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John Taylor-Cram 2E1COC 1936-2016

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Closing date for next journal is : 3rd of January 2017

Editorial

Hiya Folks

Well, first of all, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and one hopes you all get new radios and we hear you all on the air.

Talking of radio, I was speaking to Chris M0KTT recently, and we realised that we don't do anything as a club in the first half of the year, and we felt we could be more active. If you have an idea for a special event station, or would like more field days or perhaps represent the club in some of the weekend contests, please contact Chris M0KTT (his details are on page 2).

Back to the journal, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the journal over the last year. As you know without that contribution the journal wouldn't be possible, so please please keep them articles coming so we can have another bumper year in 2017.

Again, thank you all

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Sean MOXAN
Journal Editor HDARC

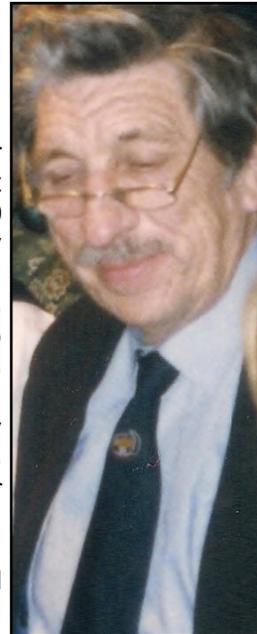


Obituary – John Taylor-Cram 2E1COC 1936-2016

I thank John Wise of the South Hants Vehicle Preservation Society (SHVPS) for some of the text below. Their website is www.shvps.org.uk.

It is with sadness we have to report that HDARC member John Taylor-Cram 2E1COC passed away peacefully at Queen Alexandra Hospital on August 22nd 2016. He was 80 years old. Although he had been suffering with immobility of the lower limbs during the last five years, John had nevertheless attended many club meetings in his role as HDARC membership secretary. A job he did well. He also joined in many SHVPS events in his little Standard 8 or his P60 Rover in London Fire Brigade insignia, indeed he had often planned and managed local events with his recently deceased long-term partner, Lesley Burgess, as well as managing the SHVPS auto-jumble exhibitors for a number of years.

In his younger years John was an active semi-professional rally-driver, a qualified navigator and often when driving was supported by his brother Robin on navigation duties, so John was not without experience and sometimes threatened to 'do a Tulip Rally' for SHVPS, but thankfully their inexperienced crews were never put to the test on a Sunday Noggin run.



An intelligent, if somewhat introverted man, who was widely read and who could spin some interesting yarns when he got to know you, but recently was spending more time reading about Nelson, Drake, Blake and even Hornblower because he appeared to have a natural affinity with the sea, probably as a result of serving in the Royal Navy for 9 years as an able signalman on several ships, including aircraft carriers. John swapped many books over the last couple of years with Mick G3LIK, as they seemed to have similar subject interest. John was also born near the sea, in Wainfleet, Lincolnshire, not far from Skegness where he is to be laid to rest.



John joined HDARC in 1991 soon after obtaining his 2E1COC (novice) callsign, and was instrumental in 1992 in getting HDARC involved with the Special Event station GB6OL at the military vehicle rally on Southsea Common. It was to commemorate the success of operation Overlord, code name for the D-Day operations during the summer of 1944. GB6OL was run in conjunction with the Solent Area Military Vehicle Trust and the Military Wireless Amateur Radio Society, both of which John was associated with. In 1994 we ran GB5ØDD, again from Southsea Common, for the D-Day 50th anniversary military vehicle show. Some of the radio ops were carried out from inside the radio van that John owned at the time, or from under an awning attached to that vehicle. It looked very impressive. Whenever John attended the annual Overlord Rally held locally, he gave us the option of setting up a HDARC station, and sometimes we were able to do so. John, and his partner Lesley, attended some of our social events over the years, notably the annual Christmas dinner. John had his own business, Tideway Marine, for a while, and was used to delivering boats, by road or sea to distant places. He was used to towing boats on the road so was willing to tow our trailer mast whenever we wanted to use it for a special event.

It is believed that John died from a cancer of the stomach. The funeral was held at All Saints Church, Wainfleet, Lincolnshire, at 3.30pm on Monday 26th September 2016. The club sent a donation to Cancer Research UK in memory of John, to the funeral directors, Parkers of Wainfleet.

