

COULSDON AMATEUR TRANSMITTING SOCIETY

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“CATS WHISPERS”

October 2017




Affiliated to the RSGB

CATS Committee

Chairman: Stuart Barber G6CJR 

Secretary: VACANT

Treasurer: Steve Conway G7SYO 

Members: Terry Giles G4CDY 
David Milne G6VMI

Vacancies: Currently still remains at **THREE**

CATS Whispers Editor: Andy Briers G0KZT

email for contributions: newsletter@catsradio.org

Regular Society Meetings: These are held on the second Monday of each month at:
St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Road, Purley, Surrey, CR8 4LA at 20:15 to 22:15

Society Nets

Sunday mornings - 11:00 - Call on 145.400 MHz ± QRM

Sunday evenings - 17:00 - Call on 3.700 MHz ± QRM * (Ex-KKC/CATS net)

Wednesday evenings - 21:00 - Call on 70.425 MHz

CATS Website www.catsradio.org

Email enquiries@catsradio.org

Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 9th October – **Revised** “Put The Hall On The Air”

Monday 13th November - CATS Quiz v Sutton & Cheam

Monday 11th December – Annual General Meeting

Next Meeting – Monday 9th October “Put the Hall on the Air”

There has been a late change of programme due to David G6VMI having unforeseeable problems at work. The Committee have substituted the following as a replacement.

Grovelands Church Hall must be one of the worst radio locations in the area and therefore gives a challenge to CATS members. The idea is to bring some gear, including antenna and try to make a contact. No repeaters, DMR etc

There will be a small prize awarded to the best contact using a simple weighting formula.
POINTS= DISTANCE(km) / WAVELENGTH(m)

Eg: 100km on 7MHz will be worth $100/40= 2.5$ points
1000km on 14MHz will be worth $1000/20= 50$ points
10km, on 144MHz will be worth $10/2= 5$ points
1km on 10GHz will be worth $1/0.003= 333.3$ points.

Thanks to Terry G4CDY for the update,

Meeting debrief – Monday 14th August – Summer BBQ

Steve Beal G3WZK wrote, “We had a good BBQ at Terry's on Monday. There was Jenny and me, Prue and her chap Chris, Andy G8JAC (but not Jan), Stuart G6CJR and new member Ed. Plus Terry and Kath, of course. Terry had made some homemade beef- and lamb-burgers which were delicious. Also homemade yummy desserts”.

Sad News – Graeme Lake G1WFG SK

As I am about to close this month's newsletter, I am in receipt of the sad news that on Thursday 5th November, Graeme has passed away.

There are no details at this time. Graeme was a long standing member of our Society who served for many years as a Committee member. He was a great supporter of our Field Activities and members may recall him attending with Hazel and of course his German Shepard, Sofie. Graeme had been battling with Parkinson's disease and diabetes which prevented him from attending meetings in more recent years.

Further details will be sent direct to members once they are known.

CATS 40th Radio & Electronics Bazaar – Sunday 19th November 2017 – 10.00am – 2.00pm

at the Oasis Academy Coulsdon in Homefield Road Old Coulsdon CR5 1ES

Bookings for tables at this year's CATS Radio and Electronics Bazaar are coming in and we're looking forward to another successful event.

HOT NEWS!!!! There is going to be a raffle of a DMR rig to mark this as our 40th Bazaar.

Thanks to those members who have come forward to help. Areas of assistance still required include canteen and car parking marshalling.

For more information and to request a trader table application form, email bazaar@catsradio.org or contact Andy G0KZT on 07729 866600

Debrief - Wimbledon Club Annual Camp - 29th July - 6th August

Unfortunately no report has been forthcoming.

Friedrichshafen 2018

Following the request for interest to attend Freidrichshafen 2018, there has been a ZERO response. However, Terry G4CDY has penned an article of his trip this year and has booked again for 2018..... but this time to go by car! He's looking for anyone who may like to share the journey.

GB3NS – Abuse Update

There has been an unexpected lull in the abuse suffered on the repeater and activity levels on the box have begun to increase.

Let's hope the abuser has taken to using their worthless time on something else.

Andy Briers G0KZT

WANTED!

Prior to last year's AGM, I made it known that I was stepping down as Secretary but also wished to relinquish the editorial position of "CATS Whispers". While nobody came forward to take up a position of either post, I agreed to continue being editor for 2017.

