

REMINDER

Meeting

1930 Tuesday

19th January

Chepstow Athletic Club

Re-run of meeting

deferred from

5th January due to bad weather



From: DOUGLAS PINGEL [mailto:ruskman@btinternet.com]
Sent: 07 January 2010 21:26

Subject: Grants, MONEY!
Herewith News Snippet from today's South Wales Argus.

"Radio Grant

A CWMBRAN Radio Society received almost £5,000 from the **Awards for All programme**. The Cwmbran and District Radio Society was given £4,993 from the small grants programme."

Thats a good starter for a Club Station! However they are required to spend the money it should free-up other cash for radio equipment.

73

Doug/2W0OPY



Keep earthquake net frequencies clear

Following the earthquake in Haiti on 13 January, all radio amateurs are requested to keep the frequencies 3.720, 7.045, 14.265 and 14.300MHz clear for emergency traffic.



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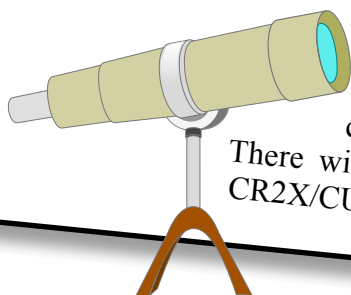
EchoLink node 278173 is also in use by the International Radio Emergency Support Coalition. As of Thursday 14 January, amateur activity was starting to appear in Haiti. Amateurs are requested to give priority to emergency traffic and QSY away from emergency centres of activity.

UPDATE 15-Jan-10, 14:37:00

IARU - Frequencies in use from Haiti are now believed to be

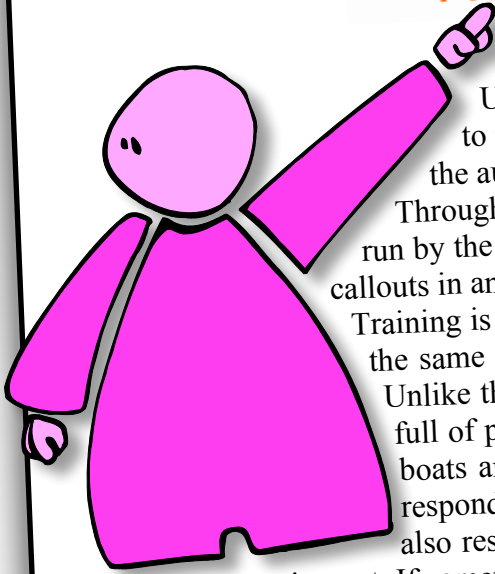
- 14.300MHz,
- 14.265MHz,
- 7.045MHz ,
- 7.065MHz,
- 7.265MHz,
- 3.720MHz,
- 3.977MHz
- and a 2m repeater on 147.970MHz

Azores contest station looking to put 160m on the map



A group of Finnish DXers will put the Azores on 160m and above with new vertical and Beverage antennas, starting on 16 January. The activity will include CQWW 160m CW and ARRL CW/SSB contests, using the callsign CR2X. There will also be some activity before and after the contests. QSL CR2X/CU2KG via OH2BH, CU2KH via OH8NC.

"GO ORANGE FOR THE INDIE'S DAY" FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2010



For one day only the Independent Lifeboat Crews of the United Kingdom will be joining forces on Friday 26th February to raise awareness for the Lifeboat stations that operate outside the auspices of the RNLI.

Throughout the UK there are around 100 lifeboat units that are not run by the RNLI and every year their volunteer crews respond to pager callouts in an identical way to the RNLI crews.

