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RAGCHEW

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Welcome to my first effort at producing a Ragchew. Due to my somewhat limited desktop publishing facilities it's smaller and plainer than previous Ragchews and in monochrome rather than colour. On the plus side this does mean that just two shillings per copy should cover my expenses.

Although it's smaller there is still a lot (by my journalistic abilities) of space to fill. I really need articles for publication from other club members. Also, any constructive (not necessarily complimentary) comments would be appreciated. You can find me at most club meetings, 'phone on 01452 612234, fax on 020 7919 9412 or e-mail to tony@taf.co.uk.

And now, just to fill this page up, here's some extracts from the RSGB news broadcast of Sunday the 12th of September.

Next Saturday, the 18th of September, is World Amateur Radio Day.

In Sweden, the top Morse code speed requirement has been cut from 12 to 5 words per minute. The Swedish authorities have also reduced the number of licence classes from four to two. The new Swedish class 1 licence offers all Swedish amateur privileges and requires a 5 words per minute test, while the class 2 ticket is a no-code licence for VHF and UHF. In addition, Sweden reportedly has a new three-year non-renewable 'study licence' that offers full and unsupervised VHF and UHF facilities.

Jamboree on the Air - the annual Scout and Guides special event weekend - takes place this year on 16th and 17th October.

The Worked All Britain 144 MHz phone contest takes place next Sunday, the 19th of September, from 0900 to 1700 UTC.

The AGM

The society's AGM was held at Churchdown School on Monday the 6th September 1999. Results of the elections of the society's officers were as follows :-

Committee :-

Chairman	Brian Woodcock	G4CIB
Vice Chairman	Tony Foxcroft	M1EET
Secretary	Tony Martin	G4HBV
Treasurer	Anne Reed	2E1GKY
Ordinary Member	Graham Reffell	G0EEA

Managers :-

Contests	Steve Richards	G4HFT
Morse	Mike Wright	G0VWH
Ragchew	Tony Foxcroft	M1EET
Technical	Vernon Morris	G0HTO

The vote to keep subscriptions at their current level was passed and the new treasurer will be pleased to accept your subscriptions which are now due.

That's right :-

Subscriptions are now due

More stuff just to fill space :-

Now that Ragchew is Tabloid

Now that the Ragchew has gone tabloid I would like to assure everyone that, in true tabloid tradition, it will positively seethe with malicious rumours, unsubstantiated stories and salacious, libellous articles.

For instance, in the next issue, find out the answers to :-

What actually happened on the DF hunt ?

and

What do Tony and Anne really get up to at Barrow Wake ?

OUT SOON. DON'T MISS IT.

Quiz

Aren't computers wonderful ? Any of you who use word processors will know that many of them have a spelling check feature. For those of you who don't, this is a feature whereby the computer scans your document looking for words which it thinks are misspelled. Sometimes it makes a suggestion as to what you meant to put. Here are some of the suggestions I got when I spell checked this Ragchew. Can you match them up with the alleged misspelled words ?

Glee Letter's Lunacy Meet Refill TUC Vermin Write

Dates for your Diary

Treat these as PROVISIONAL for the moment

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September	11	DF hunt
	13	New licence classes discussion
	20	
	27	
October	04	Slide show - Operating from Lundy Island
	11	
	18	
	25	
November	01	Talk - Eddystone ??? receiver
	08	Mystery voice event (or is it on 6/12 ?)
	15	
	22	
	29	
December	06	Mystery voice event (or is it on 8/11 ?)
	13	Leta's Christmas buffet
	20	
	27	No meeting

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January	03	No meeting
	10	Heathkit evening
	17	
	24	
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