

## DERBY AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

### Incorporating Derby Wireless Club (1911)

#### EVENTS RECENT AND FUTURE

##### MARCH 2015

- 3rd Junk Sale
- 10th Committee Meeting
- 17th Technical Topics
- 24th AGM  
(Please attend if possible)
- 31st Night on the air

##### APRIL

- 7th Junk Sale
- 14th Committee Meeting
- 21st The 'Ambergate Hydro' -  
getting power from the  
Derwent - illustrated talk  
by Ian Jackson
- 28th Night on the air

##### MAY

- 5th Junk Sale
- 12th Committee Meeting

DADARS Newsletter  
March 2015

#### Introduction

Welcome to the March 2015 issue of the DADARS newsletter. Due to various reasons, the December issue never made it. The last issue of the newsletter was published in July 2014.

#### Club Talks

Members were treated to a number of excellent talks over the last few months at the club room including:

- An illustrated talk by Andrew Parsons on the 'Claymills Pumping Engines restoration project' on 18th November.
- An illustrated talk by Eric Hills on 23rd September called 'Around the World by VC10' - memories of an RAF loadmaster.
- A very interesting talk by Richard G3VGW on 'Top Band and Medium Wave Propagation' in August.

the club attending similar lectures in 1948 - it shows that the basic function of the club has changed little apart from peoples attire!

#### Club AGM

This is a reminder that the AGM takes place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in the club room at Carlton Road. This is a chance to elect or re-elect people into the roles of Officers or Management Committee. As an incentive, we will offer free coffee, tea and biscuits - a real enticement if ever there was one. It is an important event so please attend if you can. If you cannot, please send your apologies to the Secretary, Chris G4AKE.

#### RSGB Membership

In case you haven't noticed, the February edition of 'RadCom' reported 66 years of DADARS unbroken membership of the RSGB, which is quite an achievement. See

page 17.

#### Sad News

We learned with regret the death of Fred TAGG, our President Emeritus, who passed away peacefully at London Road Community Hospital on 22nd January 2015. Fred was the first Chief Executive of Derby City Council and president of the society in 1986. As well as many years supporting the society, Fred once played trumpet in a dance band and was an expert on Jazz. Fred's funeral was held at Markeaton Crematorium in the Main Chapel on Tuesday 10th February. More details are held on the Derby evening Telegraph site:

<http://www.family-announcements.co.uk/derby/view/3671396/tagg>



*Club Talk at Derby Wireless Club in August 1948 on 'Crystal Grinding' by G5RW*

## Club Events and Happenings

We are still planning radio events for 2015. However, the following events are possibilities:

### Wirksworth Carnival May Bank Holiday Weekend

During last few years we have supported Wirksworth Carnival during the May bank holiday using a Guards Van shunted to the far end of the platform at Duffield Station. We plan to repeat the event on Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th, and Monday 25th May 2015. In the past, we have used an aerial positioned against the buffers on the tracks with dipole ends tied off to adjacent fences. We also used a 5 element ZL special mounted on a mast fastened to the Guards Van with the vertically-polarised aerial pointing towards Derby. It is better to run with two rigs - one for the HF bands and the other for VHF. We plan to use the callsign G2DJ. Hopefully, the weather will be kind and it should be a nice radio weekend.

### Churches on the Air

Hopefully we shall be working from St. Osmund's Church on Saturday 12th September 2015. We have applied for the callsign GB1SOC. Usually, this is an HF-only operation but this depends on where the station is located. If it is positioned in the Church then we will use HF only, but if the Church Hall is available then VHF is an option.

### Railways on the Air

Once more we'll be at "West Shed" on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September 2015. Our callsign for this event will be GB2WS and operation is HF only.

### Jamboree on the Air - Scouts

Last year we were operating as part of a joint team with two troops of scouts at Drum Hill near Little Eaton. We are hoping to be invited again; however, SNADARC will be unavailable - they will be assisting the scouts at Tibshelf. Dates and confirmation of any involvement is yet to be arranged.

### International day of Persons with Disabilities

Takes place on 3rd December (a Thursday this year) and is supported by the UN. One possibility is to operate from the Clubroom. Anyone interested?

### Airfields on the Air

The dates are the first weekend of April but the event can be put on at any other time of the Year.

The idea is to operate from either an old RAF Military Establishment used during the wars or a current site. The usual AR Licensing Regulations apply. To operate a station and participate with scoring, it is necessary to register with the RAFARS AOTA Manager Vince G4DQP. Anyone interested?



*Guards Van (2014) Wirksworth Carnival*

### National Mills Weekend

This operates over the Saturday and Sunday 9th & 10th May 2015. We usually assist with our friends from Nunsfield House ARG when they operate from Heage Windmill using the callsign GB5HW. We normally operate on HF although in 2014, they had 2m and 4m as well.

### International Museums Weekends

The first weekend takes place on Sat 20 & Sun 21 June 2015. All we need is a museum to operate from.

The second weekend takes place on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June 2015. Any ideas?

### Technical Article

I am on the lookout for technical articles/ideas for inclusion in the newsletter. If you have a pet radio project-about anything interesting, please let me know.

That's it for March, the next newsletter should be issued around August.

*73 Chris*