I am coming to the end of that tenure so I am seeking a volunteer to continue editing the newsletter for 2018. I feel it is time for a new, fresh approach for our monthly news sheet. And perhaps some new ideas.

If this is something that you would consider undertaking, please contact your 2017 Committee. December will be my last edition.

Andy Briers G0KZT

For Sale



I have a number of baby milk tins measuring 5" diameter x 7" tall. All have plastic lids which seal. Good for home constructors or just for convenient storage £1 each (proceeds to go to buy something for a grandchild)

Contact Vince G1HRD

Return to Friedrichshafen

Terry Giles G4CDY



In summer 2015 Andy G0KZT and I had a very pleasant drive to Friedrichshafen, Southern Germany for the annual radio fair. We left Purley at about 7am for the Eurotunnel and arrived at our guest house in Friedrichshafen at about 4pm. The only incident enroute was that I managed to get my zwei and drei missed up and ended up ordering three lunches for Andy and I. Never mind they were all enjoyable.

I decided to go again this year and as Andy was unable to come, I decide to fly via Munich and got a very good deal from BA, for the flights and a hire car. Initially, the only down side was that the flight was from Heathrow at 6:15 and with a 2 hour check-in, not an pleasant prospect from home by public transport. Fortunately, Joanna, who works for me, offered to drive me to the airport, in exchange for having the day off to watch tennis from Wimbledon. It was a “no brainer” and she duly picked me up at 3:50am and we arrived at LHR just after 4:30. I only had a rucksack as hand luggage but was asked to check it into the hold, as the flight was very busy. Compensation for this was that the flight was busy with many very attractive YLs, who were the London Salsa Club, on their way to perform near Munich. Needless to say, the flight passed very quickly!

On arriving at Munich, the Salsa Club obviously affected my old brain, and I managed to walk from airside into the terminal without collecting my bag. It was a nightmare trying to get back airside, with useful conversations like “You need to contact British Airways”. “Where is their desk”, “They don’t have one”. Eventually, with help from a lady on the BA check-in line, I managed to get a “pseudo” boarding card, which didn’t allow me to board anything, but I could get back airside. Unfortunately, by the time I got back to the terminal I had arrived at, it was closed, but I could see my bag through the glass walls. Crossing the palm of a luggage porter with a 20euro note solved the problem.

Now I had to collect my hire car; the low cost of my ticket was because Avis were having a “promotional weekend” and as everybody in Europe had taken advantage of it I had a wait for 2.5

hours in a queue. I did get an upgraded car, if I can call it that, a Ford Focus ST and the drive to Friedrichshafen was an uneventful 2 hours arriving at 17:30. I made a mental note, that next time I will drive all the way!

Unfortunately, my problems didn't end here, there was a fair going on in the middle of town and absolutely nowhere to park. I stopped temporarily in an underground car park opposite the hotel, checked in and asked the receptionist if it was ok to park overnight in the carpark. Yes, she said, but do move it before 8am otherwise that will charge you a lot of money.

Following morning I walked to the carpark, just before 8, to find it all locked up with the shutters down. Like at the airport I could see the car with my ticket and other belongings in it, but could not get at it. It turned out that the carpark belonged to the Bodensee Bank which receptionist had forgotten didn't open on Saturday!

There were phone numbers in the carpark and bank but there were only useful if you had a problem with your credit card or wanted a mortgage. After calls to the police and fire brigade to see if they knew who had keys, I more or less resigned myself to delaying my departure until after the bank had opened on Monday morning. I thought I should check with Avis how much it would cost to extend the car hire by one day, they quoted 340euros, which was much more than I had paid for the flight and car in the first place!. This didn't improve my mood, but fortunately a director of the hotel had learnt of my plight and through a contact at the Chamber of Commerce, found who was the facility manager for the bank. After 2 hours and another 20 euros my car was liberated.

The rest of the weekend was very enjoyable and I spent most of it in the company of (Prof) Mike Underhill G3LHZ and Stewart Bryant G3YSX with other members of the Crawley and Horsham Clubs.

Despite everything I have booked for next year, anybody fancy a drive?

