



G3NMD Newsletter
Houghton-le-Spring ARC

APRIL 2017

- Trio Receiver
- Morse Restoration
- Out and about
- Name that tune
- Pete's Plaque
- GB3TS Update
- Radio Wordsearch

Welcome to the Houghton-le-Spring ARC newsletter. After reading some old CB Club newsletters from the 90's, Scott MOMCN and Ian MORZE had an Idea to write one for the club, it will be good to let people know what's going on with other members at the club and outside of the club (radio related though!! Ha ha) the newsletters could be either printed off for people at the club to read them or as Ian suggests they could be emailed out to members, even to members that don't get to the club very often, we aim to make this a monthly newsletter, any input will be welcomed. So here goes....

Club meetings last month have seen some great turnouts every week and we have lots going on at the minute. Plans for our rally to be held in July are coming along nicely, we had a visit from a local components supplier Dave and Angela who are interested in having a stall, discussions were had about the finer details and after they joined in with the rest of the group for friendly banter as the Houghton club are renowned for, We had a visit from Mark 2E0LOW good chat and bad jokes as usual from Mark ha ha, Mark is talking about joining the club on his next visit and will be most welcome,

Trio Receiver

Barry G0SCI Brought in a Trio R1000 HF receiver for Peter 2E0HNJ, it was part of a silent key sale and wanted everything sold to members of our clubs in the region, Barry was giving a demonstration which

sparked a bit of interest with the club members, Barry and George G4RNI tuned around for a good hour listening to ham bands, commercial radio from around the world and even a Russian spy station...



it was good to see it in action, it was receiving brilliant on the 80m band and just as we were going to swap the antenna back into the FT920 to compare the signals the propagation dropped and we lost them, it was a shame as it would have been a good comparison. It was a nostalgic evening which we must do again soon, after seeing the receiver in action I'm sure Peter will have hours of fun with it.

Morse Restoration

After Scott MOMCN has been persevering for months with a faulty plug on his Kent Morse Paddles, He thought why not bring it along to the club and replace it, after he completed a few continuity tests with the multimeter he worked out the wiring and replaced it with a nice new wire with a moulded plug, its working a treat, he just needs to get on the air with it now!!.



G3NMD Newsletter
Houghton-le-Spring ARC

APRIL 2017

- Trio Receiver
- Morse Restoration
- Out and about
- Name that tune
- Pete's Plaque
- GB3TS Update
- Radio Wordsearch



John 2E0GBQ brought in his Bencher Paddles and it was found to have a broken wire, Ian MORZE resoldered the wire and we tried it on the FT920, working brilliant now, Bencher Paddles are always nice to use.



More Morse paddle restoration has been going on behind the scenes with the Kent single paddle as Ray M6RNQ has replaced the missing paddle and the wire and gave it a good clean up, well done Ray.

Out and about

Sunday 19/3/17

Ernie M5ERN and Scott M0MCN both out mobile and heading for the same location (Waskerley) with the rain and it blowing gale

Ernie decided against taking his big aerials and opted for his Kenwood Dual band (2/70) and mobile aerial on a magmount, a much safer option, Scott has his usual setup very similar to Ernie's but with a Yaesu FT7900, they got to Waskerley in time to listen to Alistair G4OLK reading the GB2RS news on 145.525mhz at 9am, and called in for the roundup afterwards on 145.475mhz, club members on the roundup where

Paul M6PQD (5/3)

Tom M0HYE (5/3)

Ian MORZE (5/9)

Scott M0MCN

Ernie M5ERN

Sunday 26/3/17

Scott M0MCN was out and about again, listening to GB3TS and monitoring 145.500mhz whilst out mobile, he headed for Waskerley to listen to the GB2RS News, it was read today by Ian G7MFN, very well read and informative as usual, after the news Ian held a roundup on 145.475mhz, club members on the roundup where

Paul M6PQD (4/8)

Lindsay 2E0PYN (5/9)

George G4RNI (5/9)

Tom M0HYE (5/9)

Scott M0MCN

During the roundup Ian G7ESY called in From Waskerley as well? He was down the bank between the 2 reservoirs, he had been promoting Ham radio to a local CB'er who was out doing some DX'ing,



G3NMD Newsletter
Houghton-le-Spring ARC

APRIL 2017

- Trio Receiver
- Morse Restoration
- Out and about
- Name that tune
- Pete's Plaque
- GB3TS Update
- Radio Wordsearch

Pete's Plaque

Phil 2E0DLA has been doing a bit research into prices for a memorial plaque for Peter M6MOB which will be placed in Shildon Railway Museum where the Special events are held by the W.E.A.R.S and H.A.R.C for Museums on the air and the special memorial event for Peter. We have agreed the wording to go on the plaque and avoided the real meaning of his call sign, he was affectionately known at the club and with his friends as the Miserable Old B@stard hence M6MOB ha ha.

Name That Tune

Amidst rumors that some M0 / 12s cannot even wire a microphone up! our very own MORZE/12 (of course) has done just that. In his first microphone project, he converted a spare Karaoke microphone which came with his £9.99 Lidl Karaoke kit once he found out he couldn't sing. First reports are good and say it is on par with the original stock mic. He is now on the lookout for some curly whirly microphone cables for his next 3 planned projects. With the parts for the next projects ordered from China they may be here for the Christmas newsletter ha ha, I have seen a bit of progress from Ian and his projects and they will be included in more detail in the next HARC newsletter



GB3TS Update

A message from the Wear Tees Repeater Group (WTRG), It has been mentioned that because there is no 'K' tone on GB3TS people sometimes didn't know if is there, now the beacon has been set to 5 minutes to help with identification.

Wordsearch

W E S W A M O I T Y S P C O B
 G E D H U N I C R P O F O I A
 I T A O C L T E N W W X A D O
 M I C T C O T E E I N K X A F
 I O X M H E K R N K L D I R E
 F E O X M E S S M N S A A M N
 S C E R N U R R J J A A L A G
 I S W W P T R S O A F D C H E
 Z S O P I V W P T M S L A U F
 J O L A I R E A G A I B B S M
 D Y A N A L Y S E R T C L E Q
 R E T E M R E W O P C I E A T
 G J J X D U B E U D Q V O Y P
 J F O J K A K M P H K G D N J
 K T D Z B T S V Y V J M J X R

- AERIAL
- ALINCO
- ANALYSER
- ANTENNA
- BAOFENG
- COAXIALCABLE
- HAMRADIO
- ICOM
- KENWOOD
- MIC
- MORSECODE
- POWERMETER
- POWERSUPPLY
- SWRMETER
- YAESU

There is one in the puzzle but not on the list, can you find it?

And Finally, Thanks for reading the first newsletter from Houghton-le-Spring ARC, and if there is any radio related content from the club email details to Scott on email M0MCN@yahoo.co.uk