



SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7.45 FOR 8pm

AT THE S. TERRANOVA, 34 THE WALDRONS, SOUTH CROYDON

"A" MEETING 5th Aug 2002 AN EVENING WITH THE SHEPPERLEY'S + BUFFET

"B" MEETING 19th Aug 2002 FIX-IT, ADVICE, CHIN -WAG, CLUB STATION + "MOVE -IT-ON"

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Dear Members & Friends

Hello and welcome to the Aug 2002 newsletter which due to many calls on my time is being done in a hurry and probably be posted on Friday.

For August our main meeting on the Monday 5th is at the Terra Nova for an Evening with the Shepperley's Robert & Mikiko. Monday 19th is the "B" meeting.

I have been getting good feedback on the content of recent Newsletters so it seems I have set a standard to maintain! However time has limited my abilities this month!!!

NEXT "A" MEETING: Monday 5th August 2002 AN EVENING WITH THE SHEPPERLEY'S + BUFFET

For August, as it is holiday time, we are holding a family style evening with Robert (M1MRS) and Mikiko giving us informal short talks about their lives and some of the interesting activities they have been involved with recently. They will also be treating us to a varied buffet with a mixture of English and Japanese fare.

This will be an evening not to be missed and please bring the wife and family.

NEXT "B" MEETING: Monday 15th July 2002 FIX-IT and "MOVE-IT-ON" Evening

The "B" meeting on Monday 15th July will be the regular "Fix -It" and advice evening with the extra twist. If you have a radio item, or anything else that you just wish to clear out then bring it along - you never know it may be just what another member is looking for!

The Fix -It section has proved very interesting and successful so please bring along that item that has been giving you grief - the collective heads at the meeting usually come up with something.

LAST "A" MEETING: Monday 1st July 2002 SUMMER BARBEQUE @ Peter's G3ZPB

Due to being on holiday I unfortunately missed this event and so have no pictures for you. By all accounts it was a very enjoyable evening despite being wet and gave a chance for all the members and wives present to chat and catch up whilst sitting in the summerhouse or gazebo. Cooking was done under cover and over 20 attended this event. Thanks to Peter & Wendy for hosting and to Graham G3RJW, who with Peter, were the chief cooks.

VHF NFD WEEKEND: Sat 6th/ Sun 7th July @ Field-Day Site of Nore Hill, Warlingham

May I start with many thanks for all of those who participated in this weekend, and worked our stations. We also had help from members of neighbouring clubs plus some of our longer distance members turned up. All appreciated and very welcomed.

It was a damp start on Saturday and for this year all the gremlins seemed to sit on the 70cms station. We must have had that 4 -bay stacked Yagis down and up some 4 times. Turned out to be a broken screen on the LDF -450 preventing return power to the masthead pre -amp. Mind you the first time we tested the aerial SWR it was virtually 1:1 so somewhat misleading. It was a good exercise in logical fault finding.

We eventually got the station working at around 7:30pm clock time but then was hit by a generator clench, which took out the 28 -432 transverter. Fortunately we had on site a second transceiver, which was pressed into service - only brought up by Adam MONIQ for comparison with the transverter - was most opportune!!

Thanks Adam, you were a lifesaver and much appreciated.

The entries have been submitted and here are the claimed scores with comparison to the last V HF NFD in 2000:

	2000		2002	
	QSOs	Points	QSOs	Points
6m	76	78626	85	12366
4m	51	8533	--	-----
2m	290	62506	312	62808
70cm	109	21360	87	14973
23cm	33	3065	36	4835



JohnG8IYsonthe70cmStation



The70cms4 -stackedYagis



6m -MauriceG4DDY,CharlesM0BIN,JohnG3BFP, andDonovan M0CVZ

It was hard going to make the contacts, especially on 70and23whenlongperiodswerespentworkingnobody. Weareeven thinking that we should close some stations downovernight,whichwillavoidthelongshiftsputinbyjustafew,andstart“ freshanddandy”Sunday morning.



23cmwithJohnG8MNYandRayG3DVQ



2mwithJimG4WYJ



JohnG3BFPandBernieG8TBrelaxing

I'll keep some pictures over for next month, which include an interesting key from Charlie M0BIN, and provingthatIdoactual yoperate!

CATS Inter Club Quiz: Monday 8th July St Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Rd Purley

31 people including 9 SRCC members and wives attended this annual event. This allowed 6 teams to compete comprising of Kingston, Crystal Palace, two from CATS, and two from SRCC. The quiz was split into 9 categories, with each team allowed to play a joker on their chosen category for double points. (We got it wrong!).

