



Wythall Radio Club Newsletter

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Wythall Radio Club meets from 8pm every Tuesday evening at Wythall House, Wythall Park, Silver Street, Wythall near Birmingham. Visitors are very welcome.

Club call signs: G1WAC, G4WAC, G7WAC, G0WRC and M5W

Wythall Radio Club is affiliated to the Radio Society of Great Britain



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Editorial

Once again I find myself trying to put together another newsletter, with insufficient time and material. Thank you of course to the regulars without whom there wouldn’t be a newsletter.

Things have been made a little difficult this time by the failure of the 60GB hard drive in my computer. One of the partitions started giving me problems, and I couldn’t run the software needed to produce the newsletter.

A week later I have a shiny new 120GB drive in and running and am back in a position to work on the newsletter. Luckily I was able to get most of the data off the old drive before it collapsed completely, but this and then losing the whole newsletter file have left me with very little time to produce this issue.

Looking forward to upcoming events we have the rally, Tolkien Weekend, Mills on the Air and plenty of contests.

Contest News

Since the last Newsletter, 11 club members have entered 27 contests, not including Field Day and the Christmas contest. There have been good turnouts for the Affiliated Contests, including multi-op entries from the club station. For details of the Christmas Contest and the winter Fox Hunt see the separate reports.

Although VHF Field Day was enjoyed by everyone involved, the results were a little disappointing despite the high

power 2m entry; perhaps a different strategy for next year?

The next three months offers a variety of good contests, from CQ WPX to the start of the Backpackers series, all modes are represented too. If you haven't tried contesting yet, have a go, there's something for everyone, why not come along to the club and help out on a multi-op effort.

Good contesting,

Pete, M0COP

Contest Calendar

March

HF

1-2	Sat 0000 — Sun 2400	ARRL International DX Contest — SSB
1-2	Sat 2200 — Sun 0159	Open Ukraine RTTY Championship — RTTY
2	Sun 1100 — 1700	DARC 10 m Digital Contest "Corona" — DIGI
8-9	Sat 1000 — Sun 1000	RSGB Commonwealth Contest — CW
9	Sun 0700 — 1100	UBA Spring Contest — CW
9	Sun 1800 — 2200	High Speed RTTY Sprint — RTTY
15-17	Sat 0200 — Mon 0200	BARTG Spring RTTY Contest — RTTY
15-16	Sat 1200 — Sun 1200	DARC SSTV Contest — SSTV
15-16	Sat 1200 — Sun 1200	Russian DX Contest — CW/SSB
24	Mon 1900 — 2030	RSGB Slow Speed Cumulatives CW
29-30	Sat 0000 — Sun 2359	CQ WW WPX Contest — SSB
30-30	Sat 1300 — Sun 1300	YLRC El. Marconi Contest — CW/SSB/RT

VHF

1-2	Sat 1400 — Sun	1400 RSGB 144/432
15-16	Sat 1000 — Sun 1000	SARL VHF/UHF

April

HF

1	Tue 1900 — 2030	RSGB Slow Speed Cumulatives CW
5-6	Sat 1500 — Sun 1500	SP DX Contest — CW/SSB
5-6	Sat 1600 — Sun 1600	EA WW RTTY Contest — RTTY
6	Sun 0700 — 0900	RoPoCo CW
9	Wed 1900 — 2030	RSGB Slow Speed Cumulatives CW

11-13	Fri 2300 — Sun 2300	Japan International DX Contest — CW
12	Sat 1500 — 1859	EU Sprint Spring — SSB
13	Sun 0600 — 1000	UBA Spring Contest — SSB
17	Thu 1900 — 2030	RSGB Slow Speed Cumulatives CW
19	Sat 0000 — 2359	Holyland DX Contest — CW/SSB
19	Sat 0000 — 2400	TARA PSK31 Rumble — PSK
19-20	Sat 1200 — Sun 1200	YU DX Contest — CW/SSB
19	Sat 1500 — 1859	EU Sprint Spring — CW
25	Fri 1900 — 2030	RSGB Slow Speed Cumulatives CW
26-27	Sat 1200 — Sun 1200	SP DX RTTY Contest — RTTY
27-27	Sat 1300 — Sun 1300	Helvetia Contest — CW/SSB

