

The Newsletter of the Chester & District Radio Amateur Society.EDITORIAL. Greetings Chaps !

This is rather a belated edition owing to various commitments, but the interim period has probably given us a bit more subject matter to fill the pages. By the amount of news material contributed by Members it would appear we have a very nice crowd of innocent "hams" whose superlative modesty forbids them to give air to any of their doings. We are wondering if there have been any secret lectures on security, by the CTC, so, assure all Members that any 'gen' will be treated in the strictest confidence, so let's be hearing some gossip from the back benchers

Cheerio for now  
E.P.

MEMBERS NEWS. In recent months we have seen quite a few changes. Roy Wade has emigrated to Hertford, from which we occasionally hear his fist punching in this direction. John Butler is having a house built around a BC610. Reg Stringer has taken the air and has trouble in stopping his transmitter signing G2YS. Bill Lloyd has gone mobile with a four wheeled velocipede, which we are sure contains something more than the junior 'op'. George Brown has acquired a BC312 and can offer only tomatoes for his XYL. 2YS has taken to 'phone now and can often be heard getting the latest Fat Stock Prices from Poulton Hall. It seems Denis you will have to construct that modulator yet.

MEETING NOTES. During the last months we have had lectures on the Liverpool Police Radio by Harry Counce. The Chairman of the Liverpool and District Short Wave Society. One on Vacuum Technique by Mr. Leith, a symposium of how things were in the early days of Amateur Radio by 2YS.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS. September 23rd Junk Sale.  
" 30th Basic Talk (2) Propagation.

On Sunday September 14th in Liverpool -  
don't forget the R.S.G.B. Regional Meeting. Meals available at a very reasonable price.

Who's Who No.1. Each month we give a pen portrait of Members just to show the various day time work done with Amateur Radio serving as their relief.

This month it is the turn of our Chairman John Swinnerton G2YS.

John is our longest licensed Member, his first interest in Radio dating from 1932 when he was living in Coventry. In a recent lecture he gave some amusing incidents of conditions in those days, one being his QSL card reporting hearing CW signals from a Spanish station. Can we imagine his Chegrin when the reply came stating that the Spaniard only used 'phone? John is probably the hub around which the Club activities revolve. To give some idea of his devotion to the Club's interest, it may not be generally known that when the recent Radio Amateur's Course folded up, John had the decency to carry on the course at the Club on the remaining Monday evenings before the examination. Perhaps it was a tribute to his unselfishness that the three Members of the Club were successful in the examination (i.e. 100% pass, and yours truly was one of those)

Since moving to his new QTH at Manor Croft, Quarry Lane, Christleton, 2YS has been spending a lot of time rebuilding after selling his main rig to Reg Stringer, who is waiting for the day when he can stoke up those 35 T's.

Recently, John has surprised everyone by constructing a tape recorder after acquiring much experience and a puzzled frown over the period of 12 months. Although there is much more that could be written about our Chairman, without a libel writ being issued against us space does not allow us to write more except to wish John many more years stay amongst us, who knows he may be selling more transmitters !

NEWS FROM THE HINTERLAND. Hello, chaps, we've made it this month. I won't bother with any "News" that has been missed in the last few months, but we'll go straight on to what I hope will still be news by the time this reaches you.

As usual, we start by grumbling about the recent spell of extremely poor conditions. I can well remember the good conditions last year, at this time, which heralded the appearance of VQ4CM on 3.5 m/cs. He has QSL'ed all his contacts by the way. Even bad conditions take strange turns and GW3HEU raised PY5EK for a new one on 80 metres.

George 3HLP has heard an LU on this band in the wee-wee(sic) hours. Has anyone any experience of verticals? Theoretically, at a height of  $\frac{1}{2}$  wave-length, that is from the voltage node -- where you get "Node-darn voltage" -- to ground, they should give extremely low angle radiation. That really is the essence of the ground plane which G2PL tells me he has been putting to such good use on twenty.

Yes, it's about time we mentioned 21 m/cs --- Oh, didn't you know? --- 2YS having heard quite a bit of DX to date, and several Club Members having thought, at least, of trying it out --- sometime. It certainly should prove an interesting band altho' it won't necessarily be a "mixture of ten and twenty".

We hope to be seeing John G2AW, at the Club soon. He is now living out Heswall way, and as soon as his car can be made to work, he hopes to be able to get along, having made contacts already with Howell and Philip on 80 m fone.

Ray Johnstone, who you may remember was a Club Member during his stay in Chester last year whilst working at Brookhirst, sends 73 to all the chaps. Whilst pleased at being employed nearer home, Ray is sorry he can't come along this year.

I can't help giving a word of praise for the nice fist that Reg G3IEG is bashing out, although he's only been on for a few months now. We often hear George and Reg rag -chewing on the air, and I think there lies the secret of improving at least one's ability to read morse. You know, it's much better to read morse than to copy for the reason that the speed at which you can copy is governed by your ability to write legibly and quickly. Don't know about you chaps, but I can't write very quickly or legibly.

I think I've been getting rusty lately so I must ask you to bear with me for this month, and providing you let me have some news for next month ( I hope you're not being sarcastic , Denis ! Editors note) I can promise something better.

73 chaps and good hunting,

DENIS , GW3HEU.