

CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING

The first meeting of the New Year is the traditional "Film Night" - well, it's more of a video evening these days... We hope to tempt you with material from the RSGB about WSLFL Space Shuttle operation, and other goodies. Don't forget that the Jackpot Raffle - the one you get a free ticket to each time you buy normal raffle tickets - will be drawn at this meeting. The prize is, as usual, books to the value of £6-00.

In addition to the main programme, if any of you have slides (35mm), movie films (8mm) or video-cassettes (VHS) of radio activities that you think might interest the other members, please do not hesitate to bring them along for presentation, too.

This year we will depart from our usual rule of the first Tuesday of the month, as that falls on New Year's Day. The meeting will be a week later, on 8 January 1985, at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford, at 7:30pm.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The next committee meeting will be in the bar of the Marconi College at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 16 January, 1985. Please come and join us for a quiet drink and a chat.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26 Jan. - The Social - see below...

5 Feb. - V.L.F. Antennas, Tony Gilbey G4YT6

* We are pleased to announce that Willie McLintock G3VPK was placed in *
* first position in the recent RSGB Council election and has been duly *
* re-elected to represent Zone C. Congratulations are extended on behalf *
* of all fellow members of the Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society. *

SOCIAL EVENING

Thirty-three people have booked places for the Annual Club Dinner, so it looks like it will be a busy time for the staff at The Rose & Crown carvery, Writtle on Saturday evening, 26 January 1985.

As a reminder to those who will be there: we will meet in the bar downstairs at 7:00pm so as to be ready for sitting upstairs at 7:30pm, sharp. The total price is still just £6-00, which includes the starter, main course and dessert, and also coffee or tea afterwards. Drinks are not included. Please pay the balance to Bill Cole, G4JUW, at the next meeting, or post it to him at "Sunnybrae", The Ridge, Little Baddow. Alternatively, you can give it to him on the night.

The Rose and Crown is located at the northwest corner of Writtle Green. If approaching from Chelmsford along the A414 then turn left along the A122 at the service station on the corner (back towards Chelmsford and Hylands Park). You will see your destination after about 100m on the right. If coming from Chelmsford via Writtle Road (A122), then pass the turning to Hylands Park and continue about 100m until you reach the Green.

There is plenty of parking space around the Green, and in a public car-park at the eastern corner, by the pond.

LAST MEETING - ROY G3PMX.

This was a double event, provided by club members. John Greenwood G3KRZ was first on stage to present a most interesting and infomative talk on 10 Metre FM operation. John explained in detail how to convert 27MHz CB rigs to 28MHz Amateur application and supported his talk with numerous hand-outs of circuits etc., he left us in no doubt which sets will convert and those that will not!.

In contrast but equally interesting, Brian Scroggs G6FLI followed John with a talk and slide show on the construction and operation of the notorious Army & Navy Fly-over. Brian provided a very humorous explanation on the planning behind this civil engineering project and the psychology of preventing 40ft artics meeting head-on over the bridge. Thanks to both for a pleasant evening.

CLUB NET

The new club net on Tuesday evenings (7:15pm on 911, 145.275MHz) is still going well. No-one has mentioned any difficulties with the choice of frequency or time.

OUR NAVY - from Andrew, G4KQE

On Tuesday, 4 December (club night), John Bowen and I, accompanied by our wives, represented CARS, by invitation, at a presentation by the Royal Navy at the Chancellor Hall, Chelmsford.

Captain James Weatherall and his team gave a detailed lecture to a packed audience about the role of today's Royal Navy.

At 8:00pm, precisely, the house lights dimmed and Capt. Weatherall introduced himself. He outlined the importance of allowing our Merchant Fleet free passage across the sea to our island. He showed film of the various threats to Maritime Peace and how other potentially hostile navies had grown dramatically in recent years. The part that Britain plays in the NATO agreement was explained and illustrated with slides.

Some of the weapons systems were described, including the Trident missiles. A "veteran" of the Falklands campaign, Capt. Weatherall described the important part that the Navy had played. He said that there were many lessons to be learned from the campaign, but the Navy's quick response to the call of duty proved that the training was worthwhile. Afterwards Capt. Weatherall called for questions, and gave definite and concise answers to all those raised.

The presentation closed at about 9:30pm, when the representatives of the Public were invited to talk to the presentation team over coffee and biscuits. I found it a very enjoyable evening, presented, with military precision, to a cross-section of the people of Chelmsford, and I am sure that all wish Capt. Weatherall every success when he assumes command of the new HMS Ark Royal in the New Year.

HERE & THERE - ELA G6HKM

The Society extends a welcome to two new members, Carl Baier G1HVQ and Peter Franklin G1FOA. Congratulations to Albert Hill who is now G0AEH (ex G1GHL), if you have not heard or worked a G0 yet, Albert is a regular on the Tuesday evening club net, why not join us.

Forgive me for mentioning subscriptions again but if you have not renewed yours this will be YOUR LAST newsletter. I will of course be pleased to take your money at the next meeting or you may post to me at "Little Fellows", 1, High Houses, Mashbury Road, Great Waltham, Chelmsford, CM3 1EL.

At long last we have had some 'Tropo' on 2m and 70cms peaking on the 11th December. I operated 70cms and collected several new squares the furthest being 'FJ' in Germany, unfortunately it was almost back to normal for the 70cms cumulative contest on the 12th, contests always seem to be the day after good Tropo openings. Don't forget the new locator system starts on 1st January 1985, do you know yours? it's a world wide system so can be used on all bands, not just VHF and UHF. Best wishes for 1985 and good DXing.

73,
Ian, G4BYR.

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WANTED

Empty reels for 1/4" magnetic tape. Preferably small ones (3" or 5" diameter) like those from Dictaphones, or similar. - Andrew, G4KQE.