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

AT THE T.S. TERRA NOVA, 34 THE WALDRONS, SOUTH CROYDON

"A" MEETING 10th June 2002 CONSTRUCTION CONTEST

"B" MEETING 24th June 2002 FIX-IT, ADVICE, CHIN-WAG, CLUB STATION + "MOVE-IT-ON"

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Dear Members & Friends

Hello and welcome to the June 2002 newsletter – for which I offer my apologies for its lateness due to a busy life at the moment. I have recently become Chairman of my local Sutton Garden Suburb Residents Association, and over the last weekend it was the Golden Jubilee Street Party, which took quite a bit of my time. We were blessed with good weather on the actual day, Monday 3rd June, when we had a children's event in the afternoon complete with bouncy castle and a get-together for the evening. It was held on a local green so we didn't have to close a road and was formally opened by our local MP, Paul Burstow. For the evening, one of our neighbours is a friend of the ex British Heavyweight boxing champion. Gary Mason, who was pleased to come along and join in and officiate at the raffle draw.

For June we are holding our Terra Nova meetings on Monday 10th and 24th June – in other words we maintain the 2-week gap between the "A" and "B" meetings. (Note – got the dates right this month!!)

NEXT "A" MEETING: Monday 10th June 02 CONSTRUCTING CONTEST 2002

The 2002 Construction Contest is going to be the meeting to display your construction skills, whether it is Amateur Radio based or not. In other words we would like to see all your efforts that involve some form of constructing.

Hopefully we will have a rush of entries and we will be able to have several sections. These will be finalised on the night but the current plans are for Major, Minor, Club Project, and Non-Radio. Entrants will be asked to give a brief talk explaining their entries and this always breaks the ice and allows members to get to know one another better.

The Dave Deacon Coronation Cup and the Basil Wardman Tankard will be presented, along with cash prizes. Members will vote for only one piece in each section, and when deciding your vote please take into consideration the facilities available, the technical standing of the builder and obviously give more weight to the 14 year old over the professional engineer!

There are few rules; the main one is that an entry must not have won an SRCC contest before. Kits may be entered but we must be told this, and like last year we are allowing non-radio entries you have constructed.

As you will have read, we plan to have a Club Project Section and hopefully by now you have been able to box-up your "Touch On, Delay Off" project. Come along anyway and have a great evening.

NEXT "B" MEETING: Monday 24th June 2002 FIX-IT and "MOVE-IT-ON" Evening

The "B" meeting on Monday 24th June 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.

NEXT VHF NFD MEETING: 17th June 02 at QTH of Peter G3ZPB

The next meeting of this group is on Monday 17th June at QTH of Peter G3ZPB (Pound Cottage). All are welcomed so please contact Bernie G8TB for further details (020-8660 7517) – thank you.

LAST "A" MEETING: Monday 13th May 02 CONSTRUCTION EVENING

This was a very enjoyable evening when just as much fun was had by the constructors as was had by those watching. The project was the "Touch On, Delayed Off", as described last month, and we indebted to Gareth G4XAT for all his excellent preparation work. This included all the tools, kits of parts, and diagram. Thank you very much Gareth.



All those made on the night worked first time - well done everyone and I looking forward to boxed-up versions for the Construction Contest evening (oh, that means me as well and I haven't done it yet!!). The picture nicely captures Roger G4WAY constructing for the first time!

LAST VHF NFD MEETING: Mon 20th May 2002 at QTH of Peter G3ZPB

The last VHF NFD planning meeting was held on Monday 20th May 2002 @ QTH of Peter G3ZPB (Pound Cottage). The activity is over the weekend of 6th-7th July 2002 up at our usual site near Warlingham. The contest runs from 3pm on Saturday to 3pm on the Sunday (BST) and the rules can be found in the Jan2002 RadCom on page 57.

At this meeting we were pleased to welcome John G8MNY who will be providing the 23cm station - thank you John. We will also be operating on 6m, 2m, and 70cm. There is currently an E-Mail discussion taking place about how the 70cm entry will be achieved and will be finalised for the next meeting on June 17th.

