



SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETINGS NORMALLY ON 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7.30 FOR 7.45pm
**Meetings at St. Paul's United Reformed Church, Croham Park Avenue,
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A MEETING Monday 5th January 2026: Short Talk evening
B MEETING Monday 19th January 2026: Fix-it, Move-it-on & Social Chat with John G8MNY

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EDITOR'S OPENER

Dear Members & Friends,

By the time you read this we will be into 2026, so I hope you had a good Christmas with your families or whoever you chose to spend it with! Apologies also for the slightly shorter than usual Newsletter – mostly due to the seasonal activities. One casualty in particular has been the promised questionnaire mentioned in last month's Newsletter - but watch this space...

It was good to see Roger G1LIW at the December B meeting following treatment for his recent heart attack - he seemed to be in good spirits and taking advantage of the available food and drink. Another member suffering from health issues, as previously reported, is Steve G4FYF who advises: "[Following earlier stabilisation I] now await MRI appointment that's likely to be followed by collection of biopsy samples. Happy Christmas!!" I'm sure we all wish Steve all the best for a speedy recovery and hope he will keep us posted on progress.

So here we go....

73, Quin G3WRR

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

December A meeting (1st) “*Show and tell*” session. Six members presented items – in alphabetical order (not “cast in order of intelligence” as has been used elsewhere...):

G1LIW: Standardised power unit allowing a number of different 6V powered rigs to be used from a single 12V power unit. Uses Anderson connectors.

G3WRR: Single valve receiver using an EF50 valve as a leaky grid detector. Coils wound on old toilet roll holders (brand not known, but sanitisation important) and variable capacitors made using soft drink cans and cooking foil separated by a dielectric made from overhead projector slides. Worked after a fashion but attempts to make it regenerative were a step too far...

G4FDN: Redifon matching unit allowing standard 50Ω rigs to be matched to short vertical antennas (with typically low resistive component and high capacitive reactance). Often used in the days of 160m mobile in the early 60s: had been used to make contacts over relatively short distances with G8MNY and G4FKK.

G4XAT: Biquad antenna for 13cm with elements separated by a quarter wavelength. Used for exchange of signals between SV (Greece) and 9H (Malta).

G7VAK: Three small receiver units used by Paul on his travels (including Berlin).

G8MNY: Notch filter to protect his IC735 transceiver from other nearby stations at the annual Wimbledon Club Camp. Modern SDR based rigs tend to do all their filtering in software with no “real” filters in the antenna paths. The filter displayed was able to provide a very sharp (up to 30dB) attenuation.

December 8th *Inter-Club Quiz Night* hosted by Sutton & Cheam RS at their club HQ near Banstead. Six teams from a selection of local clubs were represented and six SRCC members attended. G3WRR, G4ADM, G7VAK and Peter (Paul VAK’s neighbour) made up the SRCC team but owing to staggered time arrival by SRCC members G6JXA and M6SLQ were recruited by two other teams! The SRCC team were third team out of six. Copious quantities of food and drink were provided by S&CRS.

December B meeting (15th) *Pre-Christmas Jollity!* Social chat supported by sausage rolls, crisps, mince pies and custard, tea, coffee, soft drinks, etc. were provided – along with alcohol (from memory Irish Whiskey) kindly provided by Pat G4FDN. (I believe the Irish spelling has a letter e in it – but if not Pat will no doubt correct me!) Unused comestibles were distributed at the end of the evening but mostly consumed by G3WRR at home later....

FUTURE MEETINGS

January 2026 A meeting (5th January) *Short talks evening*. Including probable presentation by John G3MCX on his National Service in the Far East in the 1950s and a cut down version of previous talk by Quin G3WRR (topic to be decided). More offerings welcome....

January 2026 B meeting (19th January) *Usual “chat and test gear” session*

Please note that in February, the traditional first and second meetings will be reversed to match speaker availability. Thus, the first meeting (February 2nd) will fulfil the traditional B meeting chat and test gear role and the second meeting (February 16th) the formal A meeting role.... confusing, innit?!

February A meeting (2nd February) Usual “chat and test gear” session

February B meeting (16th February) “Radio Oddities” by Trevor Brook (G3WVQ). This, which has been arranged by Colin G4WEO, will be the first in a series of occasional club funded “G4CCY/G4DDY Memorial Lectures” by external speakers as discussed at the last AGM.

March A meeting (2nd March) *Surplus Equipment Sale*. Bring along items of previously used gear and turn them into money – which than then be used to acquire gear previously used by other club members....

March B meeting (16th March) Usual “chat and test gear” session.

April A meeting (13th April) *Annual General Meeting*. Date subject to confirmation.

April B meeting (27th April) Usual “chat and test gear” session. Date subject to confirmation.

73, Quin G3WRR

SOME HISTORIC PICTURES....

Just a few pictures to fill up space. These are from the early 80s and show Addiscombe AARC contest activity – how things (and people) change!



