



SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

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

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

"A" MEETING 7th Apr 2003 63rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

"B" MEETING 28th Apr 2003 PSK31 Get-You-Going + FIX-IT, ADVICE, CHIN-WAG, etc

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Vice-Chairman	G4XAT Gareth Evans	020-8462 2837
Treasurer, Liaison & Equipment	G4DDY Maurice Fagg	020-8669 1480
Secretary, Membership & Communications	G4FFY Ray Howells	020-8644 7589
VHF Co-ordinator (Co-Opted)	G8IYS John Simkins	020-8657 0454
Publicity & HF Co-ordinator	M1MRS Robert Shepperley	020-8640 5166
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	G4FDN Pat McGuinness	020-8643 0491
	G8TB Bernie Wynn	020-8660 7517

Dear Members & Friends

Hello and welcome to the April 2003 newsletter which was prepared on Tuesday night & Wednesday (2nd April). Another year has gone by quickly and here we are at the 2003 AGM to be held on Monday 7th April. We hope we get a good turnout, as this is a barometer of the health of the club and endorsement of the work the committee does.

Other meetings this month include the next meeting of the VHF NFD group on Monday 14th April at John's G8IYS's, and the popular "Fix-It" and "Move-It On" Meeting on Monday 28th April at Terra Nova, including capability to run a Foundation Licence evening. Please note this "B" meeting is on the 4th Monday this month due to the Easter holidays. There is also a STARS "committee" meeting scheduled for Tuesday 15th April.

More about these below but firstly:

NEXT "A" MEETING: Monday 7th Apr 2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Formal notice of this ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was given in the last newsletter. This will be held on Monday 7th April at the Terra Nova Clubroom, 7.45 for 8pm. Enclosed are the minutes of the last AGM (Accounts will be available on the night) to be brought along on the night, as they have to be accepted. At the end of this newsletter is the AGENDA and also a nomination form for proposing members for the 2003/04 committee. The acceptance of the nominee must be obtained and the form must be in the hands of the committee prior to the Chairman opening the meeting.

The committee consists of the Secretary (to be separately nominated) and seven members. The names of nominees will be displayed on the blackboard before the meeting. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer will be selected from the seven elected members.

THIS PROBABLY IS, OR SHOULD BE, THE MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE YEAR, so please make an effort to attend even if you are not normally able to get along to other club meetings. This is your opportunity to elect your committee, the retiring committee are all willing to stand again but it would be nice to have more nominations, some new blood would not come amiss so please use the nomination slip at the end of this Newsletter.

At the AGM you will also be able to find out how the club has been operating during the past year, scrutinise the accounts, and to express your views regards meetings, contests, Foundation Licence, STARS, outings etc, which does help the committee to plan ahead.

NEXT "B" MEETING: Monday 28th Apr 2003 PRACTICAL PSK31 Get-You-Going EVENING + FIX-IT and "MOVE-IT-ON"

The "B" meeting on Monday 28th Apr will be a "PSK31 Practical Get You Going Evening" along with the regular "Fix-It", "Move-It-On", Advice and Chin-wag.

Pat G4FDN will be bringing along a couple of laptops already set-up for PSK31 if people would like to bring along their rigs and interfaces to be checked, etc.

**LAST "A" MEETING: Monday 3rd Mar 2003
SPRING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE**

A good turnout was achieved for this sale, which raised over £150 for Club funds. It was nice to see the visitors who, along with the regulars, had an enjoyable evening with lots of bargains to be had. We especially thank Bernie G8TB and Maurice G4DDY for being up front running the "show". The interplay and banter between Bernie and Maurice is a joy to watch and makes the evening very pleasurable. It wouldn't be the same without them.

We also thank Maurice G4DDY for his "behind the scene" work in collecting the bits and pieces which form part of the items for sale for Club funds – it makes quite an impact on the Club finances and helps towards keeping the subs low – more about that no doubt at the AGM. So thanks for the excellent evening go to Bernie G8TB and Maurice G4DDY who were the Auctioneers; and to Graham G3RJW who assisted me in keeping the accounts in order.