Here is your chance to get involved and we extend an invitation to all our readers, whether members of SRCC or other clubs, to provide assistance on the day. This can be of the form of simply helping to put stations up e.g. aerial erection; operating a station; supplying equipment; etc.

What we can achieve will depend on the resources available so please contact Bernie G8TB for further details (020-8660 7517) - thank you.

LAST ACTIVITY STATION: 11th-12th May SHIRLEY WINDMILL www.qsl.net/g4cdd

As part of the Windmills on the Air weekend (11th/12th May) David GOPAR lead the SRCC activity from Shirley Windmill, with help from Barry G4STD and Roger G4WAY. Bernie G8TB found the following article carried by the Croydon Advertiser:

"Windmill turns to summer

Shirley: More than 160 visitors took guided tours of Shirley Windmill on Sunday when it opened its doors to the public for the first time this season.

And this year, as an added attraction, the mill, in Post Mill Close, was linked by a countryside network of radio amateurs to more than 100 mill sites across the country as part of National Mills Day.

Visitors were also treated to a dancing display by the Old Palace Ladies Clog Dancing Team and there was the chance for them to have a game of skittles.

The day also saw the launch of the guidebook to the windmill and its surrounding area.

Today's mill replaced an earlier one, which was destroyed by fire in October 1854.

The new mill was built to meet a growing demand for grain in Croydon but was abandoned in 1893, by which time it had become unviable.

In 1951 it was bought by Croydon Council and restoration work continued slowly over the years.

In 1996 the authority received a £218,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to return the mill to working order and provide touch screen computers, information panels and hands-on interactive displays.

The windmill is now open on the first Sunday of every month until October between 1pm and 5pm."

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Ray G4FFY operating Shirley Windmill station into a G5RV @ 50ft

Bernie G8TB and Maurice G4DDY operated from the Sutton Model Engineering Club.



THE CALENDAR SECTION SRCC and Local Club Meeting Dates:

4 th Jun	Thames Valley ARTS – No Meeting as Bank Holiday. Normally 1 st Tues 8pm Library Reading Room, Giggs Hill, Thames Ditton - Trevor M0CDB 01372-457674
7 th Jun	Crystal Palace – Natter night/Club project @ All Saints Church Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill. 7:30 for 8pm. Bob G30OU 01737 552170 (Meetings 1 st and 3 rd Fridays) http://members.aol.com/rfcburns/
10th Jun	Construction Contest
10 th Jun	CATS – DF Hunt, rendezvous behind The Fox Pub, Coulsdon Common – 8pm Contact: Andy G0KZT 01737-552139. Meetings @ St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Rd, Purley 8pm 2 nd Monday's coulsdon_ats@hotmail.com
14 th Jun	W&DARS – Desert Island Radio – Reg M1EEK @ St. Andrew's Church Hall, Herbert Road, Wimbledon – 7.30 for 8pm 2 nd & last Friday's Details: Jim G4WYJ 01737 356745 http://www.wadars.thersqg.net
17th Jun	VHF NFD 2002 Meeting @ QTH of Peter G3ZPB (Pound Cottage)
18 th Jun	Bromley & District – (Meetings 3 rd Tuesday's) @ Victory Social Club, Kechill Gardens, Hayes – 7.30 for 8pm. Alan G0TLK 020-8777 0420 alan@alangm3.idps.co.uk
20 th Jun	Sutton & Cheam RS – Junk Sale @ Vice Presidents Lounge, Sutton United Football Club, Gander Green Lane, Sutton – 7.30 for 8pm. Sec: John G0BWV 020-8644 9945 scrs@btinternet.com

