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OCTOBER
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NOVEMBER	Mon 1st	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 8th	Open Shack Evening
	Mon 15th	##### Annual Surplus Sale #####
	Mon 22nd	Open Shack Evening
	Mon 29th	Open Shack Evening
DECEMBER	Mon 6th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 13th	Open Shack Evening
	Mon 20th	##### XMAS MEET ###

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Visitors always welcome

MEETINGS

The Society holds its full meetings on the
1st and 3rd Monday's of each Month at

Old Swinford Hospital School

Heath Lane

Stourbridge

(8.00pm – 10.00pm)

Additionally the shack is open during the same times on the
intermediate Monday's

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EDITORIAL

Hi,

Well the last two months have been rather busy both at home , work and club. Hence I am a bit late with this issue so merged it with the November copy. Also didn't help that I was rather short of content.

This time I have more photo's from SSB Field Day, more from our roving reporter and also from the Open Evening in October. Unfortunately this evening was not well supported either by members or visitors but those that bothered had a reasonable evening . My thanks to those that put themselves out to set-up and operate the displays. On the visitor side we had the School Headmaster and two additional visitors. Unfortunately we had no lads from the school despite it being announced at assemblies. Still we can keep on trying.

On to November - On the 15th it is our Annual Surplus Sale - so spread the word and dig out those goodies you always meant too use but only serve to clutter the shack. Lets try and make it a good night

On to December - 'tis the time of merriment and cheer and so 'tis proposed to hold the Xmas bash at a local hostelry with 'pub grub' available - the actual venue is yet to be decided but will be governed by the numbers who indicate a willingness to attend -

Hence if you intend to join us then please let me know BEFORE the December - Email,phone,face to face or even carrier pigeon!!

73's for now de Malcolm G8JTL.

OUR OWN ROVING REPORTER

I always send the reports e-mail,if I had decided to do so at the end of Aug for the Sept report I would not have been able to do so.

On the Thursday morning before the Aug Bank holiday I discovered that the telephone was not working,and as the day developed I found out that there were several others on the estate also the same. The reason being vandals had set fire to the BT terminal cabinet in Longfellow Rd.

BT engineers were called in from many parts of the country,even so it was two weeks before some telephones were re-connected in being back on line four days after the damage.

I never realized how much one misses the phone,I did however had incoming calls switched through to the mobile phone. There were no computers to worry Glenys she was pleased.

Anyhow moving on,not being able to attend the Telford Rally this year as mentioned in the previous report, Glenys & Myself decided to visit the Leicester Rally. At least its indoors so there is no need to worry about the weather or so I thought.

I got drenched in returning to the car to take some items back I had purchased on the morning and to collect drinks + sandwiches which we had brought with us. The rain came on so sudden, but by the afternoon it



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had cleared up although it still threatened more.

It was a great rally and I purchased one or two items that were needed and came into contact with old friends, who I used to have several contacts with in the past years. Like Robert G3SAH and also Stars members. It was a good day out.

I have considered attending the North Wales rally at Llandudno if I can find cheap rail fare, instead of driving the distance, some 115 miles, at this time of year. If I do it will be in the next report.

Early in October along with another colleague we were at the Drive and Controls exhibition at Telford Leisure Centre. After spending just over one hour there, by which time I had seen everything, we decided to have a look round the shopping centre. The market was the first place where one of the employees noticed the R S G B badge, He said He had a TX licence M0DNV [Andrew] and His boss was Tim M1EXP.

I thought the Oct main meeting was very well presented and congratulations to the members who made it so, other than the school principle headmaster & two other visitors, one being Alan Highfield M3HHN, it was a pity there were not more there from outside.

I should have contacted the press before, perhaps I should adopt another title **Press publicity officer** (ed: there's a thought) when ever there is an event within the society. If I am informed well in advance I can contact the press. I can't always guarantee it will be published but I can try!



Ben Nock's (G4BXD) XYL along with Bens military equipment



Taken at the rally, needs no intro



Severn Valley in Steam week end



Rally - the 3ele beam close to the main hall

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Finally

There is an auction of equipment at the former BBC studios Pebble Mill that is taking place on Thursday 11th Nov - viewing days are 9th & 10th. It sounds great I may not be at the sale but be there to view the items up for auction - see http://www.bbc.co.uk/birmingham/goodbye_pebblemill/

and -- don,t forget Our own sale in Nov. Well that's all for now

Best 73's from your roving reporter Malcolm G8BOP

ANNUAL SURPLUS SALE

A reminder that on Monday 15th November StARS will be holding its 2004 Annual Surplus Sale – All comers are welcome. Whilst the Society welcomes donations of items 'for Society Funds' it is often the case that those that go unsold are abandoned and members of the committee are left with the job of disposal. So please do us the courtesy of taking away any unsold items that you brought with you. The following guidelines, hopefully ,will make the sale go smoother for Buyer and Seller alike not to mention the Auctioneer/Treasurer.