THE CALENDAR SECTION

SRCC and Local Club Meeting Dates:

1 st Apr	Thames Valley ARTS – Unfortunately no regular Club meetings now being held following AGM
4 th Apr	Crystal Palace – Natter night/Club projects/Morse Class @ All Saints Church Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill. 7.30 for 8pm. Bob G3OOU 01737 552170 (Meetings 1 st and 3 rd Fridays) http://www.qsl.net/g3oou/id3.htm
7 th Apr	Annual General Meeting
7 th Apr	Crawley ARC – Shack Computers – 2 nd Workshop Mick Dore M1MGD @ Hut 18, Tilgate Forest Recreational Centre, Tilgate Forest, Crawley – 7.30pm. Jerry G0FPI 01293-512932 www.carc.org.uk
11 th Apr	W&DARS – Bletchley Park – Len Stuart @ 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.thersgb.net
14 th Apr	Microwaves – Jim G4WYJ and Peter G4ZXO @ St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Rd, Purley 8pm 2 nd Monday's. Contact: Andy G0KZT 01737-552139. cats@briersa.fsbusines.co.uk
15 th Apr	Bromley & District – SWR & Baluns – Alan G0TLK (Mtg 3 rd Tuesday's) @ Victory Social Club, Kechill Gardens, Hayes – 7.30 for 8. Alan G0TLK 020-8777 0420 www.bdars.org.uk
17 th Apr	Sutton & Cheam RS – An Introduction to APRS – Martin Butler M1MRB @ Vice Presidents Lounge, Sutton United Football Club, Gander Green Lane, Sutton – 7.30 for 8pm. Sec: John G0BWV 020-8644 9945 www.scrs.org.uk
18 th Apr	Crystal Palace: No Meeting as Good Friday @ All Saints Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill – 7:30 for 8pm. Further details from Sec: Bob G3OOU 01737 552170 – http://www.qsl.net/g3oou/id3.htm
21 st Apr	Crawley ARC – DXing – 3 rd Workshop Mick Dore M1MGD @ Hut 18, Tilgate Forest Recreational Centre, Tilgate Forest, Crawley – 7.30pm. Jerry G0FPI 01293-512932 www.carc.org.uk
22 nd Apr	Dorking & District Radio Society – Foundation Licence – John Totten G7LWF @ Friends Meeting House, Butterhill South Street, Dorking – opp. Spotted Dog. Details: Jon G0GNA 01306-883718
25 th Apr	W&DARS – GX3WIM On Air with NVIS @ 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.thersgb.net
28 th Apr	Fix-It, Advice, Chin-Wag, Move-It-On Foundation Course Session (!)

30 th Apr	Mitcham & District ARS (Meetings normally last Wednesday of each month) @ ATC Headquarters, Commons West, Mitcham. Sec: Mike Knott G0WCR 020-8764 4716
14 th Apr	VHF NFD Inquest/Planning @ G8IYS QTH
12 th May	Constructing Evening
2 nd Jun	Construction Contest
7 th July	BBQ
14th July	CATS Inter-Club Quiz Night @ St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Road, Purley.

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

Rally Calendar, etc:

27 th Apr	West London Radio & Electronics Show at new Exhibition Centre, Kempton Racecourse. Organised by Radio Fairs - Paul Berkeley M0CJX E-Mail: m0cjx@ntlworld.com Web: http://www.kemptonrally.co.uk/
22 nd Jun	Epsom Radio & Electronics Fair. Organised by Radio Fairs - Paul Berkeley M0CJX E-Mail: m0cjx@ntlworld.com Tel: 01737 373979. Web: www.epsomrally.co.uk Don't forget SRCC is having a stand as well as being involved with the National Construction Contest. CATS is involved with the talk-in.