**ANTENNA ERECTION –
ISLE OF SHEPPEY -
23/13cm CONTEST
AUGUST 1984**



**TOTING GENERATOR UP
CADAIR BERWYN – 4m
CONTEST - JUNE 1982
(L. to R. ??, G3XJO,
G3WRR, G8LFC (SK)) –
note use of antenna
mastage to support
generator!**



**4m CONTEST JUNE 1982
CHRIS NORTON (now RIP)
- using trials bike to carry
gear to Cadair Berwyn
summit!**



**BREW UP VHF NFD
DARTMOOR JULY 1981 -
(L. to R. G3RQZ, G3WRR,
G4CZB, G8LFC (SK))**

SRCC LEAGUE TABLE – NOVEMBER 2025

Five entries were received for the November League Table including one “nil entry”, representing a significant change in the entrants’ positions!

ENTRANT	WORKED DXCC / SQUARE	WORKED SRCC MEMBER	WORKED IN CONTEST	POINTS THIS MONTH
M0CGF	94			188
M0LEP	12	1		26
G4FYF	5	1		12
G3WRR	2		2	6
G4FFY				

The following notes are provided by the entrants...

M0CGF: *Some nice ones into various parts of Africa (5R, TL, 5V,9U, S0) on HF but I think the pick was TY5AD on 6m FT8 and TZ4AM on 6m CW although the XW on 40m was decent. Had a few trips to Woldingham for POTA, VK and most of Europe within 30mins! I watched the QSO rate on the logging screen, it peaked at 186 QSO per hour, so had some good pile ups to work through. Greenland got pushed to next year now so home for most of December. The club’s not bottom in the AFS/UKAC so not too bad! [Wow – some serious stuff there lan!]*

M0LEP: *Roger G1LIW was on the 80 metre Net this morning, already chatting with John G8MNY when I joined at 9am, and hoping to be at tonight's SRCC meeting. -- This was a mix of SRCC Nets, SOTA chasing and one short-notice very brief SOTA activation during which I made just 6 contacts but picked up 6 DXCCs in the process. The SOTA chasing was very much a matter of couple of contacts now and then, but there were some interesting ones. The contact with Sweden was, however, a call-in after one of my Thursday evening GB2CW broadcasts, so I figure the 80 metres skip had gone long and not many folk in the UK could hear me. A case for an earlier start in the darker months, maybe....*

G4FYF: *Very minimal log for November, barrage of medical tests and a short hospital stay took their toll of enthusiasm for anything!*

G3WRR: *Another inauspicious month in the league table – just two DXCCs (G and EI) worked during the RSGB Club Calls Contest...but 160m is like that with tiny antennas.....*

G4FFY: *I’m afraid is a Nil entry for November for me. Somehow time, compounded by domestic health issues including death of a pet dog, did not allow any radio operating!! Also, my VHF/UHF setup was still disconnected but restored for December....*

The cumulative annual results are shown below – once again at this stage in the year there has been no change in cumulative positions in the past month.

ENTRANT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
M0CGF	146	223	128	286	360	513	376	292	203	158	188		2922
G4FFY	138	165	164	133	148	194	257	169	115	164			1547
G4FYF	40	22	68	24	26	36	66	66	54	86	12		500
G3WRR	30		68		24		150			9	6		287
M0LEP	6	30	4	30	6	12	22	22	18	12	26		188

Following the sharp dip in the Solar Flux Index between March and July the actual figures seem to be pretty well back to the predicted level. But that isn't telling the whole story as odd things seem to be happening on the air. According to my chum G3TBK near Grantham (who has been licensed since 1964 and as such has seen almost six complete sunspot cycles) the current cycle is playing out differently....conditions seem to be more "up and down" than at this stage in previous cycles (consistent with the unstable measured SFI figures) but also the HF bands seem to be affected more by auroral propagation.... There is clearly a lot more to learn about how the sun works!

73, Quin G3WRR SRCC Leaguemeister

SRCC NETS

The following is a list of structured nets on which members of SRCC meet regularly. They are sometimes joined by members of other local clubs, who are always made most welcome. The net is not usually led by a nominated controller, but stations normally transmit cyclically in the chronological order in which they sign in. If any member wishes further occasions and frequencies to be added to the table, please let me know at g.g.collier@btinternet.com.

BAND/FREQUENCY/MODE	DAY OF WEEK	START TIME (clock)
160m / 1905 kHz / LSB	Sunday	9.30 am
80m / 3710 kHz (+/- QRM) LSB	Monday	9.00 am
10m / 28.078 MHz / JS8	Wednesday	10.00 am
6m / 51.55 MHz / FM	Tuesday	8.00 pm
4m / 70.30 MHz / FM	Thursday	8.00 pm
2m / 144.6125 MHz / Digital Voice	Friday	7.30 pm
2m / 145.35 MHz / FM	Friday	8.00 pm

* The Friday night Digital Voice net usually starts with D-star.

In addition to the regular Club Nets, several members monitor the local repeater channels, particularly GB3XP (145.6875MHz 82.5Hz CTCSS FM).

THAT'S ALL FOLKS.....

Slightly short commons this month, inputs from our membership continue to be welcome!

Until next time, all the best.

73, Quin G3WRR SRCC Secretary and Newsletter Editor