73 de Terry G4CDY

Advance Notice Of Annual General Meeting 12th December

In accordance with the rules of the Society, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Coulsdon Amateur Transmitting Society will be held on Monday 11th December 2017 at St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Road, Purley, Surrey CR8 4LA, commencing at 20:15 hours.

It's that time again for members to consider any issues they may wish to raise at the meeting and whether they might wish to seek nomination or perhaps approach another member for election to Committee. We were 3 committee members short last year which also included us not electing a Secretary.

In addition, last year Andy Briers G0KZT announced that he was standing down as newsletter editor but, because no person came forward, continued for 2017. It is his intention to stand down on publication of the December edition.

So please give your consideration in standing for committee this year

Please complete a nomination form attached to this newsletter and either return it to our Chairman or hand it in at the beginning of the AGM.

Contest News

Here's the line up of HF & VHF contests sourced from the RSGB Contest pages for this and next month. For more info and rules, visit <http://www.rsgbcc.org/>. If you're hungry for more, why not visit http://www.g8jyv.co.uk/contest_calendar.html for a list of contests as long as your arm!

Date	Contest Name	Timings
Saturday 7 th October	1.2GHz Trophy / 2.3GHz Trophy	1400 – 2200 UTC
Sun 8 th October	RSGB DX Contest	0500 – 2300 UTC
Mon 9 th October	Autumn Series CW	1900 – 2030 UTC
Tue 10 th October	432 MHz FMAC	1800 – 1900 UTC
Tue 10 th October	432 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Thu 12 th October	50 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Tue 17 th October	1.3 GHz UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Wed 18 th October	Autumn Series DATA	1900 – 2030 UTC
Thu 19 th October	70 MHz FMAC	1800 – 1900 UTC
Thu 19 th October	70 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Sun 22 nd October	50 MHz AFS Contest	0900 – 1300 UTC
Sun 22 nd October	RSGB RoLo	1900 – 2030 UTC
Tue 24 th October	SHF UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Thu 26 th October	Autumn Series SSB	1900 – 2030 UTC
Sat 4 th – Sun 5 th November	144MHz CW Marconi	1400 – 1400 UTC
Tuesday 7 th November	144 MHz FMAC	1900 – 2000 UTC
Tuesday 7 th November	144 MHz UKAC	2000 – 2230 UTC
Thursday 9 th November	50 MHz UKAC	2000 – 2230 UTC
Saturday 11 th November	Club Calls (1.8MHz AFS)	2000 – 2300 UTC
Monday 13 th November	Autumn Series DATA (80m)	2000 -2130 UTC
Tuesday 14 th November	432 MHz FMAC	1900 – 2000 UTC
Tuesday 14 th November	432 MHz UKAC	2000 – 2230 UTC
Thursday 16 th November	70 MHz FMAC	1900 – 2000 UTC
Thursday 16 th November	70 MHz UKAC	2000 – 2230 UTC
Tuesday 21 st November	1.3 GHz UKAC	2000 – 2230 UTC
Wednesday 22 nd November	Autumn Series SSB (80m)	2000 – 2130 UTC
Thursday 30 th November	Autumn Series CW (80m)	2000 – 2130 UTC

Rallys & Events

8 October 2017 44th Blackwood ARS Rally

[* Change of Date from 10 September*]

Rougemont School, Newport, Gwent, NP20 6QB.

Open 10:00. Entry £2.50. On-site free & disabled parking. Trade. SIGs. B&B.

Raffle. RSGB bookstall. Talks & lectures. On-site catering.

Contact: Mike Rackham, GW4JKV, 01495-226149, rackhamone@aol.com

<http://www.GW6GW.co.uk>

13 to 16 October 2017 The RSGB Convention [Friday to Monday]

Kent's Hill Park Training and Conference Centre, Swallow House, Timbold Drive, Kent's Hill Park, Milton Keynes, Bucks. MK7 6BZ.

Details: <http://www.rsgbevents.org>

15 October 2017 Hornsea Amateur Radio Rally

Floral Hall, 7 The Esplanade, Hornsea, E.Yorks, HU18 1NQ.

Open 10:00. Admission £2/kids free. Trade. B&B. SIGs. RSGB books.

Raffle. Parking. On-site catering.

Details: Rick, M0CZR, 01964-533712, R106221@aol.com

15 October 2017 Holsworthy ARC Rally

Holsworthy Community College, Victoria Hill, Holsworthy, Devon, EX22 6JD.