SRCC ACTIVITIES

The following are proposed for SRCC to participate in and put on demonstration / activity stations, etc. Your help is sought in order to make the activities easier to manage, etc.

MILLS WEEKEND 2003

This is taking place over the weekend of 10th/11th May 2003. Details can be found at the following Web Site: <http://www.qsl.net/g4cdd/mills.htm>. Last year we operated from the Shirley Windmill in Postmill Close, Shirley Road, Shirley. For this year details are being finalised as I write but if you are interested to help please contact myself, or David G0PAR – thank you.

East CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUTS CAMP 2003

This is taking place over the weekend of 23rd/26th May 2003. We have had an E-mail from Steve French advising that the event is to be held at Coombe Farm Playing Fields in Croydon. They are looking for an Amateur Radio Activity to be run on site during the weekend, enabling the Cubs, Scouts and Rangers to take part in the whole experience.

We are finalising our plans but if you are interested in helping or have some ideas, please contact Maurice G4DDY – thanks.

MEMBERS NEWS

New Member

We are pleased to welcome Alvin M0BRX to our midst and wish him a long and enjoyable association with us. He states that his interests in Amateur Radio is in all aspects and other details are as follows:

Alvin Challen M0BRX (KF6QOL) Links Corner Cottage Links Road ASHTHEAD Surrey KT21 2EG Tel: 01372-277945

Membership List Updates

Following last month's publication, I have the following updates for you:

John Horner E-Mail: rhorer8@aol.com

Alan Scarisbrick E-Mail: ali_s@onetel.net.uk

SRCC CLUB DINNER - Sat 12th April

As reported last month we are holding the SRCC Annual Club Dinner on Saturday 12th April at The Beefeater Pub & Restaurant, Park Place, 54 Commonside West, Mitcham (020-8646 0028) 7:30 for 8pm. Would you please send your £5 per head deposits to myself (cheques payable to Ray Howells) ASAP so that we advise the restaurant of likely numbers - thank you. We thank Prim G4CCY for coming to our rescue. The 3-course meal will cost £17.00 with a choice as given in the menu below. It would be appreciated if you will advise Prim G4CCY (8669 1480) of your choice by Wednesday 9th Apr so that we can advise the Restaurant - thanks.

Starters

Prawn Cocktail

Peeled prawns in a seafood dressing on a bed of mixed salad leaves.

Stuffed Potato Shells

Crispy potato shells stuffed with roasted red pepper salsa with sour cream and chive or cheddar cheese and bacon.

Grilled Chicken Skewers

Three chicken skewers in a spicy Indonesian marinade, drizzled with a sweet chilli sauce and served with a sour cream and chive dip.

Breaded Mushrooms

Breaded deep fried mushrooms with a ranch dip.

Mains

Chicken in Red Wine

A tender chicken breast smothered with a luxurious red wine, mushroom and bacon sauce, served with marinated new potatoes and mixed seasonal fresh vegetables.

Rack or Ribs

A whole rack of our tender ribs drenched in gloriously sticky tomato and honey sauce, served simply with chips.

8oz Rump Steak

Served with chips and a fresh mixed leaf salad.

Moroccan Lamb

A lamb leg steak seasoned with a mix of garlic, ginger, coriander, paprika and mint and served with roasted red pepper salsa chips and a fresh mixed leaf salad.

Salmon Fillet*

Prime Scottish salmon fillet topped with garlic butter or a herb veloute, served with minted new potatoes and mixed seasonal fresh vegetables.

* may contain small bones.

Desserts

Chocolate Fudge Sundae

Ice cream, chocolate fudge brownie, maltesers, cream and chocolate fudge dessert sauce.

Apple Crumble Tart

Served with custard or hot toffee dessert sauce.

Horn of Plenty

A generous serving of ice cream, smothered with fruit, cream, and raspberry dessert sauce.

Scotch Pancakes

Served with a hot toffee dessert sauce and ice cream.

