

HORSHAM AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# *HARCNEWS*

## *Coming Shortly*

Oct 6th Club Night Junk Sale

Oct 20th Social Evening Selsey Arms Coolham

Nov 3rd Club Evening Brighton Electric Supply  
by John Narbrough

Nov 20th Club Event DF Hunt

Dec 1st Club Evening AGM

Dec 10th Social Evening Xmas Dinner

Dec 15 th Social Evening Abenger Hatch  
at Abenger Common

## *October 2005*

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# *Trip to France*

Due to a clash of dates for two drivers for the proposed date of the 1st of October, the committee have decided that in order to allow more people to take part, the trip has been moved back three weeks to Saturday 22nd October. So as usual it will be the now traditional early start from the Horsham area about 6:15 am, with a return ferry/tunnel crossing about 8 pm.

This October visit will hopefully take in two WWII museums, both of which are near to Calais. And yes ,there will be time to do some shopping at Cite Europe on the way back home to stock up those essential items for Christmas!

Our first stop will be Le Blockhaus, a large concrete bunker built by the Germans for the construction and delivery of the V2 weapon.

This site would have become fully operational had it not been for a few visits from the Allies bearing gifts such as Barns Wallis's Tallboy bomb! (Two years ago HARC made a visit to Saint-Omer where the V2's were to be launched).

The site has now been converted into a museum and contains much of interest (see the museum website at [www.leblockhaus.com](http://www.leblockhaus.com) not forgetting to click on the English icon).

Our second stop will be the underground V3 base at Mimoyecques, where it was planed to launch the much smaller V3 missiles. Again this site was paid several visits by the allies to stop this underground fortress becoming operational. This has again been turned into a small museum.

On the way back we will of course stop at Cite Europe for some shopping and a meal, and I suspect a few beers along the way.

As with the last visit's we will be taking our own cars, and drive along (pootle along

in the chairman's case) in convoy, keeping in contact on 2m (whilst taking the rise out of the chairman!). So if you would like to come along please contact myself (Adrian G4LRP) or any other committee member and I will find you a seat.

## *September Meeting*

The September meeting took the form of an Inter Club Quiz Night between the Horsham and Crawley clubs based on the usual 'Pub Quiz' format of loose teams of 4 people and rounds of questions.

This time round the Interclub quiz was hosted by HARC and Paul G4TMC was our quiz master. Paul had decided that the quiz would take the format of Power Point presentation, so it was vitally important to put your specs on and watch the screen! HARC fielded four teams of 4 and CARC had a team of

6. The quiz had five rounds of 10 questions ranging from history, technical, general knowledge, pot luck and of course the obligatory music round.

The music ranged from classical, to some of the latest chart music. After much head scratching, muttering and scribbling answers were scribed. After the coffee break Paul ran through the answers and marks awarded.

Once again our friends from Crawley were just piped to the post by HARC to win the

much coveted CARC/HARC trophy!

The winning HARC team consisted of Anne M1AIM, Marilyn G7EYL, Tony G3NPF, and Adrian G4LRP and were joined later on during the proceedings by John G3WZT. Of course being HARC, liquid prizes were the

order of the day. My thanks to our friends from Crawley and Paul G4TMC for making it an entertaining evening.

Don't forget the next meeting on the 6th October is the much famed Junk Sale, so dig out that surplus equipment and come along.

## *SSB Field Day*

Yet again, Sideband Field Day was a resounding success. The station's support was excellent, there were so many people that were willing to operate, log, set up shop and tear it down again.

As this year was back to good old high power we made good use of the linear and the generator – neither of which blew up! We were also fortunate with the laptop, unlike last year, the power supply seemed to be in good working order although it was out of action for a while due to a logging error. This was fixed and even though we may have

accumulated a few dupes it was no major disaster. The picatune was not used. It developed a problem last year.

The weather was stunning, perhaps a little warm in the tent in the afternoon but wonderful for camping in. Some of us even managed a trip across the road to the Blue Ship for a quick pint before the end of the contest.

Our score has improved since the last high power field day but there have been thoughts and ideas of how to improve it further! Hopefully, having a more expert amateur to

supervise us HARC juniors will help us learn to improve our contesting techniques. The layout of the tent also caused some bother so that could be remedied also.

I think what really makes this weekend so special is the enthusiasm of everyone there, and the excitement of compet-

ing and clocking up multipliers even whilst sane people are tucked up in bed.

I hope everyone is looking forward to next year (and keeping the first weekend in September free!) because I predict it will be better still!

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## *Announcements*

The next Advanced course is likely to start mid-October, and will run on Monday nights from 7 til 9pm at Collyer's College. The next suitable exam date will be Monday 27th February 2006.

Will anyone who wants to enrol please let Andrew M0GJH know soon?

After that, we shall try to organise a weekend Foundation course if we can find a suitable

venue.

RSGB Exam costs have risen to 20, 25 and 30 pounds for the Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced course, with a £5 reduction for RSGB members. HARC charge £5.

HARC Xmas dinner is at the Bax Castle on 10th December and will cost £20. Please fill in the form and hand to a committee member.