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TDARS News Letter

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Programme

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- July 30 Kites on the LWV Field (wet alternative: Is of Man Expedition tales LWVH)
- August 6 First-in-the-Month GX3ZME on-the-air + Committee Meeting (7:30pm)
- August 13 HamFest preparation meeting. Please volunteer some time / support
- August 20 "DMR" - Digital Mobile Radio, with M3AWY and GW1SYG
- August 27 QRP Evening—5 Watts and Less. With John M0JZH. LWV Field (or HQ if wet)
- August 30/31 TELFORD HAMFEST at Enigunity. As many helpers as possible please.**
- September 3 Committee meeting 8:00 pm. GX3ZME/P active HF and/or VHF
- September 10 HamFest feedback evening. What went right (or could be improved!)
- September 17 Old and New Radios. A selection of past and present to compare, incl the AR88
- September 24 Club Construction Project(s). 'Rig runner' and other ideas for new & experienced constructing members
- October 1 Committee meeting 8:00 pm. GX3ZME/P active HF and/or VHF
- October 8 "Solar Banners" - What are they? How can they help us? Martyn G3UKV
- October 15 Event to be confirmed
- October 18-19 Jamboree on the Air: Wellington Scouts Group JOTA**
- October 22 Telford HamFest video (if all goes to plan . . .)
- Advance warning: Oct 29 Hallowe'en Special. Nov 12 Dr John Moyle "Aspects of telecommunications during the Gt War."

For Amateur Radio Exam Training—enquiries to Mike G3JKX (01952 299677)
For Morse Training and Morse Proficiency Tests Martyn G3UKV or Eric M0KZB.
For Equipment Loans & Returns contact Simon 2E0CHV or Don 2E0DSN
Radio Amateur Exams- Latest: www.tdars.org.uk/html/training.html

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Qtc: News & Information



TDARS MEETINGS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT LITTLE WENLOCK VILLAGE HALL UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE ON THE FRONT PAGE PROGRAMME. ROOM BOOKED FROM 7PM - 10PM. MEETINGS USUALLY COMMENCE AT 8PM

Please note: A current membership card must be shown to borrow TDARS equipment. Please return borrowed equipment promptly .

The B-B-Q in the LW Village Field June 11th) went very smoothly this time round. The £1 deposit for all would-be attendees prior to the event worked out well, presumably because members then made a commitment to come. So there was a good turn-out, plenty of food, and of course good weather. Thanks especially to Jim and Derek for the excellent spread and fine cookery, as well as John who collected the dosh. Thanks too Bob ('RJS) for this superb photo,



The mini-expedition to the Isle of Man (June 26-30) also went smoothly, although HF, VHF and microwave bands all suffered from quite poor propagation conditions on their respective frequencies. However, on HF, Paul (M0PNN), David (MW0UAA), Mike (G3JKX) and Norman (G0ASP) had over 1000 QSOs over the period, Rob (M0TOY), Dave (G8VZT) and others gave 2, 4 and 6m a bashing, whilst at the microwave frequencies, Jim G8UGL and Martyn (G3UKV) had just 15 QSOs on the various uW bands.



Rob's novel antenna rotation system



Paul contemplates meal time:



Peter 'FGN catches a steam train and keeps warm



Site view—HF in far distance !



Ouch—that hurt !. DC burns—Martyn



HF & VHF stations—Plenty of action:





50 MHz Tropo Station G3Z—inside and out (photos G8VZT)
 G0UFE, 2E0CHV, MOJZH and Patti. 7 element LFA outside!

Thanks for Newsletter input this time from Robin G1MHU, Bob M0RJS, John M0JZH, Dave G0CER, Eric M0KZB, Dave G8VZT and the Caption Competition entrants. Next edition late September. More TEXT items PLEASE !

And finally, a few more VHF NFD shots

70cm QSO map



G3JKX & G0EYX concentrating in the 6m tent

Photos: G0CER and G1MHU



Al fresco operating until the tent arrived (G1MHU Op, 70cm)



23cm station: Now where's our tent ?



2m station. Cool, calm and tented .
 G0UFE & 2E0KLS