Traditional Baked Cheesecake

A slice of delicious vanilla flavour cheesecake, served with a passion fruit coulis.

VHF NFD 2003 (5th-6th July)

As previously reported we have decided upon the following entry:

Section - Mix & Match

Stations: 6m G3SRC - Restricted
2m G3WIM - Restricted
70cm G3ZPB - Restricted
23cm G8MNY - Low Power

The key issue now is resources, especially people to help put up and dismantle the stations, as well as operators and check-loggers. We intend to publish a rota per station prior to the VHF NFD weekend. If you could spare just a couple of hours you will be more than welcomed. Please let John G8IYS know - thanks.

The next meeting has been organised for Monday night 14th April 2003 from 8pm at John's QTH (18 Riding Hill, Sanderstead). Please advise John of your intention to attend, either on 020-8657 0454, or e-mail johns@connectnet.org.uk

NEWSLETTER CORRECTIONS

Those of you who have the paper copy mailed to you would have noticed two errors last month. The first was the Sunday Morning Club Net frequency, which should have read 1.905MHz; and the other was the incorrect callsign for Peter Horbaczewskyj when I should have stated G4ZXO. Apologies.

"The Sweet Smell of RF"

Having just moved into my new address and being a "Good Ham" my first priority was to install an HF Antenna of some sort, ASAP.

An odd length of PVC coated wire, 7 metres long, was pushed out of the window late in the evening and surreptitiously laid along the top of my 3 metres high privet hedge, where I hoped it would not be noticed and frighten the natives.

To minimise Corona discharge from the end of the wire a closed three-centimetre loop was formed.

A counterpoise wire was hurriedly laid round the Shack to ensure there was some sort of RF return path for the aerial current.

I stoked up the Icom-706-G rig on 80 Metres, via the balanced AMU, and had a quick late night QSO. Keeping my ears attuned for the cries of derision from my XYL and neighbours, concerned with the break-up of their TV picture. I waited-----no discord was heard-----and so happily to bed, perchance to dream of rare DX.

The following morning whilst in a QSO with the "locals", I happened to look out of the Shack window and was surprised to see a cat hesitantly creeping along the top of the privet hedge in the direction of the antenna, until it came within 10 cm of the "loop". Whereupon it stopped and began to sniff it, followed by a tentative touch with a paw and more sniffing. After repeating the exercise several times, the cat lay down with its nose close to the wire having apparently enjoyed the experience. I was fascinated by it's prolonged antics.

Perhaps "The Sweet Smell of RF" or Ozone was irresistible when mixed with privet leaves.

Once again it was my turn to "transmit" and on pressing the mike key this time the cat leapt up, stood rigid for a second, gave the "loop" a savage swipe with its paw and headed for the next garden in great haste.

The funny thing is I have seen the same Felix Vulgarise many times since in my garden but haven't seen it do the aerial sniffing trick again. I wonder why???

"Anon"
12th March 2003.

A NON-RADIO CHALLENGE!

Some of you may be aware that I (YL of Jim G4WYJ) am taking up the biggest and maddest challenge of my life so far - no I am not taking the R.A.E!! and no rude remarks about Jim being my maddest challenge either! No it is nothing to do with radio - I will be cycling 400kms in 5 days, along the banks of the River Nile in Egypt for Charity. Yes I did say it was mad and big!

The Charity concerned is the Samaritans, I happen to be working for them at their General Office in Ewell, so I know first hand what wonderful work the Samaritan Volunteers do, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year providing emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair. They believe that listening, in confidence and without prejudice, can alleviate despair and suicidal feelings. In 2001 they received just under 5 million calls. They are just ordinary people providing an extraordinary service. This is the reason for my doing this challenge is to help keep this unique lifeline available. The charity relies solely on donations to ensure the service is available at all times. This event in November will help launch their 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

The challenge is threefold, doing the actual ride, getting fit enough to cycle that far and finally raising the minimum sponsorship of £2,600 by September, which is almost bigger than the other two. I would, therefore, be extremely grateful for any donation, no matter how small, that you feel able to make. If you are able to assist in sponsoring me please contact either Jim or myself and we will forward you a pledge form.

