

# CVARC Newsletter, March 2010

## Fine tune your Computer

The speaker at the February meeting was John Parry GW3VVC from the Dragon ARC on Anglesey, his topic was: FINE TUNE YOUR COMPUTER. The talk was based on a power point presentation with explanations and helpful tips and hints included to make your computer work smoothly.

John has sent a copy of his visual presentation for those who requested it on the night.

The following was sent by John by e-mail for those who may be interested

Ref modifying Services, you'll remember I mentioned the Black Viper site, he has a 'load' of good information there, have a look:-

<http://www.blackviper.com/>

(Sec note) Members on the internet will be sent detail as an attachment of John talk to their e-mail addresses. It is assumed that if the secretary hasn't an e-mail address then you don't have a computer.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

The following e-mail was received on the 18th February headed JUST AN UPDATE from Mark Harper MW1MDH, REGB's Manager for Region 6M

Hi All

Sorry I have been quite silent of recent, there is a fair bit to report..

Firstly - I am in the process of moving - this is why I've not been in touch of recent - I've still not shifted everything to my new QTH, so for the moment, please keep sending everything to the same e-mail and postal address, once I'm settled I shall send out the new details - the mobile number is probably the best one to get me on, from now on.

This does also explain why things are a little disjointed at the moment - I'm working between 2 PCs...sorry!...So if things take time to be answered, or actioned, then now you know!

Secondly - Colin Kenton has decided to resign from his post as DRM for Flintshire - This has taken immediate effect - I am planning to put 'emergency measures' into place until I get the districts sorted - However, with Liz on a well-deserved holiday as of tomorrow, and no-one in the chair for Anglesey - I guess I'm running the show for a few weeks...:)..Well.. at least until around 9th March, when Liz gets back!

So - I'm now in need of a new DRM for Flintshire, and one for Anglesey/Ynys Mon (As you may be aware, Stewart stepped down at the end of 2009) - I'd like to take this opportunity to again, thank both Colin and Stewart for their efforts.

I am planning to re-shuffle the region a little, but once I've got the new DRMs in, I'll sort it then!.. If anyone is interested in the DRM posts, can they please get in touch with me first, and not RSGB HQ - Ta!

Third - I shall be taking a bit of leave around the end of July/Early August, as 'MDH Jr will be making an appearance around about then!.. I will send an e-mail out when I shall be taking my 'leave':). However, for obvious reasons, I won't be undertaking any visits etc during that time, and the region will be in the very capable hands of my deputies..

Fourth - for those of you who aren't aware...I am now mobile - Test was passed (first go!!) in December, and I now have transport - With 2 visits in the book at the moment, I am intending to get round the entire region over the course of the year. I know some programmes have been sorted, but please do keep me in the loop, and I'll do what I can to accommodate club visits...I may even drop in, for a non-RSGB visit on some of you :)

Fifth - A belated update from the regional Meeting...

Bletchley (home of the new National Amateur Radio Centre) - should be fully online by about mid-may. There is going to be a webcam on the construction site, and this will be available to view by everyone (link should be on

main website soon) - as PK commented 'you'll be able to see if the workmen are doing any work!'

I am in the process of finalising the Club Of the Year - Again, sorry for the lack of action on this one, its been a bit mad of recent!..I need to do some chasing, etc. but hopefully I'll get an update out soon!

Regional Morse - Yes,.....I know I've gone on about this a fair bit, but it does seem that things are pretty much the same across the country - there's only a handful of people have taken the test. I've had some feedback from people in R6 over the last year or so, but I'm obviously open to ideas, etc.

I know it was a little regimented, but I just thought you needed to know I hadn't dropped off the map!

Best 73s to all!

Mark Harper (MW1MDH)

*The following e-mail was sent to Mark Harper MW1MDH, REGB's Manager for Region 6M on the 19th February*

Subject: Derek Whitehead

Mark,

I found your Email address in the Radcom. Hope you can help. I am trying to trace Derek Whitehead, who last heard was living just north of Dolgellau. My wife and I visited him in 2004, and it was the first time we had met in the 50years since I departed RAF Llanbedr.

Now I have someone else who wants to contact him. I cannot recall his callsign, GW3F?? is all I know. If you can help I would be most grateful. He was involved in the TV repeater project on the Lleyn peninsula.