- All comers are welcome
- Items for sale are sold on the seller's behalf.
- All items must be marked with the seller's Callsign or Name
- The reserve selling price for any Item MUST be made known to the Treasurer BEFORE the start of the Sale.
- The seller agrees to a minimum of 10% of the selling price to be retained by the society.
- The seller may elect to donate more than the minimum to the society if they so wish.
- All items must be removed from the premises either:
 - By the Seller if Unsold.
 - By the Buyer.
- All items are sold – 'As Seen' and/or as described by the SELLER.



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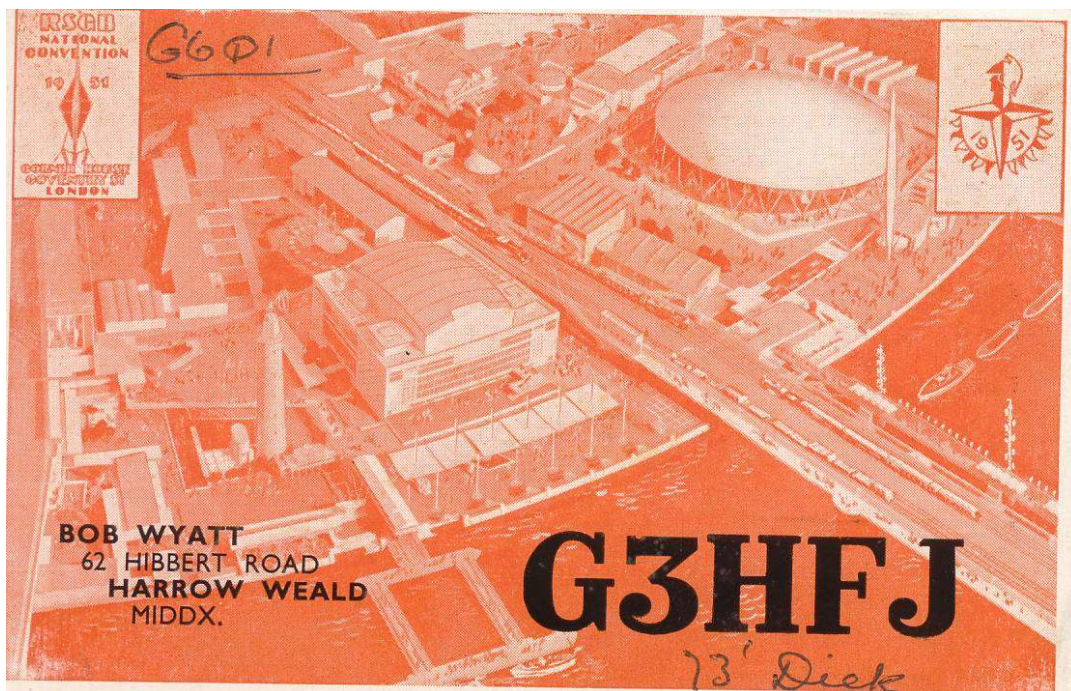
OLD QSL CARDS (5)

Festival of Britain Souvenir Card 1951

Those too young to remember the Festival of Britain may be interested to see this QSL card. In the top right hand corner (next to the Festival logo) there is a long thin structure which was called the "Skylon". This was sort of equivalent to the London Eye. And, just in case anyone thought the dome was a new idea, the exhibition hall can be clearly seen on this card.

The reverse of the card confirmed an AM QSO on Top Band on 16th December 1951 with a 5/9 report. The receiver was a Marconi B21 and the transmitter CO/PA with a 6 watt input. The aerial was a 90ft Marconi.

The RSGB National Convention was held in Corner House, Coventry Street, London in 1951.



This 1929 card simply said "Thanks for your card of 7/4/29 on the reverse and was sent to Richard Walker G6QI. The interest in the card is the picture on the front.

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 9th August 2004.

The meeting opened at 8. 05pm.