If you are not able to donate personally, perhaps you may be involved in a quiz, or a coffee morning or any other event and would be able to help me raise funds in this way. If you are working, would your company be interested in sponsoring me to advertise them on maybe my cycle helmet? Any ideas would be welcome and you can be assured the money will be going to a worthwhile cause.

I am sure Jim will keep you informed of my progress.

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Barbara Eves E-Mail: barbaraeves@btinternet.com
Mobile: 07973 800948

Thanks Barbara and good luck, I'll have some pledge forms available at future meetings.

APRIL FOOL JOKES

I didn't find that many this year though there was an interesting new item on the Croydon Tramlink Un-official Web Site: <http://www.croydon-tramlink.co.uk/news/> (ensure you are on 1st April news page!)

Why Parents Go Grey

The boss of a big company needed to call one of his employees about an urgent problem with one of the main computers, dialled the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper, "Hello."

"Is your daddy home?" he asked.

Yes," whispered the small voice.

"May I talk with him?"

The child whispered, "No."

Surprised, and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, "Is your mommy there?"

"Yes."

"May I talk with her?"

Again the small voice whispered, "No."

Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked, "Is anybody else there?"

Current Committee:



Ray G4FFY



Roger G4WAY



Gareth G4XAT



Maurice G4DDY



Bernie G8TB



Graham G3RJW



Robert M1MRS



Pat G4FDN

"Yes," whispered the child, "a policeman."

Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman?"

"No, he's busy", whispered the child.

"Busy doing what?"

"Talking to Daddy and Mommy and the Fireman", came the whispered answer.

Growing concerned and even worried as he heard what sounded like a helicopter through the earpiece on the phone the boss asked, "What is that noise?"

"A hello-copper" answered the whispering voice.

"What is going on there?" asked the boss, now alarmed.

In an awed whispering voice the child answered, "The search team just landed the hello-copper."

Alarmed, concerned, and even more than just a little frustrated the boss asked, "What are they searching for?" Still whispering, the young voice replied along with a muffled giggle:

"ME."

MAY CONSTRUCTING EVENING PROJECTS

For the forthcoming constructing evening on 12th May 2003 we would like you views on what should be built on the night so here are some proposals for you to vote on:

- o Logic Probe / Signal Injector
- o Lightning Detector
- o PSK31 Sound Card Interface for Digi-modes

Please send you votes to Gareth G4XAT by 30th April so that sufficient parts, etc can be sourced for the meeting. I'm going for the PSK31 Interface.

SIGNING OFF:

I think that is it for this month - if I have missed anything I give my apologies and hopefully remember it next time. I now have my new ADSL connection and the new private E-mail address as published in last month's Club Address List is now working. Now to find the time to do the work on the SRCC Web Site!

So for our main meeting on April 7th it is the AGM so please make every effort to attend and get your voice and views held on how the Club should move forward in these times when it is getting harder to attract new blood. A nomination slip is attached if you would like to put yourself forward to work on the committee. The "B" meeting on April 28th (note the later date) will have the extra PSK31 Practical "Get-You-Going" session with Pat G4FDN so bring along your interfaces to be checked.

Don't forget the next meeting of the VHF NFD Group is on Monday 14th April at QTH of John G8IYS. We would also appreciate lots of helpers for the Windmills on the Air Weekend and East Croydon District Scouts Camp Weekend - thank you (I can but try!)

Regarding the Foundation Licence evenings on "B" meetings, we plan the take steps to improving the publicity for these evenings and re-launch.

