

CONWY VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

(AFFILIATED TO THE RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN)



**CLUB CALL SIGN:
GW6TM**

Meetings held at: - The Studio, Penrhos Road, Colwyn Bay
on the 1st Wednesday of each Month.

The meetings start at 7.30pm

(Exceptions: NO meeting January or August)

FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

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In the Air with Model Aircraft.

At the December meeting, members were given an illustrated talk by Mr John Charles from Bethesda who to say the least is an exponent of the building and flying of Radio controlled model aircraft. He brought with him a number of beautifully constructed aircraft and Helicopters. He had adapted one of his model aircraft to enable a cine camera to be fitted into the nose of the craft.

John illustrated his talk with three films, the first two films were aerial views taken from the nose of the aircraft he had brought with him of a flight over Bangor Golf Course which gave a brilliant view of the city of Bangor, another with the same aircraft from the sports grounds of Bangor University giving a tremendous view of the Menai straits with both bridges. The third film was of a model Catalina Flying boat taken from the ground, with some superb footage of taking off and landing on Water.

An Update on Llandudno Rally

The efforts of members of various clubs who helped at the Llandudno Radio Rally have been recognised by the rally organizers and I can report that the treasurer has received a donation for the efforts made by the CVARC member. These donations to various clubs were made after all expensive had been met and contingencies made for next year. (See correspondence)

Correspondence

Received from Liz Cabban

Subject: Sad News and Rally Update (Dated 29 Dec 2008)

It is with great regret I have to inform you that Dewi Roberts GW0ABL passed away at his daughter's home on Mon 22nd Dec. His funeral is to be held at Bangor Crematorium on Mon 5th Jan at 12 o'clock. Please forgive me if you already know about this but John Parry VVC has asked that the information is spread to all who knew Dewi. A keen & enthusiastic member of Dragon ARC for many, many years, Dewi tutored for the novice exam & then all levels of the new radio exam. He edited & produced the club newsletter right up until the time of his fall earlier this year. He will be sadly missed.

On a somewhat happier note, we have now published the dates for the 2009 Rally...31 Oct & 01 Nov...see Jan edition of RadCom club news for 2008 report. Traders have been contacted & there has been an excellent response with all the big traders saying they'll have same tables as 2008 & many others keen to come.

When the signatories & NWRS cheque book finally are all in the same place at the same time, cheques will be written to those clubs which had members helping out on the rally w/e...watch this space.

Meanwhile all the best from me for a happy & peaceful 2009

Received from Mike Watkins MW0CPN secretary of the North Wales Radio Society:

Subject: Thanks (Dated 25 Jan 2009)

Sorry for the delay in thanking yourself and club members for their help, at The Llandudno rally, but I have had a few problems with internet of late.

Various e-mails Received from Mark Harper (MWIMDH)- RSGB Regional Manager - North Wales (Region 6) Since the last newsletter.

Subject: Follow up from meeting (dated 10 Jan 2009)

Regional Meeting went well, just thought I'd fill you in on some of what went on....

Firstly, a minutes silence was observed in memory of Dewi and Edwin..Having known them both since before I was RM, it was quite a sad thing to report.

Next...Morse Testing....

The call went out towards the end of last year for Morse Assessors, my intention was to get Region 6 at the front of the queue on this exercise!...At the moment, I know Region 3 has at least 1 assessor, so let's try and get a few assessors in Region 6..Given the size of the region, I'd like to have at least one in each district if possible.

We're just sorting out the design for the certificates and the finer points of the actual test, BUT....the task at the moment is to get assessors ready and get them 'approved' (Roger, G3LDI and Phillip Brooks will be looking after the approval process)...All being well, I should have a paper I can circulate towards the end of the week/beginning of next...

If you're interested in getting involved, can you let me know by the end of January please, which should give every club which hasn't yet come back after Christmas to have a think about this one...I'd be grateful if we could get a few assessors in Region 6 please.

If there's any news and updates, I'll keep you posted!

Subject: Blackpool (11 Jan 2009)

Not sure who actually knows about this, but thought it would be prudent to get this message out...

Blackpool Rally has been moved to Sunday 5th April - Same Venue. This is due to maintenance work being carried out at the Norbreck, on the original rally date.

For more info - see: <http://www.glgyc.demon.co.uk/narsa/>

Subject: Science Week (Dated 20 Jan 2009)

It's that time of year again!...For some reason the attachment wasn't on the e-mail, but it is on the website!...Although I have limited transport facilities, I will be available (work pending, of course) for the weekend of the 6th, if anyone wants RSGB support at their events, but WILL NOT be available for events from 13-15th March inclusive...

Can I also take this opportunity to clear up any confusion regarding my supposed visit to Chester ARS on 24/2 - this isn't happening, and the only reason it's there is due to a mis-understanding...I thought it had been cleared up well within time before Radcom went to print...

(Secretary's Report)

Added to same e-mail

Please find attached a copy of a letter we have just sent to all our affiliated clubs. We would like as many people as possible to participate so please pass this onto anyone that is likely to organise an event. If it helps this form is also available on

www.rsgb.org/scienceweek<<http://www.rsgb.org/scienceweek>> .

Best Regards Mark Allgar, MIMPA Commercial Manager Radio Society of Great Britain

Subject: Morse Competency Certificate Program (Dated 20 Jan 2009)

Good News!..

The website detailing everything you need to know, is now at: <http://www.rsgb.org/morse/>
Please be aware that it will undergo some slight cosmetic tweaking in the first week or two, however the content won't change!

Region 6 now needs assessors...If you're interested in becoming one, the form is on the site, as are all the details for the actual test processes themselves.

Silent Key

Members will be aware that Dewi Robert GW0ABL became a Silent Key in December; this is just to make members aware that the club was represented at Dewi's funeral.

Future Programme

4th March 2009 **Speaker: Mr John Charles, Bangor University's Professional Glass Blower**
Subject: A Demonstration of Glass Blowing and Model Making in Glass.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the **Wednesday 4th February 2009** at 'The Studio'.

Speaker's **Nigel Ackroyd & Kay Wilkinson**

Subject: **An illustrated talk entitled,
'Past, Present and the Future of Wylfa Nuclear Power Station'**

Please note there may be alterations to the February meeting due to inclement weather conditions. The secretary will endeavour to keep members informed by either e-mail or telephone

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