VHF

13	Sun 0900-1300	RSGB 1st 70 MHz
27	Sun 0900-1300	RSGB 50 MHz

May

HF

3	Sat 0000 — 2359	IPA Contest — CW
3-4	Sat 2000 — Sun 2000	ARI Int. DX Contest — CW/SSB/DIGI
4-10	Sun 0000 — Sat 2400	Danish SSTV Contest — SSTV
4	Sun 0000 — 2359	IPA Contest — SSB
10-11	Sat 1200 — Sun 1200	A. Volta RTTY DX Contest — RTTY
10-11	Sat 2100 — Sun 2100	CQ-M Int. DX Contest — CW/SSB/SSTV
16-17	Fri 1800 — Sat 2100	Anatolian WW RTTY Contest — RTTY
17-18	Sat 1800 — Sun 1800	H. M. The King of Spain Contest — CW
17-18	Sat 2100 — Sun 0200	Baltic Contest — CW/SSB
24-25	Sat 0000 — Sun 2400	CQ WW WPX Contest — CW

VHF

3-4	Sat 1400 — Sun 1400	432MHz — 248GHz
3	Sat 1400 — 2200	10GHz Trophy
3	Sat 1400 — 2200	432MHz Trophy
11	Sun 0900 — 1200	70 MHz CW
17-18	Sat 1400 — Sun 1400	144MHz
18	Sun 1100 — 1500	144MHz Backpackers #1

Activity nights each month:

First Tuesday	144MHz,
Second Tuesday	432MHz,
Third Tuesday	UHF,
Fourth Tuesday	50MHz

Contests Entered

November 2002

Ukrainian DX	M0COP	97 QSOs	(Rtty)	
	G0MTN	271 QSOs		
RSGB Club Calls 1.8MHz	GX0WRC (G0EYO, M0COP)	46 QSOs		
	M0AEJ	8 QSOs,	G0MTN	20 QSOs
CQ WW DX CW	G0MTN (XT2DX)	15241 QSOs	(39.9M pts)	

December 2002

RSGB 144MHz AFS:	G0EYO	31 QSOs	G1WAC	49 QSOs
	G4VPD	20 QSOs	G6ZDQ	57 QSOs
	M0AEJ	9 QSOs	M0COP	62 QSOs
	M5DUO	2 QSOs		
ARRL 10m	G0MTN	1257 QSOs	M0COP	302 QSOs
	MW5W	158 QSOs	(Darren, MW5HOC)	
OK DX Rtty	M0COP	263 QSOs		
Stew Perry	G0MTN	36 QSOs		
Canadian Winter Contest	G0MTN	150 QSOs		
Croatian CW	G0MTN	56 QSOs		

January 2003

New Year Snowballs	G0MTN	18 QSOs		
SARTG New Year RTTY	G0MTN	14 QSOs		
ARRL RTTY Roundup:	G0MTN	359 QSOs	M0AEJ	41 QSOs
	M0COP	31 QSOs		
RSGB 80m AFS CW	G0MTN	254 QSOs		
RSGB 80m AFS SSB	G0MTN	233 QSOs	M0COP	167 QSOs
			M0AEJ	60 QSOs
	G0EYO	57 QSOs	G0ICJ	52 QSOs
BARTG RTTY Sprint	G0MTN	146 QSOs	M0COP	82 QSOs
UBA DX SSB	G0MTN	238 QSOs		
REF CW	G0MTN	18 QSOs		
CQ 160m CW	G0MTN	123 QSOs		

