

May 2018

CROSSTALK



Welcome to the latest edition of Crosstalk, and greetings from your new Editor, Kevan 2E0WMG.

After more years editing Crosstalk than he probably cares to remember Eugene G4FTP has passed the baton to me. Our thanks go to Eugene for a fantastic job.

I will publish a new Crosstalk four times

a year so the next one will be due around the beginning of August. In the meantime the committee hope to see as many members and guests as possible at the regular club meetings as detailed above. We also have three club events to look forward to coming up this year as shown on the next page. Short articles of interest are invited from members for inclusion in the next edition, these can be sent to me via the email address at the foot of page two. 73 Kevan 2E0WMG.

2018 Club Meetings Diary

May 9th - Quiz with Colchester Radio Amateurs

June 13th - Fixing Projects. A Talk by Kevin M0JVC

July - 11th - Digital & DMR. A Talk by Mark M0LTG

August 8th - Sausage Sizzle & visit by RSGB DRM Keith G3WRO **TBC**

September 12th - Portable Operating Tips and Ideas. A Talk by Kevan 2E0WMG

Congratulations Val - Now M6VLE

Since the publication of the last edition of Crosstalk I am pleased to report that Val Sayer has passed her Foundation Licence Exam with our good friends at the Colchester Club. Val now holds the callsign M6VLE. Well done Val and her thanks go to the Colchester Radio Amateurs training team.



East Suffolk Wireless Rally
June 10th, 2018

Kirton Recreation Ground
Back Road
Kirton Ipswich
IP10 0PW

Doors Open 9:30am

Further info: Kevin Ayriss, G8MXV
Tel: 07710 046846

www.eswr.org.uk

The Power of Saltwater - Kevan 2E0WMG

We have all heard tales of how operating on HF next to saltwater can make all the difference in making DX contacts. As I almost exclusively operate portable or mobile I have experienced this effect first hand on many occasions in various locations around the UK, however after arranging a sked with my friend Paul VE3EFQ in Canada in March this year I was left shocked and amazed (in a good way) at just how much difference it can actually make. We arranged the sked to take place about an hour before darkness here deciding 20m would give us our best chance of making the contact, I decided to operate from one of my regular /M spots at Point Clear as this gave a clear take off across water at 297 degrees towards Paul's location near Meaford Ontario. I mentioned the sked to Jonathan G0DVJ thinking if he was about at the time he may like to join us, and if I could not make it happen with my 50w and mobile antenna then maybe he could work Paul using 400w and his 3 element SteppIR beam.

With it being a bit too breezy for me to use a full size quarter wave telescoping whip I compromised and used a base loaded whip of around nine foot. Shortly after 4pm I heard Paul calling me from his campsite in the woods where he reported it was minus 25, brrrrrr. What amazed me was that although Paul was at times struggling to hear Jonathan with 400w and his beam he was still reading me ok.



Paul posted a great video on YouTube with footage of the sked from his campsite, as well as clips taken last summer whilst I was in Canada with him and Carson VA3OSO using my Canadian callsign VA3WMG.

The video can be seen at <https://youtu.be/NbM6c6tW2Nw>

HARIG 2018 Club Events

EPC # 19123
WAB TM22
Loc: JO01PU
IOTA EU-005

GB6WLB

Main Operator
Herbie G6XOU
Details on
www.QRZ.com



SOS - RNLI - Special Event - Walton-on-the-Naze Lifeboat

Special Event Station GB6WLB

12th & 13th May
Naze Car Park Walton On Naze CO14 8LJ

Herbie G6XOU had previously operated this Special Event Station from home QTH in Walton. Following the successful activation of the Naze Tower during International Lighthouse and Lighthouse Weekend last year it was decided the Colchester Club would join forces with HARIG members to mark SOS Radio week in May and put GB6WLB back on the air from the Naze. This would allow more participation as well as showcasing our hobby to a wider audience and hopefully also raise some money for the RNLI who do such a fantastic job saving lives at sea. Simultaneous stations will be run on VHF and HF including Data modes. If you are interested in going along to help set up or take down, or to have a bash at operating please contact Herbie G6XOU at iswlburo@yahoo.co.uk

This promises to be a great event so for further info including the station set up plans see visit the CRA website at g3co.org.uk and the QRZ.com page for GB6WLB

International Lighthouse & Lighthouse Weekend

19 August

From the Harwich High Light

HARIG has participated in 'Lighthouse Weekend' for several years now. Stations have been set up on the green in between the high and low lights, the LV18 Lightship and most recently from inside the high light which was a great success last year. So this year we will be returning to the high light again. Although the event takes place on the 18th and 19th of August GB4HLH will only be on the air on the Sunday from around 9am until 4pm.

This is a great opportunity to put both the Harwich High Light UK-074 and Harwich Low Light UK-009 on the air and when band conditions are good we often have quite a big pile up. HARIG members are encouraged to come along and help or operate. The lighthouse is also open to the public so we hope to have a few visitors to see our station being operated and learn about the hobby.

If you have a head for heights the views from the top of the tower are also pretty good. More details from Kevan 2E0WMG (see below).

GB4HLH
ITU Zone: 27
CQ Zone: 14
WAB: TM23

www.harig.org.uk
Harwich High Light UK074
Harwich Low Light UK009

Confirming QSO	Date	UTC	Band	RST	Mode

HARIG Radio Weekend

15th & 16th September

At the Observatory Nr Wakes Colne

Thanks to Val M6VLE who is kindly playing host we are once again able to operate from this great location out in the sticks away from urban noise and with plenty of space to put up antennas.



This is a two day event and will include a 'Sausage Sizzle' on the Saturday evening and a chance to operate overnight for those that wish. We have also invited members of Colchester Radio Amateurs along. A few years back members of North Essex Astronomical Society brought along a Solar Telescope which was of great interest as you might imagine so we hope this can be repeated this year if possible.

This is a very informal event so please just come along and have a go at operating, bring along an antenna to experiment with, a new rig to show off or just have a chat and a cup of tea.

Set up is from around 9am on the Saturday. For more details contact Kevan 2E0WMG, details below.

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HARIG was founded in 1990 and is affiliated to the RSGB

Club Callsign: G0RGH (M4U in Contests)

Club Website: www.harig.org.uk