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Club Roundup

Hello, and welcome to another Newsletter, packed full of reports on what the Wirral & District Amateur Radio Club has been up to over the last few months, together with our calendar through to the end of January 2003. We have some really interesting (NOT TO BE MISSED) talks coming along so make sure you check them out and mark your diaries ! As you will see I could not resist the temptation to make some slight changes to the front page layout which now includes the logo from our Polo Shirts (still £15.28 from Wirral Textile Motifs or see me if you would like one). Top Story this time is:-

The 17th December 2002 marks the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Wirral & District ARC. A landmark by any standard. We have decided to celebrate it on our Christmas Night Out which this year will be on **Friday the 6th December** at the Hotel Victoria, New Brighton. This venue has proved to be excellent value for money these last two years and is popular with everyone. We plan to invite as many of the founder members as we can find. Remember a three Course Carvery Dinner, coffee and mints for an unbelievable price of £13.99. Names with a £5 per person deposit to me asap please.

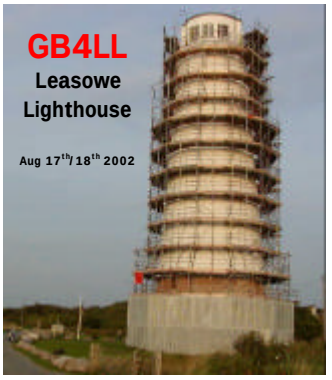
Our **Fox Hunts** have seen something of a revival of interest this year. The practice DF was won by Phil G0JSB with Tom G4BKF as fox. Denis G3UVR foxed the Eileen Medley on a very wet night with the G6IIM team taking 1st place. Denis G3UVR then won the Revenge Hunt in Neston where part of the G8MMM team were hiding. A report on the North Wales DF Hunt will be in the next Newsletter in January.

An excellent **Quiz Night** was held on the 12th June with Mid Cheshire ARS and we are planning a return match some-time in the Spring of 2003.

An enjoyable night at the **Club BBQ** at WADARC HQ. Robbie M3OKR with Val next to Bill

M1ARH. Thanks to Janis G6SNO who with Elaine (being held firmly by Gerry G8TRY)

shared the cooking. August, is normally a quiet holiday month, but not this year. For the first time for a number of years we put on a **Special Event station GB4LL at Leasowe Lighthouse**. We joined with "the Friends" to celebrate completion of a major re-furbish of the outside of the Lighthouse which coincided with the Worldwide Lighthouses on the Air weekend. Steve G7BBF was the driving force behind the event for which the Club can also claim a first for any Special Event Station. Steve organised a Webcam with 4 cameras feeding live colour video pictures of GB4LL to the Club Website. It received almost 800 hits over the two days. More pics on the back.



Finally on the subject of pics, my **thanks to Colin G3RLA** for the regular supply of digital photos which arrive on a CD after every club event. Excellent quality .. thank you Colin.
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Coming Soon

Paul, G4MWO is coming to the Club on **Wed 9th October** to unravel the mysteries of **NVIS Antennas (Near Vertical Incidence Skywave)** These HF antennas work very close to the ground and have many properties which are not widely known. Come and find out more. Another popular **Test your Rig night** is scheduled for the **23rd October**. This time we hope to have test equipment for RX as well as TX. **Home Construction and Hotpot Supper** is on the **13th November** so .. Get that project finished.. and bring it along to be judged by your peers ! On the **27th November** we have invited Captain Woodhall along to give us a talk with anecdotes of his time as **Captain of Cunard's Flagship Ocean Liner the QE2**. This will be a really excellent talk. **Chairman's Night** on the **11th December** brings to a close some excellent talks from 2002, so mark your diaries. **"NOT TO BE MISSED"**
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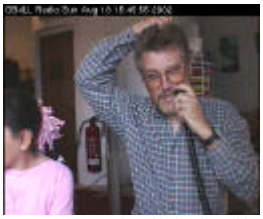
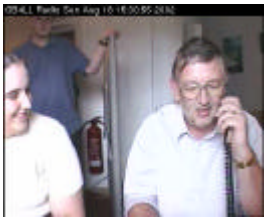
GB4LL - A Small selection of photos from the Leasowe Lighthouse Special Event weekend. Those with the black time/date strip at the top are from the live webcam video archive which shows just how good the quality was. Well done to Steve G7BBF a great weekend.

