



Wirral & District Amateur Radio Club



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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 :-

After a deserved summer break we welcome a new season of WADARC activity, details of which may be found overleaf.

At our last committee meeting held on the 1st of August, your treasurer advised that the membership was slightly down on last year and at this time we had a total of 37 paid up members. It does seem that the youth of today are no longer fascinated by this wonderful hobby of ours, the mysteries of propagation within the ether hold no interest for them, communication is just a simple press of the appropriate button on their mobile phone or a few keystrokes on the laptop. The very nature of our hobby means we can all still enjoy it to the full in spite of dwindling numbers, however I think that we can all play our part in trying to introduce new blood into the club and I would ask you to do all that you can to promote WADARC within the local community.

To this end the club had some good exposure at the recent "Lighthouses" event and further activity is planned at the Irby clubhouse for a "Jamboree on the Air" station and at the forthcoming RAF Hooton event (see details of these later).

It is never too soon to plan your Christmas social calendar, one thing that you can't afford to miss is the WADARC Christmas dinner. Gordon has booked again at the 12th Man in Greasby and we find that they are intending to operate their "buy one get one free" promotion during this period. This will enable Gordon to set a lower price for the tickets. (again see details of this later).

A few thanks are due concerning recent activities.... for the excellent WADARC BBQ held on the 13th of July we thank Gordon and his team of helpers who did a wonderful job and to Richard who again provided the cooking facilities..... To Gordon yet again for his organisation of the interesting visit to URENCO, enjoyed by all who attended. To Geoff (G4WUA) for his work in setting up the GB4LL station and to those club members who were able to assist.

Obituary :- The membership were saddened to hear of the untimely passing of Alan (G4EFP), a true radio amateur. We send our condolences to family and friends, he will be missed at the club.

Jamboree on the Air.....Every year, amateur radio focuses attention on the Scouting movement with a weekend in October called Jamboree on the Air. JOTA for short.

Scout organisations are supported by Radio Amateurs and Amateur Radio Clubs during the nominated weekend, when they help to join up these hundreds of Scout Groups around the world using short wave radio. We have not been involved as a club before, although a number of members have been quite active .. the most prominent being Vic G4UDR. Vic holds the special event call GB2JAM and so this year we are planning to run an HF station using that call at our Irby HQ. We will be erecting antennas on Friday 14th October and be operational until the afternoon of Sunday 16th.

The station will be open to Club members and friends. Scouts will also be present from time to time by prior arrangement.

We will be looking for help in various ways .. so if you would like to attend and share your skills .. either by operating, logging, erecting antennas or making cups of tea etc. then I would love to hear from you. Please let me know you can assist with an email to g4oar@wadarc.com

Up to date information will be found on our website www.wadarc.com by clicking on GB2JAM at the bottom of the left hand menu, and also by announcement at future Club meetings.

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..I unfortunately ran out of ink for my Epson 830 printer some days ago, to keep costs down I usually buy my inks at the computer fair in Chester and always buy the Print-rite inks which I find to be the best of the alternative inks available for printing photographs.

As it was some time before the next fair I rang our friend Peter G8CVF at Petlyn Computers, he was able to supply exactly the right cartridges for my printer and at a very reasonable cost.

I promised to run an advert for his company which appears to the left... (Editor)

WADARC & Hooton Park Display/Open Day ...

LocationThe Hangars, Hooton Park Airfield, Ellesmere Port CH65 1BQ

WhenHooton park open day takes place on Sunday 25th of September.

WADARC will be supporting this open day and we have been invited to put on a radio station display as Hooton Park was one of the RAF radio training schools.

The open day runs from 10:00 - 16:00 and volunteers are needed to help run the station.

We are hoping to have the mobile Raynet trailer mast at the event which has been kindly offered along with their mobile comms van.

The WADARC display stand will also be on show with various items of modern and antique radio equipment. Members who can help should email Steve Cumberlidge G7BBF for details/times etc.

More details about Hooton Park and it's history can be found on www.hootonparktrust.co.uk

The Hooton Park Trust (HPT) was formed in 2000 with the aim of forming a Trust to oversee and manage the restoration of the remaining WW1/2 hangars on the former RAF airfield at Hooton Park, Cheshire. The aim is to provide company conferences/seminar facilities, as well as restoring the buildings & the site itself as valuable historic artefacts in their own right. The buildings will then provide the perfect environment for the projects and initiatives that are planned.

Situated just off the M53, alongside the mighty Ellesmere Port Vauxhall car plant and River Mersey, much still remains of the ex-610 Squadron Hooton Park airfield and its buildings. Three original, Belfast-trussed, hangars dominate the landscape, surrounded by the original access roads, taxiways, and numerous outbuildings and offices, all steeped in the colourful history of this one-time Royal Air Force airbase. Most of the runway also exists, although now used by Vauxhall for car storage. All manner of aircraft types have operated from this aerodrome, for example Austers of the Army Air Training Corps, Supermarine Spitfires of 610 Sqdn, and, during the postwar years, classic jets such as Gloster Meteors, De Havilland Vampires, Venoms and much much more.

