

Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society.

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NEXT MEETING - Arrow Radio.

At 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th December we welcome a return visit by Bob Boddy, G6AKL, representing Arrow Radio Ltd., to give us a further insight into the professional side of Amateur Radio.

Among the subjects covered will be the servicing of surface mounted component boards, an overview of the new hobby of Scanning and the introduction to new lines in equipment.

We look forward to a good gathering of members for the pre-Christmas meeting and a very informative evening at The Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

- 4 Dec. CLUB MEETING - Arrow Radio, presented by Bob G6AKL.
- 9 Dec. VERULAM CHRISTMAS RALLY - Hatfield Polytechnic.
- 15 Dec. CLUB SOCIAL - at The William Boosey, Hatfield Peverel.
- 8 Jan. CLUB MEETING - The Annual Film/Video Show - PLEASE NOTE DATE!
- 5 Feb. CLUB MEETING - Navico, presented by G6PZZ.

REPORT OF LAST MONTHS MEETING - Andrew G4KQE.

At the beginning of the evening, our President Roy, performed the enjoyable task of presenting Philip Cunningham, a member of the Colchester Club, with the Chelmsford D.F. Trophy in respect of his winning performance in this years D.F. events. Philip had come down from Manningtree to be with us, and had brought his navigator and 'bush beater', his 6 year old daughter, Tabatha, to help him collect the trophy.

The 45 or so members out to find a bargain on Tuesday 6th November were not disappointed. By 7.30pm the stage was weighted down with interesting items for sale. This year there were much larger items, complete units such as a CR100 receiver, signal generator and portable tape recorder as well as one or two complete audio amplifiers. There did not appear to be quite so many components or 'junk' this year - not to say that there were no bargains!

Gwyn, G4FKH was our Auctioneer, Chris G0IPU and Andrew, G4KQE were the runners and our Treasurer, Brian, G3CVI, was in charge of receiving and logging the sale proceeds.

Gwyn started the bidding by offering some steel project boxes for sale, several of the larger ones went for £1, and I am looking forward to seeing them again in June, having been transformed and entered in the Constructors' Competition.

A set of baby alarm/intercoms generated interest amongst those with young children and produced some fierce bidding. The audio fraternity were adequately provided for, there being audio amplifiers and loudspeakers in abundance, not to mention hanks of speaker cable, brought from a seemingly bottomless pit, as Gwyn kept on bringing up more for auction, not saying how much he had left.

Gwyn, being a man of the key, and therefore not too familiar with other modes of communication, picked up an object and proceeded to try to sell it as an electric motor, only to be corrected by a member who said it was in fact a microphone!

The bidding went on until 10.20pm perhaps indicating the success of the evening, or perhaps more likely a collective ploy of all members to be as late home as possible, so that the xyl would be safely in bed out of the way so that the newly acquired junk could be brought into the shack unchallenged. (My own shack being so designed that it is possible to get into the shack from the front door without having to go into the rest of the house.)

A good evening was had by all and the club funds received a boost of £54 as a result.

MEMBERS NEWS - Ela G6HKM.

The Society extends a welcome to two new members this month, they are Dennis Phillips, G8AAE and Edwin Hume, G0LPO, Edwin lives on the Isle of Wight but is up this way about four times a year and hopes to time his visits with our club meetings.

A reminder to those who were not at the AGM, Subscriptions are now due, as mentioned earlier the new rates are £4. Ordinary Members and £3. for Senior Citizens, if paying by cheque please make payable to "Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society".

HEARD ON THE AIR - Brian G3CVI.

G3ELW to G3CVI "I could not find the fuse on my mower lead.....I'm blowed if I could!"

G3CVI to G3ELW "you'll be blowed if you don't!"

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The December Committee Meeting will be held in the Telford Lodge (Marconi College Residence) at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 12th December. You are most welcome to join us.

DF NEWS - Dick G3WHR.

The Mid Essex Trophy - Sunday 21st October.

Six teams gathered on the green at Long Melford for the start of this two station event.

I chose to find the 'A' station first so I followed my start bearing approx: 9km SW towards Bures to where the map showed an interesting combination of wood, river and power lines. When I arrived, there was no wood and no other hiding places. I couldn't hear Alan at 2pm, which confirmed that he was near the start. I investigated a disused railway track on the outskirts of Melford but found nothing. Then a random transmission led me to an area beside Melford Hall, only 600m from the start, where I found Alan.

My bearings on the 'B' station took me to a wood near Stansfield, 9km NW of Melford. Here I found a few DF cars and a long thin wire aerial stretched through the wood. I was following this when my attention was grabbed by a loud splash and cries of triumph and laughter, clearly someone had 'been in'. I too waded through the stream to find Mike, concealed in a bush, a wet Philip and a smiling Andy.

The 'B' station then closed down, and Mike set out to find the 'A' station. This is a first for DF, the B station operator managed to find the A station before the last competitor.

Everyone enjoyed a magnificent tea at Pat and Mike Hawkins house where the results were announced and the Trophy awarded.

Results:-

	A	B
Andy Collett	2.29	3.12
Dick Brocks	2.55	3.51
Andrew Mead	3.57	2.53
Doreen Pechey	3.57.5	3.12
Philip Cunningham	4.29	3.50
Roy Emeny	4.30	2.35
Mike Hawkins	4.29.5	

A very happy Christmas to you all.

73 from Roy & Ela Martyr, G3PMX & G6HKM

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Brian G3CVI, Tel.(0245)71919.

This space could be yours.....how about some input!