Vic G4UDR, Eric G6HWD & Neil G4OAR



Tom G4BKF Operating with daughter Abby



Phil G0JSB with daughter Claire 2E1CEL

Essential soldering repairs by the Chairman

Above: Eric G6HWD logging while Phil G6IIM handles the pile-up
Below: Phil G6IIM showing us a fine Lighthouse chest!

Welcome

A warm welcome to **Geoff G4WUA** who recently joined the Wirral & District ARC

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Congratulations !

Our very Best Wishes to Eileen O'Brien G3WIO a WADARC Honorary member who recently celebrated her 80th birthday. Can be heard every day on the air thanks to a repaired antenna by the Clubs "Retired Repair Team" Colin G3RLA, Vic G4UDR and Neil G4OAR

Foundation Course

If you know someone who you think would be interested in taking the Foundation Course for an M3 license, please contact Tom G4BKF We plan to join with some of the Cheshire Clubs for a weekend retreat as demand requires.
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The AGM Challenge

New members continue to join but who is going to win the quality bottle of Malt for introducing the highest number of new paid-up members to the Club? (minimum 5) Some say it may even be the Chairman ! Could this be true ? Only 3 months to go and we will all know. Forms available from Gerry G8TRY or any Club Officer.

You have to Laugh..

"Excuse my ignorance but what are the band limits ?"
"Usually quite good, but the drummer gets stroppy after 7 or 8 pints" !

Wirral & District ARC - Calendar 2002

	September
04	D&W - The Bridge Inn, Port Sunlight
11	**Pre-Owned Bargain Items Evening**
15	**North Wales Sunday 2m DF Hunt - Tom G4 BKF**
18	D&W - The Anchor, Irby
25	**Late Summers night with Eddystones - Dave, G3UFO**
	October
02	D&W – The Hoylake Lights, Hoylake
09	**All about NVIS Antennas by Paul G4MWO**
16	D&W - The Harp Lower Neston
23	**Test your rig night TX and RX**
30	D&W - The Chimneys, Hooton
	November
02/03	**North Wales Radio Rally, Llandudno**
06	D&W - The Hotel Victoria, Lower Heswall
13	**Home Construction & Hotpot Evening**
20	D&W - The Saughall Hotel, Saughall Massie
27	**Talk on the QE2 by Captain Woodhall**
	December
04	D&W -The Fox & Hounds, Barnston
06	**Christmas Night Out & 25th Anniversary Celebrations**
11	**Chairmans Night**
18	D&W - The Green Lodge, Hoylake
	January 2003
08	**WADARC AGM**
15	D&W - The Railway, Meols
22	**Pre-Owned Bargain Items Evening**
29	D&W - The Anchor, Irby

...and finally,

Sorry the "Tech.Tip" has been knocked out, this time by photographs of the Lighthouse, but as always space on an A4 double sider is at a premium.

In the next 2 issues we will be featuring articles on how to build a simple attenuator and a sniffer for 2m. Both aimed at simple electronics with diagrams and photographs as several of those taking part in the North Wales DF Hunt were without these basic items and unable to operate in high RF areas Me for one !

Your Club is purchasing a new video projection screen. With Tom's video projector increasingly being used we have in the past made use of one owned by Gerry G8TRY. Thanks for bringing it from home every time we needed it Gerry.

We hope 4m activity is likely to increase very soon as a new source of radio's has been found. These are of German origin and require no modification. More info at any Club Night. ✉g4oar@wadarc.com

The WADARC Teaser

If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter A ?
Answer: One Thousand

New Teaser

What do bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windscreen wipers & laser printers all have in common ?
Answer next time ☺ Ed