Ray G4FFY

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Posted: 3rd Apr 2003



**AGENDA FOR THE 63rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE SRCC ON 7th APRIL 2003**



1. CHAIRMAN declares nominations closed and meeting open.
2. MINUTES of previous AGM
3. CHAIRMAN's report
4. TREASURERS report. Accounts for 2002/03
5. APPOINTMENT of Election Scrutineers (if necessary)
6. APPOINTMENT of Hon. Secretary
7. ELECTION of Committee. 7 posts
8. ELECTION of
 - (a) Treasurer,
 - (b) Chairman
 - (c) Vice Chairman from Committee
9. APPOINTMENT OF Accounts Independent Examiners
- Vote of thanks to previous year's
10. PRESENTATION of AWARDS
11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MEETING CLOSED.

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE 2003—2004 (Please return to Ray Howells G4FFY)

I wish to nominate

For the position of **Secretary / Member** on the SRCC committee 2003 - 2004

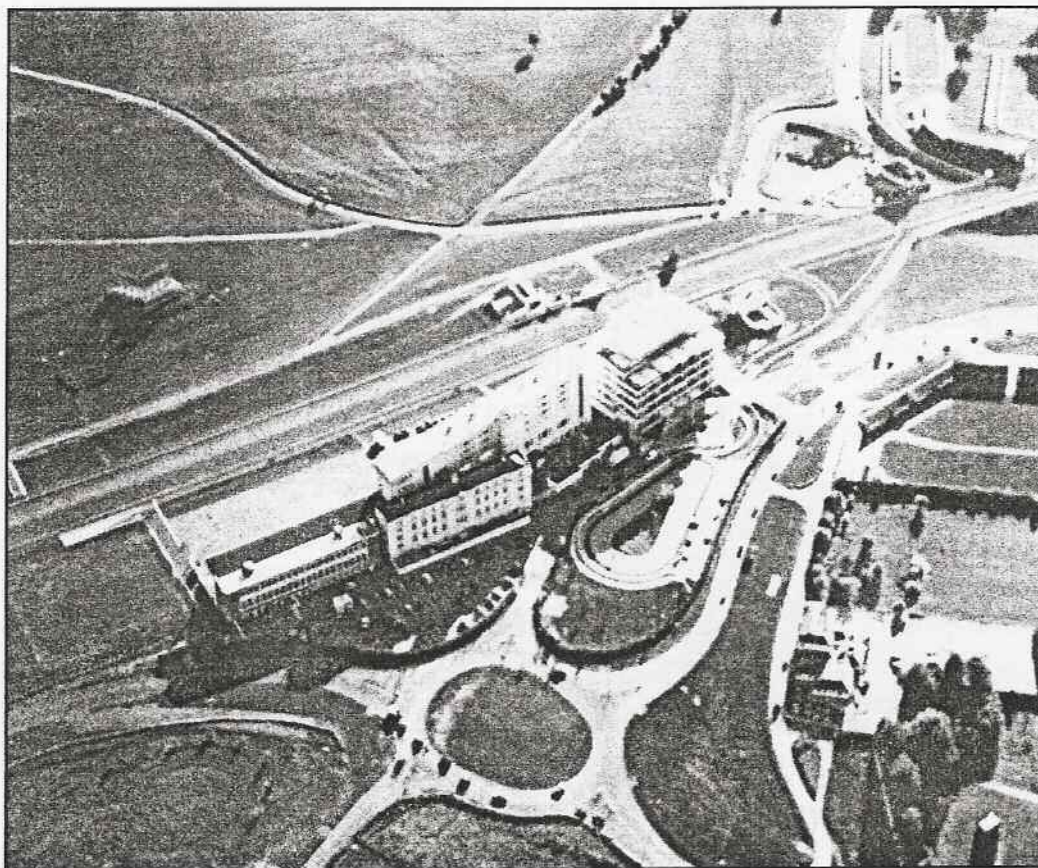
If elected I agree to stand. Signed: Date

(You may wish to photocopy this form rather than spoil the Newsletter)

RADIO & ELECTRONICS FAIR

By

RadioFairs



EPSOM GRANDSTAND
EPSOM - SURREY
SUNDAY 22TH JUNE 2003