Andy G8JAC and his wife Jan devised and asked the questions. After each round the answer sheets were marked by a neighbouring team and the scores collated as the quiz progressed.

So how did we do, here is a summary of the scores:

CATS "A"	101½
SRCC "B"	90½
SRCC "A"	79
Crystal Palace	96
CATS "B"	108½
Kingston	107½



SRCC "A"



SRCC "B"

It was a tight battle between CATS "B" and Kingston with CATS "B" comprising of Dave G8VXB, Derek G1PGS, Martin G4FKK and Andy G0KZT winning and being awarded with a chocolate bar each; and Kingston comprising of Mary G0BQV, Dick M0CGN, Chris M0CGW and Robin G4LJL becoming runners up each being awarded a pen.

The whole evening was great fun and everybody entered the spirit of the night. Thanks to CATS for all their efforts including quiz researching and the refreshments.

THE CALENDAR SECTION SRCC and Local Club Meeting Dates:

27 th July – 4 th Aug	W&DARS – Summer Camp - Details: Jim G4WYJ 01737356745
2 nd Aug	Crystal Palace – Natternight/Club project @ All Saints Church Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill. 7:30 for 8pm. Bob G3OOU01737552170 (Meetings 1 st and 3 rd Fridays) http://members.aol.com/rfcburns/
5 th Aug	Anevening with the Shepperley's + Buffet
6 th Aug	Thames Valley ARTS – The RSGB with Paul M0CJX – 1 st Tues 8pm Library Reading Room, Gigg's Hill, Thames Ditton – Trevor M0CDB01372 -457674
9 th Aug	W&DARS – Computer Workshop with Gary G7UVF @ St. Andrew's Church Hall, Herbert Road, Wimbledon – 7.30 for 8pm 2 nd & last Friday's Details: Jim G4WYJ01737356745 http://www.wadars.thersgb.net
12 th Aug	CATS – No meeting @ St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Rd, Purley 8pm 2 nd Monday's coulsdon_ats@hotmail.com Contact: Andy G0KZT 01737-552139.
15 th Aug	Sutton & Cheam RS – Video Evening @ Vice Presidents Lounge, Sutton United Football Club, Gander Green Lane, Sutton – 7.30 for 8pm. Sec: John G0BWV020 -86449945 scrs@btinternet.com
16 th Aug	Crystal Palace – Summer Barbecue @ All Saints Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill – 7:30 for 8pm. Further details from Sec: Bob G3OOU01737552170 – RFCBurns@aol.com
19 th Aug	Fix-It, Advice, Chin -Wag, Move -It-On
20 th Aug	Bromley & District – Operating Night (Meetings 3 rd Tuesday's) @ Victory Social Club, Kechill Gardens, Hayes – 7.30 for 8pm. Alan G0TLK020 -87770420 alan@alangm3.idps.co.uk
27 th Aug	Dorking & District Radio Society – Meetings 4 th Tuesday's @ Friends Meeting House, Butterhill South Street, Dorking – opp. Spotted Dog. Details: Jon G0GNA01306 -883718
28 th Aug	Crawley ARC – Summer Barbecue @ Hut 18, Tilgate Forest Recreational Centre, Tilgate Forest, Crawley – 7.30pm. Jerry G0FPI01293 -512932 jerry@spence0663.freeserve.co.uk
28 th Aug	Mitcham & District ARS – NO AUGUST Meeting. (Meetings last Wednesday of month) @ ATC Headquarters, Commons West, Mitcham. m0bgx@freenet.co.uk
30 th Aug	W&DARS – Fix -It Night @ St. Andrew's Church Hall, Herbert Road, Wimbledon – 7.30 for 8pm 2 nd & last Friday's Details: Jim G4WYJ01737356745 http://www.wadars.thersgb.net
2 nd Sep	Airship – David Foster G3KQR - STARSSponsored Talk
7 th Oct	Autumn Surplus Equipment Sale
4 th Nov	Video Evening at RA Whyteleafe
17 th Nov	CATS Bazaar 2002 – 4 th Purley Scout HQ, Lion Green Road, Coulsdon
2 nd Dec	GB50 Talk with Bob BRS52525 & Team

SRCC Meetings indicated in BOLD with venue of Terra Nova unless otherwise stated.