Trade. B&B. Catering. Free on-site parking. Disabled access.

Details: Howard, M0MYB, holsworthycarc@gmail.com

21 October 2017 Carrickfergus ARC Rally

No further information.

<http://www.radioclubs.net/carg>

<http://en-gb.facebook.com/BRYAN.CRANEY1>

22 October 2017 Galashiels Rally

The Volunteer Hall, St John Street, Galashiels, Borders, TD1 3JX.

No further information.

<http://galaradioclub.co.uk>

5 November 2017 West London Radio & Electronics Show (Kempton Rally)

Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Road East, Sunbury on Thames, TW16 5AQ.

Open 10:00/09:50. B&B. SIGs. Talkin. On-site parking. Lectures. Raffle. Catering.

Details: Paul, M0CJX, 0845-165-0351, info@radiofairs.co.uk <http://www.radiofairs.co.uk>

5 November 2017 Bush Valley Radio Rally

United Services Club, 8 Roe Mill Rd, Limavady, BT49 9DF.

Entry £3 with free draw ticket. Open 11:00. Trade. B&B. Refreshments.

Talkin 145.400 MHz. Book free tables on 07885-292545

10 November 2017 The Tynemouth ARC 'Good' Junk Sale [Friday]

St Hilda's Church, Stanton Rd, North Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE29 9QB.

Open 19:00 as part of a normal club night but open to all.

Details: mail@g0nwm.com <http://g0nwm.com>

11 November 2017 Fog on the Tyne Rally [Saturday]

Whitehall Road Methodist Church Hall, Bensham, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, NE8 4LH.
Open 10:30. Admission £2. Trade. RSGB books. Junk stall. On-site catering.
Car parking (entrance is on Whitehall Road).
Details: Nancy Bone, G7UUR, 07990-760920, nancybone2001@yahoo.co.uk

12 November 2017 Great Northern Hamfest

***** UNFORTUNATELY THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED *****

Barnsley Premier Leisure Complex, Queens Road, Barnsley, S.Yorks. S71 1AN.
Organised by South Yorkshire Repeater Group
Ernie, G4LUE, 07984-191873 <http://www.gnhf.co.uk>

18 November 2017 RADARS Traditional Radio Rally [Saturday]

St Vincent de Paul's, Caldershaw Rd, off Edenfield Rd, Norden,
Rochdale, OL12 7QR. Edenfield Rd is on the A680.
Open at 10:30/09:45 (08:00 sellers). Admission £2.50/kids <12 free.
B&B. Traders. Junk stall and amateur radio sellers.
Refreshments. Bacon & sausage butties.
Pitches (£5 each) must be booked at least 2 weeks in advance.
Dave, G3RIK, rally@radars.me.uk <http://www.radars.me.uk>

19 November 2017 40th CATS Electronic Radio Bazaar

Oasis Academy Coulsdon, Homefield Road, Old Coulsdon, CR5 1ES.
Open 10:00-13:00. Admission £1.50. Disabled facilities. Parking. B&B.
Flea market. On-site catering.
Details: Andy Briers, G0KZT, 07729-866600, bazaar@catsradio.org

26 November 2017 Bishop Auckland Radio Amateurs' Club 2017 Rally

Spennymoor Leisure Centre, 32 High Street, Spennymoor, Co Durham, DL16 6DB.
Open 10:30/10:15. Admission £2. kids <14 free. Parking. Disabled access. Access to
a large ground floor hall. Radio, computer & electronic stands. B&B. On-site
catering with bar.
Details: John, G4LRG, 01388-606396

Other Club News & Contact Information

Club newsletters are regularly posted via email to members. What follows is a summary of local club meetings. Please either visit the respective club's website/secretary/newsletter for up to date programme information.

BROMLEY & DISTRICT ARS

Website: www.bdars.org.uk

Email: info@bdars.co.uk

Club Net: Wednesdays 9:00pm - meet on 145.500 MHz FM and QSY

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of every month at Victory Social Club, Kechill Gardens, Hayes, Kent, 19:30 for 20:00.