21 st Jun	Crystal Palace – TBA @ All Saints Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill – 7:30 for 8pm. Further details from Sec: Bob G30OU 01737 552170 - RFCCBurns@aol.com
24th Jun	Fix-It, Advice, Chin-Wag, Move-It-On
26 th Jun	Crawley ARC – Receiving Weather Satellite Pictures by Keith Holland G3MCD @ Hut 18, Tilgate Forest Recreational Centre, Tilgate Forest, Crawley – 7.30pm. Jerry G0FPI 01293-512932 jerry@spence0663.freeserve.co.uk
25 th Jun	Dorking & District Radio Society – Meetings 4 th Tuesday's @ Friends Meeting House, Butterhill South Street, Dorking – opp. Spotted Dog. Details: Jon G0GNA 01306-883718
26 th Jun	Mitcham & District ARS – Meetings last Wednesday of month @ ATC Headquarters, Commons West, Mitcham. m0bgx@freenet.co.uk
28 th Jun	W&DARS – Summer Camp Briefing @ St. Andrew's Church Hall, Herbert Road, Wimbledon – 8pm. 2 nd & last Friday's Details: Jim G4WYJ 01737 356745
1st Jul	BBQ @ G3ZPB's (Pound Cottage)
8 th July	CATS Annual Inter-Club Quiz starting @ 8pm at their meeting venue St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Road, Purley. Teams consist of 4 people and we are welcome to enter as many teams as we wish. This is an enjoyable night with a chance for members of different clubs to get together for a fun evening.
5th Aug	Family Evening Talk + Buffet
2nd Sep	Airship – David Foster G3KQR

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

Rally Calendar, etc:

16 th Jun	Epsom Radio & Electronics Fair – Epsom Downs Racecourse Grandstand. Contact Paul Berkeley M0CJX - m0cjx@lineone.net SRCC will be there - tables have been booked. We need volunteers to man our tables, etc. Please contact Maurice G4DDY – thanks. www.epsomrally.co.uk/
22 nd Jun	Waringham Community Fair 11:00-16:00 @ Blanchmans Farm, Limpsfield Road, Waringham.

EPSOM RADIO & ELECTRONICS FAIR 16th June Epsom Race Course Grandstand

Maurice G4DDY has advised me of the following regarding the SRCC participation at this rally:

"WE HAVE TWO TABLES:

Table 1:

- The History of Frequency measurement By Radio Amateurs
- Lecher line demonstration
- Wave meters
- Counters
- Grid dip oscillators Etc
- WEB SITE demonstration (running all the time)
- Home built simple electronic gadgets (Kits available on the stand)
- Equipment we are about to fix on a fix-it meeting
- Advice Help and Information on hand

Table 2:

- Lots and lots OF **BARGAINS**
- All Your old favourites used Equipment Components Test Gear
- Etc Etc at silly prices
- **AND THIS IS ONLY OUR CLUB STAND**

This is a first for us all – It's a brand new Rally so come and visit us. Help would be appreciated on the SRCC Stand and also the Bring and Buy. Please contact Maurice G4DDY on 020-8669 1480.

WARLINGHAM COMMUNITY FAIR 22nd June Blanchmans Farm, Limpsfield Rd

Roger G8HDP has advised of this event with the following E-Mail:

"On Sat 22nd June 2002 between 11:00 & 16:00 will be the Warlingham Fair at Blanchmans Farm, Limpsfield Road, Warlingham.

There will be an Amateur Radio station run by Jim G4WYJ and friends, this is usually a fairly informal gathering and if you turn up and ask you will almost certainly get a go. Why not talk to Jim and volunteer your services.

Entrance to the site is between Warlingham and Chelsham, opposite Bond Road. There is no on-site parking except for disabled visitors.

All monies raised go to running the fair next year and supporting the community wildlife area.

Why not come along and bring the family."

Jim G4WYJ can be contacted on 01737 356745

JOB SELECTION INTERVIEW QUESTION

A friend of mine set me the following for which I will supply the answer next month!

You are driving along in your car on a wild, stormy night. You pass by a bus stop, and you see three people waiting for the bus:

1. An old lady who looks as if she is about to die.
2. An old friend whom once saved your life.
3. The perfect woman (or man) of your dreams.

There can only be one passenger in your car and you can't return to the bus stop once you have left it (I don't know why, it's just part of this stupid question!). Which one would you choose to offer a ride to?

Think before you continue. This is a moral/ethical dilemma that was once actually used as part of a job selection process so your future could depend on how you answer this question.

