

DADARS Newsletter
April 2018

Introduction

Welcome to the April 2018 edition of the DADARS newsletter. It has been a while since the last issue in July 2015, but, hopefully this is a chance to restart the newsletter and make it more regular. Just as a reminder, some of the more recent Club events in 2018 included:

1. 16th January 2018 'Amateur radio in the digital age' - an illustrated talk by Pete Watts, G0FQB
2. 13th February 2018 Visit to Derby Radio Museum
3. 20th March 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In addition to the above events, we also enjoyed the usual monthly favourites such as junk sales, technical and video nights.

Call for Talks/Presentations

During the AGM, a general request was made for support to the Club programme with talks and presentations from the membership. The talks do not have to be about Amateur Radio as long as they are interesting (or vaguely interesting). Similarly, the talks do not have to be long or formal – we will take anything!

Probably the best way forward is to make a list of topic areas and then find a volunteer who knows something about the subject. Some suggestions were made during the meeting and some 'volunteers' stepped forward (or did everyone else step backwards?) Suggestions included:

1. Introduction to FT8 digital modes by Peter G6KUI
2. Fibre Optics and the Radio Amateur by Chris G4AKE

We are looking for ideas or subject matter and of course people to do the talk. Other topics could include:

1. The history and future of broadband
2. The ins and outs of SDR radios
3. Restoration of an interesting radio? Has anyone restored a nice receiver?
4. An interesting talk on LF
5. Electromagnetic Compatibility and the Radio Amateur

If you can think of any other topics, please let the committee know.

Events Recent and Future 2018

April

3rd	Junk Sale
10th	Introduction to FT8 digital modes by Peter G6KUI
17th	Video Night - another of John's excellent vintage DVDs
24th	No Meeting

May

1st	Junk Sale
8th	Committee Meeting

All Tuesday meetings are at the Carlton Road United Reformed Church hall, Littleover, Derby, DE23 6HE from 7.30 p.m. We meet at 7.30pm on the FIRST and THIRD Tuesdays of the month. There will be NO meeting on the FOURTH Tuesday or the FIFTH if there is one.

AGM

The Club held the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday evening 20th March 2018. The meeting was well supported and the following members elected as follows:

President: Jack G3KQF

Chairman: (Position not filled)

Vice Chairman: Jenny G4EYM

Treasurer: Martin G3SZJ

Secretary: (Position not filled)

Auditor: Stuart

Committee members:

- Andy G8VYO

- Colin

- Richard G3VGW

- John

- Bill

- Pat

- Chris G4AKE

Radio Station Events (EVR)



Ecclesbourne Valley Railway in Action

Radio Stations Events (EVR)

One of the favourite activities enjoyed by many of the membership is the yearly outing to Duffield Station to operate the Club equipment from the platform of the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway. All being well, this activity will proceed in support of 'Railways on the Air' on 22nd/23rd September. We abandoned the spring bank holiday outing due to incessant rain that seems to be a feature of that time of the year. We are hoping for a nice laid-back day watching the trains, eating pies and playing radio. We have ordered good weather this year. Details will be made available closer to the date.

Again, volunteers are needed to put up antennas and operate the station. Just a thought, the conditions on the HF bands have deteriorated in recent months with inter-G contacts more difficult on 40m. However, 80m has picked up so it may be a good idea to activate that band for a change.

Visit to the Radio Communication Museum of Great Britain

Club members from DADARS and NHARS visited the Radio Communication Museum of Great Britain in Derby on Tuesday, 13th February 2018. For those members who were unavailable on the day, you missed a treat. When completed, the museum, will be a huge asset focussing on all aspects of amateur radio past and future. We were all surprised to see an eye-watering range of historic amateur radio equipment including Collins, Drake, Swan, KW, Trio, Yaesu and many other iconic brands.

We were particularly impressed that Steve G8EBM has engaged school children and college students in engineering classes in areas of software development and electronics design. With time, the museum could be the source of many new and young radio amateurs!



Nice Collins KWM-2A

The Club thanked Steve for outlining his aspirations and explaining the purpose of the museum.

Steve is looking for volunteers to help in the museum if you are interested?

<http://radiocommunicationmuseum.org>

Clive Stevens 2E1HVZ - Silent Key

I am sad to report that our dear friend Clive, 2E1HVZ, passed away during February 2018 after a short and unexpected illness. His funeral was held at St Osmund's Church, London Road, Derby on 26th March.



Members from both DADARS and NHARS turned up to represent the two Clubs and to say a last 'good bye'. Clive was a member of both Clubs and first joined DADARS in the early 1960s. He was always keen to support the Club in any way he could and enjoyed weekend activities particularly if it involved steam trains. Clive also supported his local Church, St Osmund's, and organised amateur radio stations from the grounds in support of Churches on the Air. Clive will be sadly missed.

<http://www.family-announcements.co.uk/derby/view/4546582/stevens>

<https://cliveedward-stevens.muchloved.com>

Club Room Renamed

Dave G1VAB was a senior member of the United Reform Church on Carlton Road and, of course, our chairman for many years. He provided huge support both to the church and to DADARS and so it seemed fitting to remember him in a special way.

In agreement with the church elders, the Club meeting room will now be known as the 'Goodwill Room' for all future events. We think Dave would appreciate that.

I can also report replacement of one of the gas heaters in the room, which is now as warm as toast all year around - no excuses for not attending!

Club Subscriptions Due

Club subscriptions are due again for 2018. It is only £5 and represent great value for money. Please see Jenny.

Junction 28 Rally

The Club has booked a table at the Junction 28 Rally which will be held at Bowls Hall, Alfreton Leisure Centre, Alfreton, Derbyshire on June 10th. This is organised by the South Normanton Alfreton & District Amateur Radio Club. As usual, we need volunteers to help.

That's all for this edition.

Regards

Chris G4AKE