1. **Those Present** : Malcolm Davies G8JTL John Clarke M1EJG.Nick Moss G6DQN John Scott G8UAE Eric Hickman G7JWJ,Steve Turley G7JYZ,Dr. Bob Derricott G4VPE. Adrian Sims M3HBA
2. **Apologies** : Non
3. **Minutes of previous meeting.** The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as a true record and were signed by the President.
4. **Matters arising from minutes.** John G8UAE has now received the information from Malcolm requested at the previous committee meeting. Two of the letters noted as missing from archives have now been found. The third original is in John's possession but the copy cannot be found.
5. **Secretaries report** Bromsgrove ARC have contacted the Secretary regarding a visit to Bletchley Park they are arranging for September. All local clubs are being notified and Coach seats are on a first come basis. All information was given to Malcolm for publication in Starlite.
6. **Treasurers report.** John reported bank funds stand at £799. 77. There are 29 members, with three members yet to pay. RSGB are again in chaos, saying that the club had not paid our fees a new cheque was sent which was returned stating that we had already paid. The kit for use with satellite project has now been paid for.
7. **SSB Field Day.** Contest will start at 1300 hrs Saturday and continue through to 1300 hrs Sunday. Setting up to commence on Friday afternoon, (mast erection) by Bob ,Eric and John (Sec). Bobs mast to be used and club mast with John Scott can also be used. President and Secretary are to arrange visit to meet Maurice Evans on site. They will also check availability of toilets. Tents available :- One from club, one from Malcolm, one from Eric. Adrian will check if a TA tent is available for cooking in. The Genny will need to be sited at least 40 50 feet away from the operating tent, but Steve has offered to make a silencer box to fit over it to reduce noise. John Scott and Eric stated that they have all necessary guy ropes. Lap top computer for logging will be provided by Nick and several members stated that they have the appropriate programs. Earthing spike will be provided by either John Scott or Adrian,Bob is to copy relative pages of the rig book to enable set up. Water containers and cooker to be provided by Eric. Utensils generally to be provided by all members. Petrol needs to be purchased and this will be done by John (Sec).
8. **Open Evening. Agreed** that Chris would do the necessary art work Personal letters of invitation are to be sent to, Headmaster, Deputy headmaster, Simon Plant, Head of cadets, School broadcast radio and the Science Master. It was also suggested that we should write to all old members inviting them together with any other old friends. The start is to be at 7. 00pm and will be held in the shack and in the Art room. Suggested that a set of maps relating to radio work should be purchased from RSGB. John Scott agreed to provide a tree showing the societies history.
9. **Societies Constitution.** It was agreed that the suggested alterations put forward at the meeting of 14th.June should be put into more formal wording by Richard with the following amendments.
 - Rule 8 : Take out the rate and substitute " appropriate rate approved at AGM." Include that each new member will be provided with a set of rules on payment of first subscription. Trial period to be two months before first payment is due.
 - Rule 14 (c) : A quorum shall consist of 1/3rd. of paid up members.
 - Rule 18 : Committee meetings can be conducted by a quorum of five including any two appointed officers.
- 10.**Any other business.** Noted that the Agenda carried the logo " est 1038 ", Malcolm will amend this. The new kit receiver for satellite work has now been constructed by Malcolm and is being inserted into its case. There will be three channels plus a fourth channel for computer control.
- 11.Next meeting.27th. September 2004.

The meeting closed at 9. 20pm.



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OPEN EVENING

Picture Gallery



SSB FIELD DAY

A few more Pictures



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SSB FIELD DAY cont

And yet more Pictures



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YOUR COMMITTEE

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	BOB	G4VPE	
	STEVE	G7JYZ	
	ADRIAN	M3HBA	

CALENDAR of EVENTS

It should be noted that the Shack will be open every Monday evening unless shown otherwise in the Calendar

APRIL	Mon 5th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 12th	Bank Holiday - No Meeting
	Mon 19th	Richard G0EWH - Using an Antenna Analyser
MAY	Mon 3rd	Bank Holiday - No Meeting
	Mon 10th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 24th	Malcolm G8jtl - Satellite Projects Galore
	Tues 25th	All members are invited to the TA Centre OldSwinford for a talk on the Gulf War given by Adrian M3HBA
	Mon 31st	Bank Holiday - No Meeting
JUNE	Mon 7th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 14th	Committee Meeting
	Sat 19th	+++++ Wordsley Carnival +++++
	Mon 21st	Dave Johnson G4DPZ AMSAT-UK
JULY	Mon 5th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 19th	EGM + Planning for Contest + Open Evening
AUGUST	Mondays	Open Shack Night - Tea/Coffee always available
SEPTEMBER	Sat 4 th /5 th	SSB FIELD DAY - COOKLEY
	Mon 6th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 20th	Bob G4VPE - HF Amplifiers
OCTOBER	Mon 4th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 18th	Main Meeting - Open Evening
NOVEMBER	Mon 1st	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 15th	Annual Surplus Sale
DECEMBER	Mon 6th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 20th	XMAS BASH
JANUARY	Mon 3rd	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 17th	Main Meeting - Yet to be announced
FEBRUARY	Mon 7th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 21st	Main Meeting - Constructors Competition
MARCH	Mon 7th	Natter/Activity Night - Tea/Coffee always available
	Mon 21st	##### AGM - 2005 #####

