

CROSSTALK



Chairman's Chat

Hi All,

Welcome to this issue of crosstalk.
Firstly, thanks to all that participated at the Lighthouse on Easter Sunday.

I think we are getting the hang of setting the antenna up now. Last time at the set up for last year's Lighthouse weekend the wind caused an issue by blowing the coax all over the place whilst trying to lower it from the top floor to the window near the operating position. So this time I came prepared with a weight in the form of a used milk container with some water in. It worked well and an enjoyable day was had by all.

Also please don't forget weekend of radio at Val's QTH to coincide with Mills on the Air.

73 - Kevin M0JVC

HARIG Meetings

- 10th May :** Inter club Quiz with CRA
- 14th June:** Making the most of radio controls - Peter G0DZB
- 12th July:** Egg Race - Giles M0CGE
- 9th Aug:** Sausage sizzle
- 13th Sept :** New Horizons of Pluto - Paul G4YQC
- 11th Oct:** TBC
- 8th Nov:** Canada - Kevan 2E0WMG
- 13th Dec:** AGM and Christmas party

Event with CRA

On the weekend of 13/14th May, HARIG and CRA will be doing a joint two day (incl. overnight) operating event at Val Sayer's QTH: the Observatory, Rownes Farm in Wakes Colne. General operation is not likely to start until late morning on the Saturday but there will be some practical antenna setup being done from 10.30pm.

This weekend also coincides with Mills on the Air weekend - so we will be different with an Observatory on the air! But it does mean there are usually plenty of stations to contact from interesting places. Some people will stay overnight, but you are welcome to attend on the Saturday or Sunday.

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Easter weekend at Harwich High Lighthouse.

We enjoyed operating from the lighthouse so much last year on the international light ship we wanted to go there again so, with permission from the Harwich Society, we did.

Some of us turned up on Sunday morning and set up the Yaesu FT1000 and a trapped dipole suspended between the top of the lighthouse and the red and white buoy adjacent to it. Once all connected up we had a problem with a microphone that did not match the radio. Kevin went home to get one that matched. The dipole supplied by Kevin M0JVC loaded up very well on a number of bands and away we went.

G0DVJ started the calls using his call of M4J into the YU contest to see how the signal was getting out and giving a few points away. We then started calling CQ using the call GX0RGH. The conditions were very good on 40 and 80 metres with very low noise until 12.30 when conditions suddenly changed for the worse, so we hopped about the bands for the rest of the day.

We managed to work Germany, Switzerland, France, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Belgium, Italy, Denmark and the UK. Best DX was Ethan N1SOH in Massachusetts USA.

A good time was had by all and we packed up at 17.00 due to it getting cold. We were visited by Mark M3MGP and Caroline who is waiting for her new callsign to come through. Well done and congratulations. I would also like to thank Sue from the Harwich Society for letting us play.

We will be operating here again on 19th and 20th of August.

Giles, M0CGE.

Ipswich Rally

The East Suffolk Wireless Revival (ESWR) - "The Ipswich Rally" - is fast approaching on 11th June 2017 at the new venue of the Kirton Recreation ground. More details at <http://www.eswr.org.uk>

Events

13/14th May: Two day activity at Val's QTH coinciding with Mills on the Air weekend.

19th/20th August: ILLW from High Lighthouse, Harwich.