Training is to the same high standard and all rescue craft must adhere to the same strict code as the RNLI, there is only one major difference; Unlike the RNLI the Independent units do not have a big head office full of people working on their behalf, the people you see out on the boats and in the watchroom windows are the whole team, not only responding to emergencies at sea and on the shores nearby, they are also responsible for their own fundraising, training and maintenance of equipment. If something breaks it is up to those present to work out how to fix it,

unlike the RNLI whom have a big team of mechanics and spares at hand. The Independent Units within the UK have existed for many years and need support to continue to run at the same high standard at which they have become renowned. Often mistaken as the RNLI the work of these units can go unnoticed, or the public will donate to the RNLI thinking that this money is going towards their local Independent Unit.

Our hope is that by all celebrating being Independent on the same day we can highlight the number of non RNLI units around raising awareness for our causes.

We urge everybody who has an Independent lifeboat unit around them to join in with the day by wearing something orange or holding an "orange" fundraising event and donating the funds raised to their local lifeboat unit.

We will never be as large as the RNLI, but our services in the areas we operate are just as crucial and with rising costs every year it is more important now than ever for our local communities to realise just who we are.

So please for one day only join us as we unite and help raise funds for all these volunteer run lifeboat stations throughout the United Kingdom.

Remember the RNLI are "NOT the only charity that save lives at sea"

Your local Independent Lifeboat station is: SARA

Your Local Indie Representative is: Steve TROTT

Callsign Change

Congratulations to **Tony Marsh**
(M6JWF) on passing his
Intermediate Exam in Bath.

His new callsign is
2E0JWF





UK REPEATER NEWS

Taking stock (3 January 2010)

It is likely that **strict criteria** will be applied in the new year for new repeater applications.

Against the backdrop of low activity levels, and poorly performing repeaters, the need to justify new applications is likely to be enforced to a far greater extent.

Long term non operational repeaters, repeaters licenced but failing to commence service and repeaters nominally operational but widely reported as being either deaf or inaccessible for other reasons has become all too prevalent.

The recent interest in digital modes, in particular

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GMSK, has been a welcome boost to the repeater sector of the hobby, but challenges to amateur use of bands above 2 Metres is likely to require even greater proof that we "need" and value these bands to support our society in seeing off **commercial interest** in 70cm and above.

The focus on radio spectrum is going to intensify in the coming decade, radio amateurs have to be seen to have our house in order and make good use of the valuable bands at our disposal in the so called "sweet-spot" of the radio bands.

USE IT OR LOSE IT!

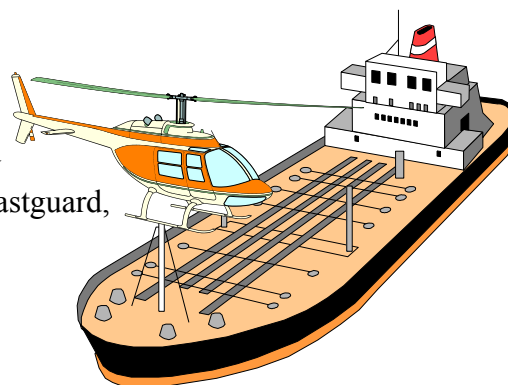
STOP PRESS

Advance Notice

The Maritime & Coastguard Agency will give a presentation on their use of all things radio in the execution of their duties. This will include the development of

- GMDSS
- Galileo
- Radar
- AIS
- Navtex,
- Satellite Communications
- GPS
- Emergency VHF D/F
- Digital Selective Calling.
- HF and MF Radio

This is a vast topic covering communication with commercial shipping, warships, pleasure craft, lifeboats, aircraft and helicopters. It deserves a good turn-out and it is hoped that neighbouring radio societies will join us for the presentation which will be delivered by Terry Baldwin (Cardiff) and Wil Parsitt (Swansea), both from HM Coastguard, at Chepstow Athletic Club at



1930 on Tuesday 3rd August 2010.

Can't see too well?

