



SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

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CLUBNET 29.111MHz	Sunday 9:30am	Hon. Sec. Ray Howells G4FFY 9AultoneWay SUTTON Surrey SM13LD (020)86447589 E-Mail: secretary@g3src.org.uk
CLUBNET 144.325MHz	Friday 8:30pm	
CLUBNET 145.500MHz and Down	Thursday 7.00pm	
CLUB Internet WEBSITE: http://www.g3src.org.uk		

MONTHLY MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7.45 FOR 8pm
 Normally AT THE T.S. TERRANOV A, 34 THE WALDRONS, SOUTH CROYDON

"A" MEETING 4th Nov 2002 VIDEO EVENING @ RTCG WHYTELEAFE (NOT Terra Nova)
"B" MEETING 18th Nov 2002 FIX-IT, ADVICE, CH IN WAG, CLUB STATION + "MOVE -IT-ON"

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	G8TB Bernie Wynn	020-8660 7517

Dear Members & Friends

Hello and welcome to the November 2002 newsletter – which once again due to many calls on my time is being done in a hurry and will probably be posted on Friday again. This time it was work that got in the way!

For November our main meeting on the Monday 4th is **NOT** at the Terra Nova but up at the Radiocommunication Agency RTCG Site in Whyteleafe (we were there last November) for a Video Evening. Monday 18th is the "B" meeting back at the TS Terra Nova.

NEXT "A" MEETING: Monday 4th Nov 2002 Video Evening at RA RTCG Whyteleafe

Courtesy of Peter G3ZPB, we have been welcomed back to the RTCG at Whyteleafe, with its excellent facilities. The Club was there last November but I missed it due to being on holiday in Australia and New Zealand.

This meeting will be a Video Evening when we will have the opportunity to see the new RTCG Video including Baldock and the work that the regional people do.

The Gate code for entering the grounds will be changed for this evening and I have been advised of the code being used. I will give it out upon request so please call me on 020 -8644 7589 (Eve) or 020 -7025 9607 (Work). On the night suggest you call me on my mobile 07949533839.

RTCG (CR30YY) is located off Whyteleafe Hill. The following is a www.streetmap.co.uk link:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/streetmap.dll?G2M?X=533230&Y=157692&A=Y&Z=1>

NEXT "B" MEETING: Monday 18th Nov 2002 FIX-IT and "MOVE-IT-ON" Evening

The "B" meeting on Monday 21st Oct 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!

**LAST "A" MEETING: Monday 7th Sep 2002
AUTUMN SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE**

A good turnout was achieved for this sale, which raised around £100 for Club funds. It was nice to see the visitors from which we have had some pleasing feedback in that they had an enjoyable evening and bought some good stuff.

Some good items still remain and will be available at the CATS Bazaar on the 17th November.

Thanks for the excellent evening go to Bernie G8TB and Maurice G4DDY who were the Auctioneers; and to Peter G3ZPB for providing the accounting system that I assisted.

THE CALENDAR SECTION

SRCC and Local Club Meeting Dates:

1 st Nov	Crystal Palace – Natternight/Club projects/Morse Class @ 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/
4 th Nov	Video Evening - RTCG Whyteleaf CR3OYY
5 th Nov	Thames Valley ARTS – Development of the ENIPOLE antenna by G3ENI – 1 st Tues 8pm Library Reading Room, Giggs Hill, Thames Ditton – Trevor M0CDB 01372-457674
8 th Nov	W&DARS – Surplus Equipment Sale @ St. Andrew's Church Hall, Herbert Road, Wimbledon – 7.30 for 8pm 2 nd & last Friday's Details: Jim G4WYJ01737 356745 http://www.wadars.thersgb.net
11 th Nov	CATS – Croydon Airport by Derek Hills G6MFM @ St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Rd, Purley 8pm 2 nd Monday's cats@briersa.fsbusines.co.uk Contact: Andy G0KZT01737 -552139.
15 th Nov	Crystal Palace: Surplus Equipment Sale @ All Saints Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill – 7:30 for 8pm. Further details from Sec: Bob G3OOU01737552170 – RFcburns@aol.com
17 th Nov	CATS Bazaar 10am @ 4th Purley Scouts HQ, Lion Green Road, Coulsdon
18 th Nov	Fix-It, Advice, Chin -Wag, Move -It-On
19 th Nov	Bromley & District – Construction Contest -TBC (Meetings 3 rd Tuesday's) @ Victory Social Club, Kechill Gardens, Hayes – 7.30 for 8pm. Alan G0TLK 020-87770420 alan@alanqm3.idps.co.uk
21 st Nov	Sutton & Cheam RS – Satellite Broadcasting by Dave Spark of Sky @ Vice Presidents Lounge, Sutton United Football Club, Gander Green Lane, Sutton – 7.30 for 8pm. Sec: John G0BWV020 -86449945 scrs@btinternet.com
26 th Nov	Dorking & District Radio Society – Meetings 4 th Tuesday's @ Friends Meeting House, Butterhill South Street, Dorking – opp. Spotted Dog. Details: Jon G0GNA01306 -883718
27 th Nov	Mitcham & District ARS (Meetings last Wednesday of month) @ ATC Headquarters, Commons West, Mitcham. m0bgx@freenet.co.uk
27 th Nov	Crawley ARC – TBA @ Hut 18, Tilgate Forest Recreational Centre, Tilgate Forest, Crawley – 7.30pm. Jerry G0FPI01293 -512932 jerry@spence0663.freerve.co.uk
29 th Nov	W&DARS – @ St. Andrew's Church Hall, Herbert Road, Wimbledon – 7.30 for 8pm 2 nd & last Friday's Details: Jim G4WYJ017373567 45 http://www.wadars.thersgb.net
2 nd Dec	GB50 Talk with Bob BR52525 & Team
6 th Jan 03	Getting Going on Digimodes with Pat G4FDN

