

HORSHAM AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# *HARCNEWS*

## *Coming Shortly*

Jan 3rd Club Evening RSGB Video Evening

Jan 17th social evening The Foresters St Leonards Rd  
Horsham

If you have an idea for a meeting or know of anybody that  
can give a talk for this year, please let a member of the  
committee know and they can try and arrange it.

## *January 2002*

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# *Committee Quartely.*

Please remember that the two AFS contests are upon us now that there are no mince pies left. The CW event is on Sunday 13th January from 1400-1800UTC on 3.510-3.590MHz. Nearly a week later is the SSB event, on Saturday 19th January 1400-1800UTC on 3.6-3.750MHz. Contest exchange consists of RS(T) plus serial number.

Logs may be e-mailed to G3ZBU and should ideally be text files in the format TIME CALLSIGN RST SN sent RST SN rxd, but anything else will do as I run a DOS programme to check for duplicates and add in mode/power etc to produce a SuperDuper log file.

Our Club have had great success in these contests and put in several teams in each section. This year we hope to let some Novices operate to gain contest experience and they will be entered as a team on their own.

This Club has volunteered to run Foundation Classes, and an ex-RN operator has already enlisted. He is keen on CW oper-

ating on the hf bands using QRP, so the new licence will be ideal for him. Unlike the Intermediate and full RAE exams which are held 4 and twice a year respectively, the exam will be taken 'on demand'.

This means that once the 20 hours of course have been completed, an exam can be taken and M2 licence applied for. There is no A/B class because a Morse assessment is an integral part of the course. The student must send and receive 20 to 30 characters with 100 percent accuracy, but no time limit. Our members who have a G7 licence may take the assessment and get an M2 call which allows hf access with a 10 Watt power limit.

I'm afraid the details are a bit sketchy at the moment.

A new Novice callsign (or rather I should say Intermediate) will soon be heard as soon as I can get the time to go round and set up her rig/aerial. Emma has recently been allocated 2E1IGA = Intelligent Girl Amateur, and the Committee wish to offer their congratulations to Emma.

# *December Meeting*

## *HARC AGM*

The meeting opened slightly later this year due to a small problem with last year's minutes, the minute book was missing! (LRP thinks can we wing this one or not!), but after a dash back to the absent secretary's house by G4TMC the panic was over thanks to Helen 2E0AVG for finding the missing minutes for Paul to return to the club HQ. Panic over the meeting started minus the secretary G3ZBU who was working in the US and Gavin G7DFV (news letter editor) who was working in Germany.

Once all were seated, David G4FQR (who was standing in for the secretary) read the minutes of last years meeting, these being accepted by all present we moved on. With the Chairman's report also being read and accepted, Paul G4TMC offered the Treasurer's report. After an observation from the floor regarding the wording of some the title headings, the report was again

accepted (next years report will have amended title headings).

As now seems to be the norm, the current officers and committee members of the club were re-elected into their current positions with the welcome addition of a new committee member, Helen Watt 2E0AVG. I think Helen must be the youngest committee member HARC has had in its history, and I'm sure she will bring some new and interesting ideas to HARC. Also it means that us 'old uns' had better mind our 'P's and Q's!!! Well-done Helen! Thanks also go to Robin G3OGP for auditing this year's accounts.

As usual, after the close of the official business, the 'Webb Cup' was awarded. This year the Webb Cup went to Brian G3GDU, for his work in setting up SCARF (The Southern Counties Amateur Radio Forum) and for his series of

excellent articles in RadCom. Congratulations Brian.

So there it is, another year past and business as usual, but don't forget, it's 'your club', let us

know what you want in the way of club nights and events and we'll try to arrange it. Have a Happy New Year.

73's de G4LRP

## *Alister's Archives: Jan 2002*

The 'ZBU talk on PSK31 seemed to have some effect as some of the talk at the last social evening was about contacts made on this mode. However the PSK31 talk had to be rejuvenated in Cleveland, Ohio, last month. I had the pleasure of meeting a 'ham' to use their vernacular, namely W3DLZ, at Fox News.

He had read the many articles on PSK31 but like so many people had not tried the mode. I suppose the articles get very technical very quickly. The 'ZBU approach of telling people to EITHER download WinPSKse and try it OR 'get a visit from the boys' is far more effective!

As an aside, Cleveland is on the edge of Lake Erie. The lake is

70 miles across, so it is a little bit like standing on the beach at Worthing on a calm day; one cannot see across to the other side. Occasionally there are temperature inversions and it can be possible to see across from a high area. As we know, everything's bigger in the States! We had a record high temperature for that time of year. Normally there is a bitter cold wind coming straight over the Lake from Canada, bringing Mr Jack Frost with a vengeance.

W3DLZ saw the WinPSKse software running on my laptop pc which I had brought along to the studio to do some work on the infra-red sensors on our robots. He left with the quote 'I know what I will be doing this weekend!'. .