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Meetings are held at Irby Cricket Club 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 8pm Start.

Visitors are always most welcome

Suggestions for Club talks or your comments on any topic .. to:-

Colin

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or any committee member

Chairman's Notes :-

Just a short note from me to initially apologise for the late issue of this newsletter. Unfortunately as many will know I have managed to develop a DVT (sitting around doing nothing I guess) which has meant a period of restricted activity interspaced with much blood letting. This has reduced the time I was able to devote to publication and I have now handed over this task to Gordon G8MMM. Suffice to say that the content of the newsletter is very dependent on membership contributions, so can you please direct any content to g8mmm@wadarc.com to be considered for inclusion.

Just a quick word on subscriptions. Our Club needs subs to be paid promptly as we need to finance our activities as well as meet our commitments to the Irby C.C so please remember that prompt payment is essential...thanks…

I wish to take this opportunity to advise all members of a revision in our parking situation at the Irby CC meetings. Your Committee is requesting that five (5) parking spaces situated nearest to the entrance are to be reserved for our disabled members use only. I would therefore ask that you only park in this area if you are able to display your disability parking permit. I thank you all for your help in this matter.

Club Roundup

Just an introductory "hello" from me (G8MMM) as I am now editing this newsletter. I would like to start by "placing" the newsletter alongside the other primary way that we communicate to our membership..the Club website www.wadarc.com. For those with Internet access the website is always the most up to date and will reflect any "breaking news" and programme changes. The newsletter is primarily designed as a "hard copy" reference and produced for distribution by both e-mail and snail-mail. Part of the newsletter is the Club and Rally calendar and can be printed off for "bookshelf " access.

This year we have had several excellent talks at the Club and had the pleasure of both the Blackpool rally and the North Wales DF hunt organised by Tom, G4BKF. The talks have included a QRP night with the Reverend George Dobbs (G3RJV), a "packet cluster" explanation by G3UVR, a background to our website by Neil (G4OAR) and an outline of "collision techniques" by Merseyside Police (Dave Foulkes/Simon Richards).

However I am devoting a fair bit of space to the background on our last meeting on the 11th of May by Dave (M0OBW) which detailed what the RSGB believes is a "threat to the hobby " by OFCOM with their proposals for the future of Amateur radio licencing. My own particular "take" on the subject is that it would appear that for the first time the regulation of our hobby is being administered by a group of guys who are only just being made aware of what we are all about. However their main drive is to cut costs and as a result some changes may be made, one of which could be (not likely) a complete "free for all". The way any changes are moved forward is by responses to OFCOM publications which are then assessed and any action taken. My personal plan is to keep an eye out and respond by whatever means is specified with a copy to the RSGB and maybe my local MP. Whatever you think about the RSGB they are the "only show in town" at the moment and I think they should be used as a focal point for communication. We will keep Club members advised as the situation develops. All info on this topic can be viewed on the OFCOM website …www.ofcom.org.uk

Editor's Round up…..

1. **A very warm welcome to Gordon G6MHG who has joined our Club…**

2. **The list for the Urenco visit has now closed. Don't forget 15th June at 6.30pm ! Full details later at the Club and e-mail …but for postal recipients of this newsletter the site is in Capenhurst village off the A540. Any probs ring me on 0151 336 7143**

3. **Interesting developments on PLT (Powerline Transmission)….have a look at our Club website under "members page"...looks like tests are showing higher levels of leakage than forecast!**

Rally Dates For Your Diary in 2005 :

12 June Elvaston Castle Rally

24 June Friedrichshafen Rally (3 days)

Don't Forget….all venues and dates should be confirmed with the organisers. If you're travelling a long distance to a rally, it could be worth contacting the organiser, by telephone or E-mail, to check all is well before setting off. WADARC cannot be held responsible for any information on Rallies, as this is supplied by the organisers and is published in good faith as a service to readers. If you have any queries about a particular event, please contact the organisers direct.

Your Club Calendar of Events for 2005

May

02 Winsford Rally
04 D&W,Green Lodge, Hoylake
11 Ofcom Proposals
18 D&W. Wheatsheaf, Raby
25 Practice DF

June

01 D&W. Saughall Massie Hotel
08 Bring & Tell
15 Capenhurst Visit + D&W at the Chimneys in Hooton.
22 D&W. "Totty Night", The Shrewsbury Arms, Oxton.
29 Eileen Medley DF Hunt

July

06 D&W, The Devon Doorway, Heswall
13 Annual Club BBQ at the Clubhouse
20 D&W, The Fox & Hounds at Barnston
27 G8PMF trophy, "Revenge" DF Hunt

August

Summer Break-D&Ws to be arranged

WADARC BBQ, 13th July

Please make a special note in your diary to attend this year's Annual BBQ, We try to make this a fun day for all the family. So do try to be there.