There are numerous projects ongoing at Hooton Park. Alongside the ongoing restoration of the buildings themselves, associated groups and individuals are progressing with their own restoration projects .. for example, the building of a replica De Havilland Rapide, renovation of an ex-Battle of Britain film Hurricane replica, and an Auster, along with established exhibits such as a mighty Antonov AN2, English Electric Canberra nose section and hang glider to name a few. Hooton Park is also home to a varied collection of classic commercial vehicles, including a 1950s Austin K9 Lorry (in RAF colours) and a pair of Morris Commercials.

Christmas With WADARC

Join us for a warm welcome, delicious food and a fun atmosphere this Christmas - and all Christmas Fayre meals come with crackers!

STARTERS

(v) **Breaded Mushrooms**
Served with a garlic dip and salad leaves.

Chicken & Cranberry Paté
Served with garlic bread and salad leaves.

Prawn Cocktail
With slices of brown bread.

Soup of the Day
With bread and butter.



MAIN COURSES

Roast Turkey
Served with chipolatas, cranberry sauce, seasonal vegetables and gravy.

Peppered Steak
Rump steak with a creamy peppercorn sauce and seasonal vegetables.

Fillet of Salmon
Served with an asparagus sauce and seasonal vegetables.

(v) **Wild Mushroom, Goats Cheese & Chestnut Bake**
Served with seasonal vegetables.

DESSERTS

Black Forest Roulade

Christmas Pudding
Served with brandy sauce.

Ice Cream
Served with chocolate sauce.

Forest Fruit Pavlova

The WADARC Christmas dinner has been booked for **Friday 2nd December** at the **12th Man in Greasby**. Tickets will be in big demand for this popular event in our calendar so book early! The choice of menu can be seen above, will you please advise Gordon of your required menu when you buy your tickets. The price of tickets will be just **£11.00 each** and will include the cost of your WADARC super draw ticket. The 12th Man has requested we finalise our booking by mid-October so please book EARLY !

WADARC Events Calendar

September 05

07 D&W- The Bridge Inn, Port
Sunlight
11 Sunday WADARC North Wales D.F Hunt
14 Surplus Equipment Sale
21 D&W- The Anchor, Irby
22 Hooton Park Open Day
28 Wireless in the Boer War, Brian Austin, G0GSF

October 05

05 D&W- The Hoylake Lights, Hoylake
12 Glyn Parry, Local History
14-16 Club JOTA Station GB2JAM
19 D&W - The Harp, Lower Neston
26 Annual Hot Pot & Awards Night

November 05

02 D&W- The Egremont Ferry, Wallasey
05 & 06 Llandudno Radio Rally

November 05

09 Latest Intruder Detection Developments, Steve G7BBF
16 D&W- The Saughall Hotel
23 Friedrichshafen 2005 Photos & plans for 2006, Neil G4OAR
30 D&W- The Chimneys, Hooton

December 05

02 Friday WADARC Dinner, 12th Man Greasby
07 D&W- The Green Lodge, Hoylake
14 Chairman's Night
21 The Black Horse, Heswall
28 D&W- The Wheatsheaf, Raby

January 06

04 D&W- The Railway, Meols
11 WADARC, AGM @ Irby CC
18 D&W- The Anchor, Irby
25 Surplus Equipment Sale

Around the country RALLY INFORMATION FROM JESS G7PHH.

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| 11. SEP. LINCOLN. Tel:- 01552. 693. 848. | 6. NOV. HOLSWORTHY. Tel:- 01409. 241. 202. |
| 18. SEP. BARNSELY. S/Y. Tel:- 01226. 716. 339. | 13. NOV. WEST LONDON. Tel:- 01737. 279. 108. |
| 30. SEP./ 1. OCT. LEICESTER. Tel:- 01455. 823. 344. | 20. NOV. Solihull Birmingham. Tel:- 01214. 229. 787. |
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| 16. OCT. HORNSEA. Tel:- 01964. 562. 498. | 4. DECEMBER. BISHOP AUCKLAND. Tel:- 01388. 745. 353 |
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| 30. OCT. BALDOCK. Tel:- 01706. 376. 204 | |
| 5 / 6. NOV. LLANDUDNO. Tel:- 01492. 549. 413. | |
| 13. NOV. Sunbury on Thames. Tel:- 01737. 279. 108. | |

Suggestion:- If you're travelling a long distance to a rally it would be worth phoning the **contact numbers** to check it is all-well before you set off.

Will members please use the form below to advise the secretary of their contact details.

Confidentiality of Members Details.

Your name, address, and other contact details will be stored in electronic format for the purposes of communication solely within the radio club. These details will not be used for any other purpose or disclosed to any third party.

If you have any objection to this process you should inform the Secretary of the club as soon as possible whereupon your details will be removed from any electronic database and recorded only in written form.

Your Committee appreciates that not all members are equipped with internet e-mailing facilities, however as time passes more of our members are coming "on line". It is a simple matter to communicate with "on-line" members, giving instant access for the transmission of news and views as they break, it also serves as a medium for the distribution of your Newsletter which is sent out in PDF (Portable Document Format) which may then be printed out locally on your printer thus saving the club the associated costs of producing hard copy versions, several of which require to be sent out by costly surface mail.

Below you are given an opportunity to hand your latest contact details to our Secretary, Tom Howarth G4BKF. Please take time to advise Tom of any change to your communication details so that our database is kept fully up to date.

Name:- _____ Call Sign:- _____

Address:- _____

_____ POST CODE:- _____

Telephone Number:- _____

E-mail Address _____