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

Rally Calendar, etc:

17 th Nov	CATS Bazaar 2002 – 10am @ 4 th Purley Scout HQ, Lion Green Road, Coulsdon
23 rd /24 th Nov	London Communication & Computer Show, Wodson Park, Wadesmill Road, Ware, Herts. Radiosport on 01923893929 or http://www.radiosport.co.uk

FOUNDATION COURSES

We have now finalised our plans and will sponsor a Foundation Licence Course starting in Jan 2003. We have agreed to run this on "B" meeting nights in the Ward Room at T.S. Terra Nova.

Our manager and coordinator of the course is Gareth G4XAT, who will be assisted with co-opted instructors, namely Pat G4FDN, Ray G4FFY, Graham G3RJW and Bernie G8TB. I plan to become registered as a "lead" instructor to supplement Gareth G4XAT who is already registered.

We have plans in place to bring together the course material and equipment but now need the candidates. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this course, please let us know.

The programme will be some 4 – 6 (dependant upon candidates skill level) "B" meeting sessions lasting 2hrs each. Cost of £15 has been agreed – £5 to RSGB and £10 to SRCC with 1-year free membership included. Under 16's £5 but will need parent/guardian in attendance.

Here are some useful URL's:

- <http://www.rsgb.org/foundation/organisationandconduct.htm>
- http://www.ukradioamateur.org/Found_L/pract.htm
- <http://www.rsgb.org/foundation/guidancenotestotutors.htm>

CATS BAZAAR 17th Nov 2002

Don't forget this excellent event of the CATS annual radio Bazaar being held at the 4th Purley Scout HQ, behind the Post office in Lion Green Road, Coulsdon on Sunday 17th November 2002.

Doors will open at 10am, and close at 1pm. Entry is just £1 per person that includes a free cup of tea/coffee and an instantaffle. There will also be light refreshments available at extra cost (the sausage rolls are always popular).

Applications may still be available for tables, each costing £6. We have booked our usual two tables.

Please note that Talk-In is NOT available as the venue is easy to find.

MEMBERS NEWS

Graham Marshall G3RJW

Graham is in the wars – over the last weekend whilst walking his dogs the bigger one got "spooked" with the wind and rushed at Graham. The result was a connection with his leg and a broken right femur down near the ankle.

The result is that Graham had a half plaster cast applied - the swelling prevented a full plaster being done. The full job is due to be applied on Monday 4th all being well. Mobility is presently on crutches and he has to live in the downstairs of his home.

Driving is also out, so is learning to work from home. We wish you Graham a speedy recovery though I understand it will be some 5 – 7 weeks!!

Ernie LeSueur G4CEQ

Graham had advised me on the health of Ernie G4CEQ who has been in bad shape for the last 4 months, he was found to have Cancer of the right Kidney.

He was taken into hospital and has had his right Kidney removed and the tube leading from this to the Bladder. The Bladder has also had to have some attention.

The operation has gone ok but he did have a lot of pain whilst in the intensive care section of the hospital. He is now at home and progressing well. Members of the Bute Road academy and the SRCC club will no doubt wish him a speedy recovery and a safer return to his wife Sylvia.

Diamond Riding Centre - Stamps

Many of you in the past have donated used stamps to the Diamond Riding Centre School. We wish to thank you all and also those outside of the club who have contributed.

Britta XYL of G3YRB has done a very good job and has been the one taking the stamps to the centre, but now she is not able to visit so in future it would be appreciated if you would send your used stamps directly to the Centre:

The Diamond Riding Centre for Handicapped Riding
Woodmansterne Road
CARSHALTON SM54DT
Tel: (020) 8643 7764

Once again very many thanks for your help in the past
Bernard G8TB

EVOLUTION

Evolution has been around since the year dot and not just the one that Darwin propounded. Change and advancement has been taking place in every walk of life, not least in our uses of electricity. It is difficult to imagine, in the 17th century, the pioneers having the vision to put to use the glimmerings of the power that electricity would bring to human experience. In 1775 Volta first produced the electrophone and in 1782 the Capacitor. Not until 1850 (app) that Ohm produced his law, which tied R, V and A together. And how did they measure them? My thoughts along these lines were aroused when at the last surplus sale a mirror Galvanometer appeared, which must be over 100 years old, and was probably produced by D/Arsonal and was the forerunner of the many kinds of measuring meters we are now so familiar with. So now when you are using your digital volt meter or similar, spare a thought for those who produced electricity, and had not yet found a way to measure those volts and milliamps!!