CRYSTAL PALACE & DISTRICT RADIO SOCIETY

Website: www.qsl.net/g3oou/ or <http://www.g3oou.co.uk/>

Club Net: Wednesdays 20:00 on 145.525 MHz

Meetings: 1st Friday at All Saints Parish Church, Beulah Hill at 19:30

6th October - Digital Signal Processing Without The Maths by Alan G0TLK

3rd November - Millimetric Microwaves – Chris G0FDZ

1st Dec - Christmas Social

CRAWLEY ARC

Website: www.carc.org.uk

Meetings: Every Wednesday at Hut 18, Tilgate Forest Recreational Centre, Tilgate Forest, Crawley from 19:30, and Sundays, 10:30 to 13.00.

25th October - How the www Works by Stewart G3YSX

22nd November – Transmission Lines by Richard G3ZIY

CRAY VALLEY RS

Website: www.cvr.org

Contact: Richard Cains G7GLW rcains@btinternet.com

Club Net - 10m Sunday morning net @ 10:00 local: 28.570 MHz +- QRM

4m net – Fridays in weeks where there is no club meeting @ 20:30 local: 70.450MHz, then QSY to 70.425 or 70.475MHz

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1st Royal Eltham Scouts HQ, Rear of 61 - 71 Southend Crescent, Eltham, London, SE9 2SD.

8 October - RSGB DX contest: G3RCV active – Bob M0MCV

19 October - 'Old fashioned junk sale' – Nigel G1BUO

21 October - Jamboree on the Air: GB2RE at Severndroog Castle – Guy G0UKN

2nd November - Noise in Radio Systems by Colin G3SPJ

16th November - Video Editing for Amateur Radio by Paul G3SXE

DORKING & DISTRICT

Website: <http://www.ddrs.org.uk> Email: ddrs.secretary@yahoo.co.uk

Contact: George Brind, G4CMU

Club Nets: Sunday 08:15 on 3.770 MHz & Thursday 20:00 on 144.775 MHz

Meetings: Friends Meeting House, Butterhill, South Street Dorking at 19:30

Tuesday 24th October – The Demise of Hobbies – The Rise & Fall of Amateur Radio
by David Smith M0SXD

HORSHAM ARC

Website: www.harc.org.uk

Club Nets: Saturdays 21:30 on 144.725MHz and Sundays 10:00 on 3.722 MHz

Meetings: 1st Thursday at The Guide Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, Sussex

Thursday 2nd November - HARC/CARC Challenge

Sunday 26th November - Sunday Morning Fox Hunt

MID SUSSEX ARS

Website: www.msars.org.uk

Club Nets: Sundays 08:00 on 3.740 MHz and at
11:00 on 145.350 MHz, Wednesdays 20:00 on 145.350
MHz and Daily 13:30 on 21.330 MHz

Meetings: Every Friday at Cyprus Hall, Cyprus Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex for 19:45

Fri 13th October – AGM

Fri 3rd November – Surplus Equipment Sale

SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

Website: www.g3src.org.uk

Contact: John Simkins G8IYS Tele:020 8657 0454 email secretary@g3src.org

Club Net: Sunday 09:30 on 1905 kHz , 70.300 MHz Thursday 8:00 pm, 145.35 MHz +/-
25kHz Friday 8:00 pm

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Mondays at Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon CR9 7AT 19:30 for
19:45.

Mon 6th November - The Metropolitan Police Communications System

Mon 4th December - Radio Astronomy with George Emsden

Sutton & Cheam Radio Society

Sutton United Football Club. The Borough Sports Ground, Gander Green Lane, Sutton,
Surrey, SM1 2EY

Web site: <http://www.scrs.org.uk> General Enquiries e.mail: info@scrs.org.uk

Nets – Wednesday 20.00hrs 145.500 MHz , Saturday 10.00 7.125 MHz, Saturday 11.00
145.500 MHz

19th October - A first look at software defined receivers - Martin Rothwell M0SGL and
Chris Howard M0TCH

16th November - Getting started with data modes – Alexander Zigar M0SUV

14th December - Christmas Junk Sale

Wimbledon & District Amateur Radio Society

Meets on the 2nd and last Friday in the month at Martin Way Methodist Church Hall, Martin
Way Merton Park, London, SW19 9JZ at 19:30hrs for 20:00hrs.

Contact: Andrew G4ADM on 020 8335 3434 or andrew.maish@ntlworld.com

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