Regards,

G.Wynne Evans,

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[gw3wwn1@talktalk.net](mailto:gw3wwn1@talktalk.net)

*The following e-mail received from the RSGB via Mark Harper*

Hi All

A report on the QSL bureau, for your perusal!

Hope this answers any issues with the QSL Bureau - If there are any others not covered in this report, please let me know, and I can take them to the next Council Meeting

73

Mark

Colleagues,

You will be aware that in recent months there has been some speculation and complaints regarding the operation of the QSL Bureau. Following an investigation by the Board and a visit to the bureau by me the following report has been produced to allay some of the fears and to explain fully the situation. This report is on the RSGB website and is passed to you for information/dissemination.

Regards,

Peter Kirby.

General Manager.

A reply from Stewart Rolf of the Dragon ARC

Mark,

(Replying to 'All' in case others have thoughts...)

Probably not high on the priority list but I wonder if some thought could be given to the inclusion of membership proof when sending cards to the buro.

We are supposed to cut out the bit on the Radcom wrapper with our callsign etc. but very often it's in the bin before I remember. Also in a couple of recent editions the address was on a flyer inside the wrapper and that didn't include membership info anyway.

Couldn't there be something set up on the members only pages which would print out a 'membership proof' from the database, and which could then be included with the cards. Fair enough if there are issues with wider access to the database etc but if possible it would be nice and easy and be less ad hoc.

Apparently Richard and his team are not set up to check the membership database as cards come in.

Just a thought..

Stewart, GW0ETF

*Also the following from Mark Harper MW1MDH*

Hi All

FYI - Please be careful with the callsigns you ask for!

From RSGB

Dear Colleagues,

Please be advised that Ofcom have announced the issue of Special Short Contest Callsigns. This follows quite detailed negotiation between the Society and Ofcom over the last two years or more.

Full details can be found on the RSGB website with a link to the Ofcom website.

Please brief yourselves up on the issue of these callsigns as the issuing regime is quite strict...

Regards,

Peter Kirby.

General Manager.

#### **SILENT KEY**

The following e-mail was received from Mark Harper MW1MDH relating the passing of Les Willis GW4RJW, who many years ago was a member of the Conwy Valley ARC. (Please note this has been sent not only to the CVARC but the NWRS)

----- Original Message -----

From: "Clare Willis-Burton" <[pentref@waitrose.com](mailto:pentref@waitrose.com)>

To: "[mw1mdh@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:mw1mdh@rsgb.org.uk)" <[mw1mdh@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:mw1mdh@rsgb.org.uk)>

Subject: Leslie Willis GW4RJW

Date: 20/02/10 13:22

Hi,

I would just like to inform all concerned my father Leslie Willis, GW4RJW, passed away on Tuesday 16th Feb. His funeral is in Llanrhos Church, Llanrhos, Ilandudno on the 1st March 2010. at 10.30 am. then on to the crematorium in Mochdre.

Many thanks

Clare Willis-Burton

From: Mark Harper

Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 4:43 PM

To: Clare Willis-Burton

Subject: Re: Leslie Willis GW4RJW

Hi Clare,

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss.

Do you wish me to inform RSGB HQ, or have you already done that? - I'm OK to let HQ know if you're OK with that. Please pass my sympathies on to the entire family.

Mark

RSGB Regional Manager - Region 6

----- Original Message -----

From: "Clare Willis-Burton" <pentref@waitrose.com>

To: "Mark Harper" <mw1mdh@gotadsl.co.uk>

Subject: Re: Leslie Willis GW4RJW

Date: 22/02/10 20:41

Hi Mark,

Thank you for your kind words.

If you could inform RSGB HQ, I would be grateful. I have yet to dispose of dad's radio equipment any ideas which is the best way to go about it?

Many thanks

Clare Willis-Burton

HI Both, (Note from CVARC Sec. Refers to both clubs)

I've trimmed the e-mail a bit, but I'm wondering if either club, would like to take on the role of organising an SK sale..

Many Thanks, and 73

Mark

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### **FUTURE SPEAKER**

It had been planned to have a Mr Andrew Morse from Prestatyn to give the club a talk in May his subject THE WEATHER FORECAST. I have to report that Mr Morse died suddenly on the 12th of February. From any other detail look at the web site of Prestatyn weather.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on the Wednesday, the 3rd March 2010 at the studio.

It is unfortunate that the speaker George Alker MW3MEY is unable to attend the club on Wednesday the 3rd March Therefore unless something else can be arranged in the meantime , the meeting will be a Natter night.