Bernard G8TB

DIY Meter Scales:

Following on from Bernie's Piece I have received the following piece from Pat G4FDN:

"This may be of interest to others like me who picked up some bargain meters at the last club equipment sale. There was a short article in the October QST Hints & Kinks p63-64 referring to a meter scale drawing program *meter.exe* available from <http://www.qsl.net/wb6bld>

The program generates output files in HPGL, which most HP printers (and others supporting PCL-5 format) can handle. Alternatively it can be converted into a more familiar format JPG, GIF, etc with a utility from <http://www.softwarecompanions.com>

Pat G4FDN"

South Thames Amateur Radio Societies (STARS)

You will recall that our talk on Airships was a STARS sponsored talk but not many other local club members turned up, causing a debate about the role of STARS.

This was discussed at our last Committee meeting and it was agreed to circulate via this Newsletter the draft constitution of STARS. It may help to clarify the understanding of its role, and I confirm that SRCC will continue to support STARS.

CONSTITUTION OF STARS

Objectives

- To enhance the prospects of the individual Societies, increasing their membership and reducing their age profile.
- To promote amateur radio to the public.
- To give advice and assistance to the member Societies.

Methods

- Publicise amateur radio in the local area, using the media and bring the hobby to a wider public attention.
- Guidance on the presentation of amateur radio at public events.
- Improvement of the public image of amateur radio, by planned and coordinated marketing.
- Set-up a resource database of equipment and available skills.
- Close liaison with the RSGB.

Funding and Organisation

- Voting to be one vote per club, with the Chairperson to have a casting vote.
- There is to be a maximum of two persons from each club, at a meeting.
- Secretary and Treasurer to be elected annually.
- The Chairman and Minutes Secretary, for each meeting will rotate between the clubs. These will be agreed at the previous meeting.
- A two-thirds vote is required for financial decisions. All other votes will be with the majority.
- Any monetary contributions are to be approved by vote, when required. Balance sheet to be available to any Society on demand.
- Financial contributions are identical for all Societies.

Communication

- A designated person at each Club will be e-mailed with any messages or reports.
- There is to be at least four normal meetings each year.

WEB SITE

I have recently added a new page for Members Sales and Wanted Items and have "put up" a Wanted Item for Graham G3RJW; and will shortly be listing a whole lot of books that Pat G4FDN wants to get rid of - he needs the space!

WANTED: Graham G3RJW is looking for a Garrard SP25 Turntable. E-Mail: gmarshall@g3rjw.fsnet.co.uk or Tel: 020-86698722

CW AFS CONTEST RESULTS

John Headland G3BFP has advised me that the 2002 AFSCW Contest results were in the July 2002 RadCom.

They can be found on Page 79 where out of 83 entries the SRCC team of G3BFP, G4DJR and G8TB came 57th with 1,970 points. The leader by the way scored 12,590 points.

This wasn't a disaster but if we get one or two more next year it might make a more noteworthy entry.

So how about it?

SSB AFS CONTEST RESULTS

I have now checked in Aug 2002 RadCom and found the AFSSSB Contest results - Page 78.

I couldn't believe the coincidence but we were 57th in this contest as well!! The SRCC team consisted of G4FFY, G8TB, and G4DJR scoring 1,930 points, the leader scored 9000 points and there was 84 entries.

As for CW with one or two more entering who knows where we could be!

GALVANOMETER PICTURE:



This is the one that Bernie G8TB mentions in his Evolution article on the previous page.

PICATUNE BOARDS

I recently received an E-Mail from Paul Berkeley M0CJX, stating that he had 10 spare sets of boards for anyone who wants them. They may still be some left but he is not able to split them. I know that the Logic board part is becoming quite popular.

The cost is £26 including P&P for a set and cheques payable to 'PDS' should be sent to:

Paul Berkeley M0CJX
1 The Beeches
BANSTEAD
Surrey
SM72AZ

Paul's E-Mail is now: m0cjx@ntlworld.com

Mikiko & Robert's QSL CARD:



LATE MEMBER NEWS:

Tony G3GHI - New E-mail Address

As I was about to close this Newsletter a E-Mail came in from Tony advising of his new address as follows:
tony.g3ghi@btopenworld.com

Tony now has the perennial problem of advising everyone of his new E-Mail address, which can be quite laborious unless one has created Personal Address list groups. Anyone got any advice for Tony to help him?

SIGNING OFF:

In closing don't forget that our "A" meeting this month is up at the Radio Agency RTCG site at Whyteleafe - NOT at TSTerraNova.

Using www.streetmap.com and entering the Postcode of CR30YY you will see a map of where it is.

Please call me beforehand for the Gatecode or on the night on my mobile 07949533839.

Ray G4FFY

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Posted: 1st Nov 2002