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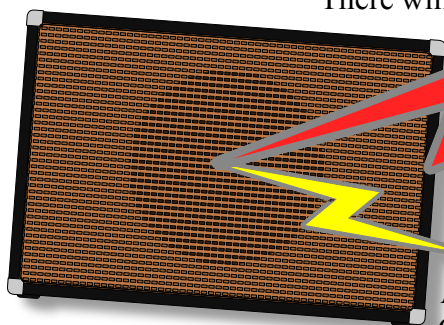
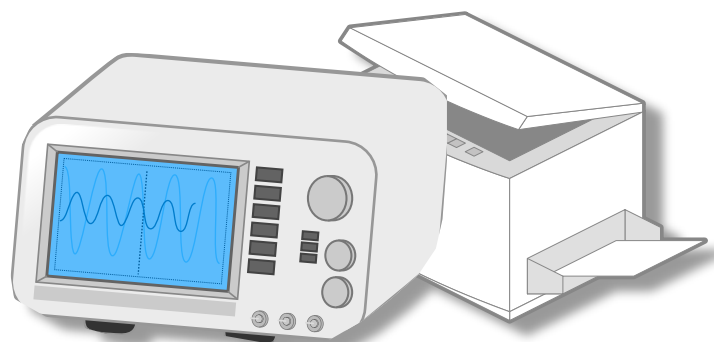
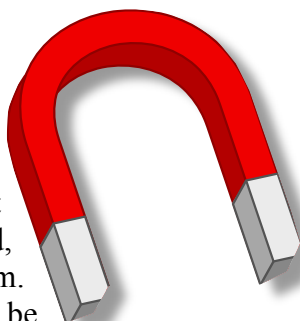
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Sunday 14th February 2010
HARWELL AMATEUR
RADIO SOCIETY are
holding a Radio and
Electronics Rally at Didcot
Leisure Centre, Mereland Road,
Didcot, from 10.30am-3.30pm.

There will be



radio, electronics and computing trade-
stalls, secondhand stalls, Special Interest
Groups displays etc. Refreshments will be available
all day. Entry £2.00 (children under 14 free). Details from
Ann on 01235 816379 or see www.g3pia.org.uk

Many thanks and 73s
Ann G8NVI
Organiser - Harwell Rally

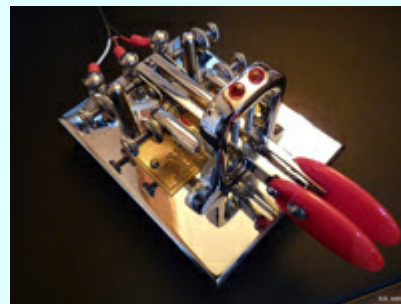


CW Classes

Robert Lawrence has kindly offered to conduct morse training for those members who wish to take up CW. Bob has a great deal of experience in this domain and taught RAE at Newquay Adult Education Centre in the early 90's. For learning morse he has a fail-safe method that almost guarantees success.

Bob has suggested that classes could take place at the Athletic Club on club nights half-an-hour before our meetings. As we normally start at 19:30, this would mean starting training at 19:00.

If you are interested in learning or improving your morse, please make yourself known to Bob at the next meeting or pass your details to me (Wil Oliver).



swansea rally

Hi all,

I'm pleased to be able to let you know that the Swansea Rally will in fact go ahead on 21st February, but at a different venue. The Rally will be held at the Neath Sports Centre, SA10 7BE. Apart from the change of venue, the Rally will be as planned.

This weekend's GB2RS bulletins (and currently the RSGB website) say that we are considering a new venue. That decision has now been taken and the RSGB informed – so no doubt their website and GB2RS will reflect the situation in due course. (Some of you may be aware that, for a time, the RSGB website was showing that the Rally had been cancelled. That was an error, caused, apparently & unfortunately, by one of our own members taking it upon himself to notify the RSGB, presumably unaware of the discussions that were taking place re the venue.)

This announcement will go up on our club website <http://www.radioclubs.net/swansears/> later today. Please spread the word as widely as possible so that we can get a good attendance and hopefully no-one stays home or goes to the wrong place!!

73

Nick
Nick Lewis, MW0JGE
Secretary, Swansea ARS