Members of HDARC and SHVPS offer their deepest sympathy and condolences to John's only daughter Andrea, his brother Robin and their related families.

GB4MHR Railways-on-the-air

September 24th-25th 2016

Once again we were at Medstead and Four Marks Station, a lovely little rural railway station on the Mid-Hants Railway (The Watercress Line) which runs between Alresford and Alton in Hampshire, for the Railways-on-the-air annual weekend.

This year, because we weren't certain that Nigel M0NAF, the NOV holder for the previous callsign GB2MHR would be able to make it, because of his ill-health, I applied for GB4MHR as a back-up. In the end, this was the one we used, although Nigel did get there, see later.

Stuart G0FYX and myself arrived at the station at 0830 local time on the Saturday to set-up. Neil, M6LPI joined us at around 0845, and was a great help in putting up the antenna poles. Julia G0IUY, Simon G0IEY, Frank G0LFI and Christine M6UBI got to the station at 0900, and began setting up for operating on 2m.

The antennas used were a Slim Jim for 2m (homemade by me soon after I joined the club), and a Moonraker 40-10m off-centre fed dipole for HF, the feed point for both being about 25' high. The dipole ran parallel to the platform on the down side, behind the waiting room, which is where the 2m and HF stations operated from throughout. At 644 ft above sea level, Medstead and Four Marks is currently (2016) the highest operational standard-gauge railway station in Southern England.

Conditions on HF were very quiet at first, with the first HF contact at 0917 utc on 20m SSB with IZ1JKH, then from about 1000utc conditions began to pick up, and contacts began to come in more frequently. During the Saturday, HF contacts included other special event railways



stations at Bowes Railway in Gateshead, Colne Valley, Foxfield Light Railway in Stoke-on-Trent, Waverley Route Heritage in Edinburgh, Ribble Steam Railway in Preston, Swindon and Cricklade, Cheadle Railway, Bluebell Railway, East Somerset Railway, Helston Branch Line, Somerset and Dorset Railway, and Lakeside and Haverthwaite in Cumbria. The 2m station contacts included one with GB4BCR which was at Babbacombe Cliff Railway in South Devon, a distance of 120 miles. We also contacted them last year on 2m, so that path must be favourable, and the altitude at Medstead must help. Another good 2m contact was with a portable station in the Mendip Hills, Somerset.

Conditions on 40m were variable throughout the day, and QSB was a problem at times. Operating halted for about an hour at lunchtime, when Julia, Simon, Frank and Christine had their sandwiches on-site, and Chris, Neil and Stuart walked the short distance to a cafe/bar called NOSH, where we had a nice meal and a drink. Just need to mention here that Christine had kept us supplied with cups of tea/coffee throughout the weekend. Thank you.

Back on the air after lunch and the 40m contacts continued steadily throughout the afternoon. Activity stopped just after 1500utc with 42 HF contacts and 17 on 2m, just as the last train pulled out of the station. Throughout the day two steam locos were operating, namely ex-Southern Region 925, Schools Class 'Cheltenham', and 92212 an ex-British Railways Standard Class 9F. Very impressive they were too.

On the Sunday, I arrived at 0900 local time, and got the HF station powered up and running. I listened out for the HDARC top band SSB net at 0930 on 1950kHz which Stuart was running. Local noise on that frequency was very high, which prevented any decent QSO's taking place, but I did copy Sean M0XAN, Ken G4BQV and John G4RGO. Bill M6BBB arrived at 0915, and Julia, Simon, Frank and Christine arrived shortly after. After a quick cuppa, both the HF and 2m stations commenced operating.



40m was very erratic as it had been the day before, and contacts were slow but steady, with some 20 stations in the log by lunchtime. Nigel M0NAF made a very welcome visit to the station using his motorised buggy. It was great to see him. Nigel was instrumental in getting us the delightful location for this railways event in 2012, and it is an event that we all look forward to.

Stuart and his XYL arrived about 1420, and he was very pleased to get a contact with GB4MHR with his 2m hand-held from the front of the station! He had been unable to get a QSO from his home QTH on HF or 2m. By this time HF conditions had started to deteriorate, so the decision was made to close the station down at 1515, and begin the process of dismantling/packing away everything. Some of the equipment went in Stuart's car, and the rest in my car. I met Stuart back at Fort Widley to transfer some of this equipment back in store.

