# Wirral & District Amateur Radio Club

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## 2008 Committee

**Gordon G8MMM**
**Chairman**

**Bob G4NCI**
Treasurer

**Tom G4BKF**
Secretary / Publicity

**Steve G7BBF**
Club Internet

**Geoff G4WUA**
Memberships

**Simon 2E0BDO**

**Chris M1EEV**

**Phil G6IIM**

**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:-

Gordon

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or any committee member

### Session Round Up

**Well the AGM came and went with only a couple of changes to the committee. Neil G4OAR wanted to step down to make way for some newcomers and as a result Simon 2E0BDO and Chris M1EEV came on board. Neil has given many faithful years of service and the good news is that he is still around to offer experienced advice and still maintain the excellent website. It is becoming more obvious as to how much this site contributes to our Club, particularly in the way it attracts new visitors who then become members!**
**We have had some really good "radio" nights at the Club so far this year. A key contributor has been Dave G3UFO who spent several nights building and commissioning what we now call the WADAPOLE multi-band HF portable antenna. Originally anticipating five volunteers the final tally reached 17!! and culminated in some "on the field" live setup and testing sessions. On some nights this was supported by live "on the air" facilities operated by Club members.**
**We had several interesting talks by Lisa M0LSA (Women in Radio) and Dr Tony Fisher (Medical Electronics) both of which were first class. In memory of Peter G3PYU who did so much for the Club we ran a Quiz with Chester & District ARS for the G3PYU trophy .**
**We have just completed our first half of the programme with yet another successful BBQ with a record attendance of some 50 people. Yet another great night to meet and talk radio!**

### Forthcoming Programme

**Lots of great nights to look forward to in the next few months as you can see from our Club calendar. Lots of technical nights including a construction night which doubles up as a competition!**

**2008 sees the commissioning of Wirral's first ever repeater to help communication over the varying topography of the Wirral Peninsula, changing as it does from sea level to 300ft+ in quite a short distance. This D-Star digital repeater (GB7WP) offers the very latest advanced communication technology and puts our Club at the leading edge of Amateur Radio development. Come along on the 24th of September and all will be explained.**

**We are off the Chester on Tuesday 28th October for a "revisit" of the Radio Quiz so your support is most welcome.**
**December brings the XMAS Bash and a talk from myself. I had better start planning!**

### Key Events

**The weekend of May 10th this year saw a " first" for a special event station to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone for the Royal Liver Building. We were approached by Simon M3VNB to support the station and Geoff G4WUA, Simon 2E0BDO ( seen here erecting antennas) and Steve G7BBF looked after the event for the Club which was a big success, particularly on VHF.**

**GB1RL about to go "live"**

# WADARC EVENTS CALENDAR

## August 2008

D&Ws for the 6th/20th/27th to be arranged by those able to attend.

Aug 13th 70cm DF

Aug 16/17 Lighthouses on the Air (GB4LL)

## September 2008

Sep 3rd D&W-The Black Horse, Heswall

Sep 10th Pre-owned bargains evening

Sep 14 (Sun) N.Wales DF Challenge

Sep 17th D&W– The Hoylake Lights, Hoylake

Sep 24th D-Star update M1EEV

## October 2008

Oct 1st D&W– The Fox & Hounds, Barnston

Oct 8th Annual Hot Pot and Awards night

Oct 15th D&W-The Saughall Massie Hotel

Oct 18/19th JOTA at the ICC

## October 2008 (continued)

Oct 22nd Microprocessors in Ham Radio 2E0BDO/G7BBF

Oct 24/25th Leicester Amateur Radio Show

Oct 28th (Tue) Revenge Quiz at Chester and District ARS

Oct 29th D&W– The Egremont Ferry, Wallasey

## November 2008

Nov 1st/2nd Llandudno Rally

Nov 5th D&W-The Ring O'Bells, W.Kirby

Nov 12th The Stanguard EIPRB receiver

Nov 19th D&W-The Chimneys, Hooton

Nov 26th Construction Night 2E0BDO "Return of the egg Race"

## December 2008

Dec 3rd D&W-The Green Lodge, Hoylake

Dec 5th (Fri) WADARC XMAS Bash

Dec 12th Chairman's Night

Dec 17th D&W-The Wheatsheaf, Raby

## A brief reminder……

Just a quick reminder to please keep the parking bays in front and back of the Clubhouse free for our disabled members. Thanks for your co-operation….

## LOCAL RALLY INFORMATION 2008

*Only local ( 80 Miles radius approx) rallies shown. All info is taken from Web sites and current Ham Radio magazines and is for alerting purposes only .* **Always check for current info before travelling.**

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| **September 2008** | | | |
| Sep 28th | Telford Rally | Enginuity, Coalbrookdale | Martin 01952 255416 |
| **October 2008** | | | |
| Oct 5th | Autumn Militaria | Hack Green, Nantwich | Rod 01270 623353 |
| Oct 24/25th | Leicester Amateur Radio Show | Donnington Park | Geoff 01455 823344 |
| **November 2008** | | | |
| Nov 1st | Rochdale Rally | Caldershaw,Rochdale | Dave 07710 243017 |
| November 1st/2nd | Llandudno Rally | John Brights School | Liz 01690 710257 |