You could pick up the old lady, because she is going to die, and thus you should save her first; or you could take the old friend because he once saved your life, and this would be the perfect chance to pay him back. However, you may never be able to find your perfect dream lover again.

The candidate who was hired (out of 200 applicants) had no trouble coming up with his answer.

WHAT DID HE SAY? (answer next month . . .)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

New Member

It is with pleasure that we welcome Justin Lindars of 28 Wallington Court, Stanley Park Road, Wallington SM6 0HG. His interests include HF all bands and to learn Morse. Currently holds RS185335 and is awaiting his M3 call. Telephone number is 0771 9134 833. Welcome Justin and trust your association with the SRCC will be a long and beneficial one.

Bernie G8TB - Sky Glow

I was interested in Peter's article regarding the waste of energy (electricity). A few months ago four of us paid a visit to the "Wheel". It was late in the day, which we had planned to see London lit up and it was dark by the time we were rising above London.

It was very interesting, but the thing that struck me was the enormous waste of electricity, and therefore money, as it seemed that every window in every building was lit up.

Presumably some were lit for the benefit of office cleaners, but I would bet that the majority were left on until the morning. So for this reason alone I would heartily endorse Peter's efforts to reduce this waste of resources. Good luck.

Bernie G8TB"

Alan G7ELG - Spalding Rally report:

One of the highlights up here in the East Midlands is the Spalding Rally. So on the 26th of May the roads to Springfields Exhibition Centre were busy.

The only dealer of note there was Moonraker, no other commercial organisation present.

In the main exhibition hall the ceiling was covered over with a dark blue fabric concealing all the ceiling lights, it was nigh impossible to read prices or examine the "goodies" one hoped to find. I did find a Yaseu Speaker and filter unit to match my 736R at an excellent price, and a good source of Philips mobile rigs 10ch. Pre programmed for any repeaters with CTSS complete with Mic ready to go at £45! There were a number of old ladies at the gate with their carrier bags wanting access to "car boot" and the stewards trying hard to explain what it was all about.

Hopefully see you at Epsom

Alan G7ELG"

WANTED by G8TB - LNB's:

Bernie has asked me to put in a plea for any spare LNB's that you may have, any condition. Please contact Bernie G8TB on 020-8660 7517

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS:

I have been negligent in reminding you all that it is subscription renewal time. Please send £8.00 (or £12.50 for family membership) to Maurice G4DDY QTHR (or 020-8669 1480) as soon as possible. The newsletter address label indicates year of renewal, but may not have caught up if you have paid in the last few days. I have printed a Slip below for your convenience.

SIGNING OFF:

I have been late in producing this month's Newsletter so many apologies – my work has taken off giving me little spare time!

Anyway in closing I hope that many of you will attend next Monday's Construction Contest and bring along all those Radio and non-radio projects you have been making over the last year.

Also don't forget that Bernie G8TB 020-8660 7517 would like to hear from those of you who would like to help out for VHF NFD this year (6th/7th July). Local Clubs are also invited – thanks.

Catching up on us is the Epsom Rally on Sunday 16th June, and your help for the SRCC stand would be most welcomed – contact Maurice G4DDY 020-8669 1480.

We plan a demo on Frequency Measurement over the ages including a Lecher Line, BC221 and cavity.

Ray G4FFY

73 and 88

Posted: 7th Jun 2002



RADIO & ELECTRONICS FAIR
EPSOM DOWNS GRANDSTAND, SURREY
A Premier Rally for the South of
England: Sunday 16th Jun 2002 - 10am

Free entry on taking the FL or 5 WPM Morse test - a full Morse team will be there.
 Free entry to students and children - free tickets will be sent to schools in the South.
 Major organisations attending including Icom, Yaesu, Kenwood, ML&S, RSGB, RA, etc.
 Dr R. Whelan G3PJT, President of the RSGB to open the event.
 Ken MacIntosh and his Big Band to provide free entertainment.
 Echelford club to run a large Bring and Buy sale.
 Outside car boot sale - limited spaces, pre-bookings only.
 Technical groups including Repeater Management, ATV and Lecher Line demonstrations,
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