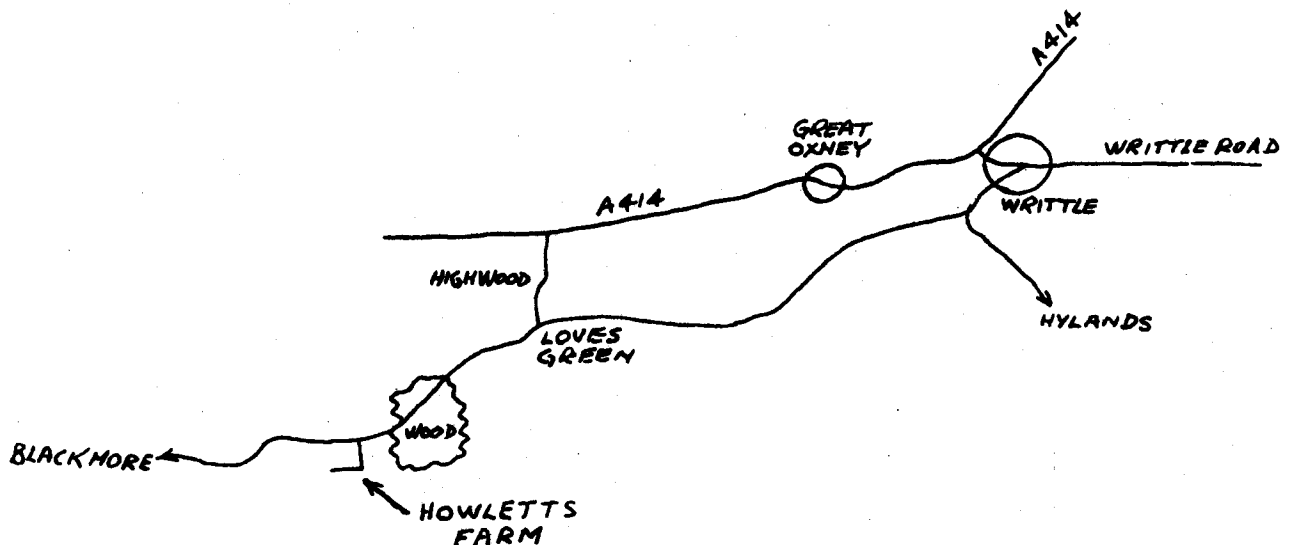
There is no Chelmsford DF event this month, Colchester have an event on 3rd June.

Our Key Event - NFD 4/5 June - Dick G3WHR.

Got the pre-election blues/reds/yellows. Enjoy a day (or two) in the countryside. The site is at NGR TL 618018 near Blackmore and is by kind permission of the owner. Access is via the Blackmore - Highwood road about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Blackmore, see map. Turn right off the main road, go past the farm buildings, right again at the pond and approx; $\frac{1}{4}$ mile down the track.

In addition to our key workers, we need assistance with setting up the station; for example, it takes 6 people to erect the club telomast. We plan to meet on-site at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Visitors are welcome at any time.



No smoke without fire - Roy, G3PMX.

For the first time in the history of the society the committee have received a complaint regarding cigarette and pipe smoking at the meetings. Although smokers are in the minority, their feelings must be considered and this matter was discussed at length during the last committee meeting. The problem revolves around the fact that to segregate the smokers from the non-smokers tends to separate groups of friends who in most circumstances do not give the matter a second thought. The committee considered that to ban smoking altogether would receive a very unfavourable reaction from those who enjoy the habit and therefore have recommended that as an experiment non-smokers are invited to sit at the front of the hall if they so desire.

Raffle.

Don't forget the raffle, the prizes this month include a QSL card holder, Chocolates and a bottle of !!!

73,

Andrew.

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