

HORSHAM AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Coming Shortly

Aug 12th Club Evening A video show entitled
The Secret Wireless War

Aug 19th Social Evening Bax Castle

Sept 2nd Club Evening Radio Scouting and Contesting

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July Meeting: G4LRP's Travelogue of Friedrichshafen.

This meeting was well attended as it was a digital photo shoot of two groups of strange people. The first strange group was of course radio amateurs from across Europe for the famous radio fair.

A new hall has been built for conventions etc near to the large airship centre on lake Constance, which is at the southern part of Germany and borders Austria and Switzerland. A small airfield is nearby and cheap flights are available from Stanstead.

Public transport is well coordinated in the area with ferry boats, trains and hire cars conveniently available. Unfortunately it seems they have the dreaded speed cameras there too. For the rich, an airship trip is also possible.

Some steam-powered trains were investigated by our explorers and these trains passed

through various back gardens without fences. No signs of graffiti were in evidence either.

Scenery is absolutely stunning with an excellent view of Alpine mountains to the south. Cable cars are a good way of getting high into the mountains, and also trains with special racks to climb up the inclined slopes. Meanwhile back at the fair, the football pitch sized halls have sections devoted to the big manufacturers and also junk sale areas.

Some of the equipment was very expensive and other stuff incredibly cheap. There were huge hf beams, huge vhf beams, large transmitters, valves, components and all sorts of radio bits and pieces. There seemed to be very little in the way of computer junk though.

Because of the vast range of prices, it was a good idea to make notes as to the location of the more interesting stuff to return later to obtain the best bargains. Plenty of local food was commented on as the food quality was excellent. In fact the best eating was to be found in the Zeppelin museum but that wasn't always open. Large breakfasts and

huge sausages seemed to go down well.

On Saturday night one of the boats is traditionally commandeered for another strange group of individuals whose hobby appeared to be leather. At this point the editor needs to end this article and contemplate next year's trip!

August Meeting

Due to a change of job, the planned talk on computer networks has had to be postponed. Instead we shall be having a video show entitled 'The Secret Wireless War'. This is about the interception of enemy transmissions in WWII by both radio amateurs and others.

We recently had a talk about Enigma by Clair Greer and many of the transmissions decoded at Bletchley Park

were picked up by amateurs. It seems that the majority of intercepts were by service personnel but it will be interesting to see from this video just how many actually were from amateurs.

Please note that this meeting will be held one week later than normal because the Guides are using their hall on the first Thursday of the month.

Results of 2m DF hunt evening of Thurs 15th July by Bryn - G3SWC

The evening started warm & sunny but partly cloudy and remained that way for most of the evening.

The hidden station (fox) G4HRS/P operated by Bryn/G3SWC & accompanied by Eva commenced transmission on the club frequency of 144.725 at 19:30 for two minutes and thereafter repeated calls every ten minutes. The start was from the QTH of G3OGP at The Haven & six teams took up the evening's challenge!

Unlike previous DF hunts, clues were given on every transmission except for the initial call. It was in fact possible to locate the fox simply from collating the clues but this would prove impossible without local knowledge. The clues were as follows and their meaning

is shown in italics –

19:40 Go west young man
(literally go west, like along the top of the Chichester map!).

19:50 I'd Rother go north!
(go north of the river Rother).

20:00 It's not a problem if I've got a thirst on
(I'm next door to the pub!).

20:10 A main A-road is less than 0.4Km from here
(A286).

20:20 Yellow houses? Go south Sir!
(Refers to the yellow doors & windows of the Cowdrey estate properties around Midhurst).

2030 The deers are to the southeast, even so, we are no further than the last fox
(Refers to the map & the clearly marked deer park at

Petworth. The fox is at the approx same distance from the start as was the case for the previous DF hunt – 19Km).

20:40 (a) There is a cricket green & playing area nearby. *(I am sitting facing it!)* (b) Darling, I thought that place to the south was on the Thames! *(Refers to Henley as in Henley-on-Thames. Henley is located next to the A286 just North of Midhurst)*

20:50 That's 'ferny' I

thought, a one-way street! Cor blimey mate! *(Ferny refers to Fernhurst and the reference to a one-way is to Church Road Fernhurst which is one-way and leads directly to the hidden station!).*

21:00 The fox & pub are co-located *(Pub was The Red Lion at Fernhurst & the hidden station was in the adjacent public car park overlooking the village playing field & children's playing area).*

The results were –

1. 20:25Hrs Robin G3OGP & Pat
2. 20:53Hrs Steve G4TPO & Maria
3. 20:55Hrs Alister G3ZBU

Ron G3PYC retired Nr Northchapel due to running short on petrol!

Paul G4TMC/Marilyn/Helen/Alex opened their envelope after the 21:10 transmission.

Andrew/Janet retired.

A few pints were 'sunk' in The Red Lion after the event before heading back home!

Thank you to all the participants for a nice evening, we can't wait until the next event!

Sky

By David Miller G4JHI

I was reading an internet forum today and have found information which may be useful to you. Recently, Sky have made some changes to BBC1 and ITV1 regional services mainly so that everyone can see their correct local news and other programmes.

So you may find that your BBC1 and ITV1 region on channel 101 and 103 may have changed. There may be in some cases, changes to BBC2 and C4 on 102 and 104 but they will be minimal.

Freq 10832 Pol H SR 22.0 FEC 5/6

Freq 10891 Pol H SR 22.0 FEC 5/6

Freq 10906 Pol V SR 22.0 FEC 5/6

If you already have some of these tuned in it may be necessary to delete them and perform a rescan.

To find an alternative BBC1 regional service look in the 900 channel area. Unfortunately the ITV1 alternative regions that were available e.g. up to 2 adjacent regions depending on where you live that appeared on channels 963 and 964, have disappeared!

I have checked and can confirm! So to access them they must be added using the 'add channels' through the services menu. The settings are as follows:

If you have any problems please get in touch.

Regards David