February 2003

WPX RTTY	G0MTN	967 QSOs		
PACC	G0MTN	64 QSOs		
RSGB 432MHz AFS	G1WAC	19 QSOs	(M0COP, G0MTN, M0AEJ)	
	G4VPD	14 QSOs		
Mexican RTTY	M0COP	50 QSOs	G0MTN	198 QSOs
ARRL DX CW	G0MTN	1271 QSOs		
CQ 160 SSB	G0MTN	7 QSOs		
REF SSB	G0MTN	48 QSOs		
UBA CW	G0MTN	530 QSOs		

Contest Results

ARRL Int. DX CW 2002	G0MTN	1 st G, Low Power
144MHz Backpackers Series	G1WAC	34/39 (1 contest)
	M0COP	38/39 (1 contest)
ARRL Int DX SSB 3/02	M5W 33/40	Europe
ARRL RTTY RU	G0MTN	4 th G
	M0COP	7 th
	M0AEJ	8 th
ARRL 10M	G0MTN	2 nd / 4 G Single op mixed low power
	M5W (G0EYO, G0MTN, M0COP)	1/1 G MSOLP
Stew Perry	G0MTN	110/121
Russian DX	G0MTN	5/50 SOMLP
ARRL Int. DX Phone 2002	G0MTN	10/17 G LP
2m Backpackers #4 3w Multi-op	G1WAC	4/4
RoPoCo 2G0MTN		7/47

VHF NFD

Overall, Mix and Match Section:	Wythall RC	9/9
By Band: 6m Restricted Section:	G0WRC/P	10/12
4m Low Power Section:	G4WAC/P	8/11
2m Open Section:	G1WAC/P	11/22
70cm Restricted Section:	G7WAC/P	7/13

Helvetia 2002	G0MTN	1/1 G
Jubilee-Commonwealth SOUM	G0MTN	7/8
RSGB 144MHz May '02	GB2ME	12/13
EUHF Champs. 2002	G0MTN	10/79
	M0COP	34/79
RSGB 2 nd 50MHz 2002	M0COP	8/14
	G0EYO	9/14
HF Championship 2001	G0MTN	54/94
CQ WPX SSB 2002	G0MTN	1 st G SOA
CQ WW DX CW 2002	G0MTN	14/17 G
CQ WW DX SSB 2002	G0MTN	6/7 G
	G0HBC	7/7 G

Contest Calendars and Rules

HF:	www.g4tsh.demon.co.uk/HFCC/index.htm
	www.sk3bg.se/contest/
	www.hornucopia.com/cntestcal/contestcal.html
VHF:	www.vhfcc.freemove.co.uk

Chairman's Report

How soon the newsletter comes around. It only seems like 5 minutes ago that we were receiving our copies of the last newsletter. Yet it was the middle of December and we were about to have our Christmas Social. For those of you who attended a really great time was had by all on our "RACE NIGHT". Some 70+ members and friends attended and the club raised over £200 after paying all the expenses.

We are about to have our other big fund raising event and this is the Wythall Radio Rally on 9th March. We hope that members will turn out to support this, the most important event in our year. Without the rally the club would not survive in its present form. We debated long and hard at the AGM whether to move its venue but decided by a significant majority to keep it at the Park. Martin G8VXX has been working hard to set it all up and we do count on all of our members (and some of their friends and family) to make it a successful day. We will have the usual halls and facilities and will be running the park and ride. Anita has agreed to organise the catering yet again and for this the club should be very grateful.

Since the last newsletter we have started to paint the shack. A couple of hours over two weekends



got one wall cleaned off and painted. After the rally we will be organising some more painting sessions. The club has had some QSL cards printed, both for the club call signs and GB2ME for the Tolkien weekend.

Peter M0COP will have reported on the various contests that we did including the Christmas Contest which was won by your Chairman who had arranged for most of the regulars to go off on holiday over the Christmas period. The club also organised a DF hunt just after Christmas and this was supported by 3 cars (Vaughan/Chris KMQ), Peter and Chris EYO and Wendy. As usual we ended up at a pub, which was a bit up market for us but nonetheless very enjoyable.

We ran the Bring and Buy for the MARS group at Kings Heath in November and made a little profit, most of which was spent on a PA amplifier which turned out to be less than