Rally Calendar, etc:

1 st Sep	Mid Sussex ARS Tabletop Car Boot Sale, 10am Start: Merle Place Car Park, Leylands Road, Burgess Hill. Contact Sue G6YPY on 01273845103
20 th /21 st Sep	Leicester Amateur Radio Show – Geoff G4AFJ on 01455823344 or g4afj@argonet.co.uk
23 rd /24 th Nov	London Communication & Computer Show, Wodson Park, Wadesmill Road, Ware, Herts. Radiosport on 01923893929 or http://www.radiosport.co.uk

Marconi Museum Tour 12th-14th Oct 2002

The Coulsdon Amateur Transmitting Society would like to invite our club members to take part in our **Marconi Museum Tour - 12th -14th October 2002**

CATS are planning a trip to visit the following sites:-

Porthcurno "The Centre for History of International Telegraph Communications"

Goonhilly Earth Station

The Eden Project Cornwall "The Living Theatre of plants and people"

It is planned to travel down by hired self-drive minibus on the Saturday and to stay in a small hotel or bed & Breakfast (depending on the total number), returning on the following Monday. The cost will be in the region of £110 per person (based on 2 nights accommodation, entrance fees, and minibus hire) but this may vary depending on the number of people interested and the number of places an individual would wish to visit.

Please circulate this information to your members. CATS have already 1/2 filled a standard minibus and if necessary, additional minibuses can be hired to meet the demand. Please reply to the CATS Secretary with your club's requirements. We anticipate setting a deadline for bids during the first week in September but your earliest response would be very much appreciated.

73 de Andy G0KZT

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FOUNDATION COURSES

SRCC are in the process of finalising our plans to run a course but in the meantime I have received the following:

Our friends at the Bromley club are holding a two day Foundation Licence course on Saturday 14th and Saturday 28th September 2002. SRCC Members have been invited to take part.

The location will be at the Victory Social Club, Hayes. The cost will be £60 hall hire divided equally amongst the total number of candidates applying, plus £5 each to the RSGB and £5 each for various fees. You will also need to purchase the Course materials from the RSGB.

BDARS cannot afford to subsidise the Course so unfortunately there are no concessions. Their volunteer instructors are giving their time free.

Any under 16's will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian for both complete days. Accompanying parents or guardians will not be required to pay any fees, unless they what to do the course as well!

Applications by E-Mail to the BDARS Secretary Alan G0TLK on BDARS@alangm3.idps.co.uk or attend their 20th August meeting. The application list will close on August 21st.

STARS and we need you!

Another meeting of STARStook place during our last "B" meeting on 15th July with representatives from Bromley, CATS, Crystal Palace, Mitcham, SRCC, and Wimbledon. Apologies were received from Paul M0CJX RSGB DRRMandThames Valley.

A full write-up will appear next month but in the meantime two points of interest:

1 Our "A" meeting of 2nd September when we welcome David Foster G3KQR to talk on Airships will be a STARS sponsored talk event with the meeting open to all Clubs and Societies affiliated to STARSto attend.

2 STARS discussed the pooling of resources amongst the member societies. This will enable an immediate database of special skills, talents and expertise to be used to promote Amateur Radio as a whole.

Is there something that you can contribute? It may be something simple or something available or accessible in your line of work.

So that I can forward the talents of SRCC, please let me know if you can assist - thanks.

SEPTEMBER SSB Field Day & 2M TROPHY

Following the enjoyment of the recent VHF NFD it was expressed that the local Clubs could join in and take part in SSB NFD and the 2M Trophy contests taking place over the weekend of 7th/8th September.

Wimbledon and Sutton & Cheam have some interested members, and I know that some SRCC members are keen. May I suggest that at the next "A" meeting on 5th Aug we take 5 - mins to finalise the possibilities and organise a meeting to finalise the plans, etc. In the meantime contact either myself, or Robert M1MRS (our HF Contest Coordinator). Thanks.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Justin Lindars - New Member

We are pleased to welcome Justin BRS185335 to the club and trust that you have a long and happy association with us. Justin recently took his Foundation licence and now has an M3 call

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PICATUNE BOARDS

Some of us in the club are joining together to build these boards and source the components. I have established a possible source and we can talk further at the next meeting.

SIGNING OFF:

In closing I hope that many of you will attend next Monday's Shepperley Evening at Terra Nova when we can take 5 - mins out to discuss entering SSB NFD over the weekend of 7th/8th Sep.

Ray G4FFY

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Posted: 2nd Aug 2002