My thanks go to everyone who helped set-up the station and operate. A special thank you must also go to the Mid-Hants Railway and their excellent station staff, who made us very welcome.

QSL cards will be designed/printed by Julia G0IUJY.

Website for the Railway is at www.watercressline.co.uk where you can find out all about it.

Chris M0KTT, HDARC Station Manager,
and NOV holder for GB4MHR.



Farnborough Club Quiz 2016 for the Hernia Trophy

HDARC were invited to take part in the annual quiz, this year organised by the Farnborough & District Radio Society (F&DRS), at their meeting place Farnborough Community Centre. I say 'this year', because whoever wins the trophy organises next year's quiz, and trophy filled with sweets on quiz night.

The Hernia Trophy, so named because of its size and weight, was originally stored at Sharpe's Bedrooms in Camberley, and at some time was awarded to the best performing Sharpe's Showroom. It later became available to us.

Over a period of some years, F&DRS held a quiz with Guildford & District Radio Society, so in the Farnborough club's silver jubilee year (1990) it was decided to make the quiz into an 'Inter Club Quiz' with the winners receiving the Hernia Trophy. Bob Bagwell G4HZV was coerced into setting the questions. Guildford won the quiz, and also the top scorer prize of an Eimac 4CX1000 valve. It is thought a team from the Basingstoke Club were also present.

F&DRS celebrated their golden jubilee in 2015, and for 2016 they set the challenge to get at least ten teams taking part. We were advised that a team could be from one to four members, and two supporting members would be welcome to also come along and egg on their team. It promised to be a fun evening and also an opportunity to forge new friendships with radio amateurs in surrounding areas.

And so it was that the event was advertised on the HDARC weekly e-mails and three brave souls volunteered for the 'long' trip up to Northern Hampshire on Wednesday October 26th. They were Chris MØKTT, Stuart GØFYX and Mick G3LIK. Chris kindly offered to drive, so he picked me up at 6.15pm, then onto Mick's soon after. Taking the A3 then the A325, we passed through Aldershot and soon arrived at the venue, arriving there about 7.25pm. Parking was alongside the Community Centre, and cost only 60p for the evening.

We entered the meeting room to find quite a few people already there, and tables laid out with names of expected clubs. I think in the end there were six, namely F&DRS, Basingstoke, Guildford, Bracknell, Wey Valley and HDARC. A sealed envelope on the table gave the timetable for the evening, and strict instruction not to open the envelope until told. At 8pm the meeting got underway with a few items of club news, then at 8.10pm we opened our envelope to find 75 questions requiring to be answered. We had 45 minutes. Between 8.55pm and 9.10pm the answers were read out, and we marked another teams answer sheet. Two teams had 54 (not us!), so there was a tie break of 10 further questions. Bracknell got 9 of these correct and were declared the 2016 winners.



The HDARC team: Chris MØKTT, Stuart GØFYX, Mick G3LIK



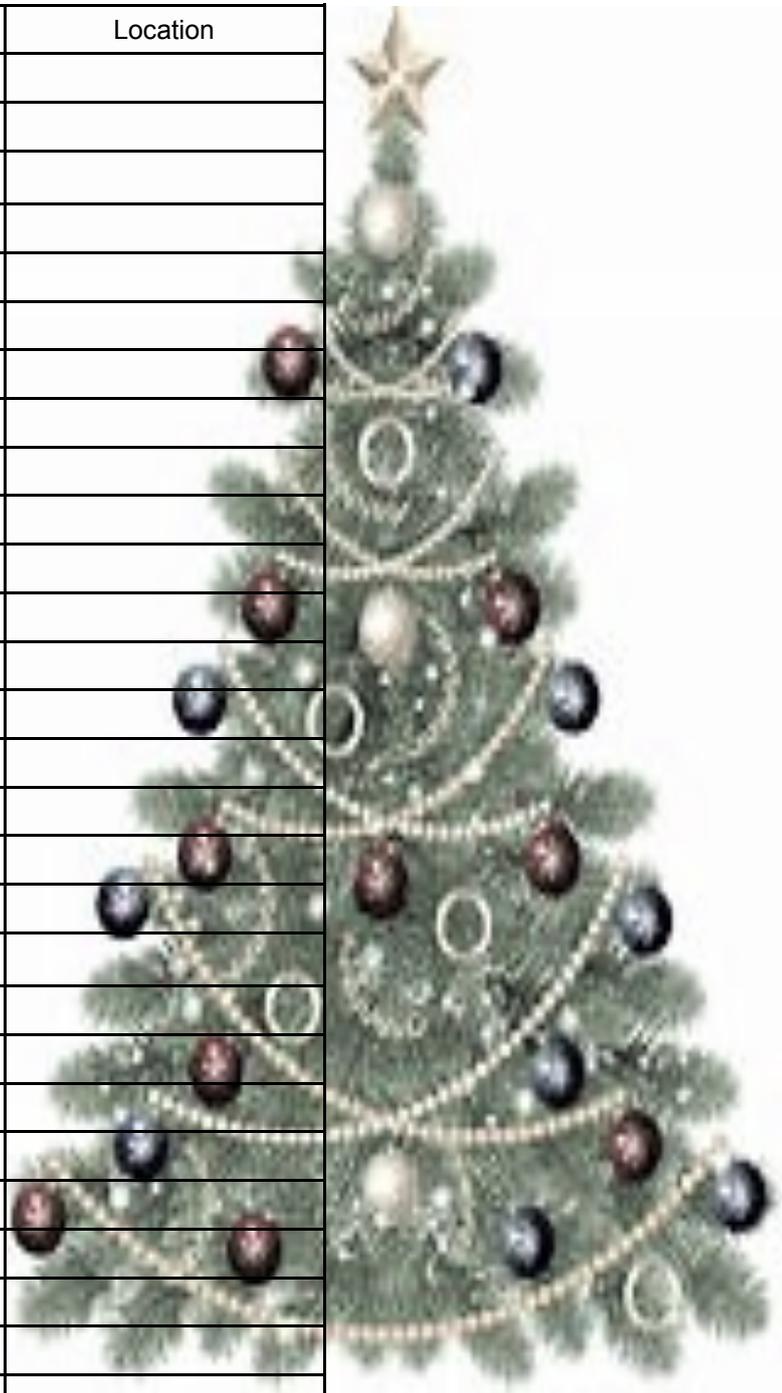
After the trophy presentation, we were able to partake of a very nice buffet and a cuppa, for which a small voluntary donation was made. After this we said goodbye and headed home, arriving back in the Havant area about 10.45pm.

I would like to thank Chris very much for taking us, and thank F&DRS Chairman Kevin Wood G7BCS, and his club members for their invitation, and for a very nice evening.

Incidentally, our score was 43, and we didn't come last, but we never did find out the scores of the other clubs.

Photos and text by Stuart GØFYX.

Words	Location
SNOWMAN	
BELLS	
CHRISTMAS	
GODMOTHER	
FAIRY	
APPLE	
REINDEER	
SISTERS	
FOREST	
CARRIAGE	
POISON	
MANGER	
MAGIC	
WHITE	
WAND	
CASTLE	
SLEIGH	
PALACE	
CINDERELLA	
WICKED	
UGLY	
QUEEN	
MIRROR	
CAROLS	
SANTA	
PRINCE	
DWARFS	
SNOW	



CHRISTMAS 2016 WORDSEARCH

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The solution will be in the next issue of the Journal

The G4BEQ CW Achievement Award

New rules from October 1st 2016:

1. Must be a fully paid up HDARC member.
2. Qualifying period, October 1st to September 30th each year.
3. Applicants must work 30 countries on CW and use one letter/ number of the call to make up the sentence G4BEQ CW Award.
4. Only one call from each country can be used.
5. If more than one entry is received, the winner will be drawn at the AGM. All correct entrants will receive a certificate.
6. If no one qualifies in any one year then the last winner may be allowed to hold it on behalf of the Club.

The award remains ultimately the property of G4BEQ/HDARC.

The award itself is an RSGB Millennium Morse Key, Limited Edition No.18. Only 155 were made and it has a certificate of authorisation. The key is made of Gold Plated brass, the base and knob of ebony wood, all contained in a polished wood box. The recipient will also receive a certificate to retain as proof of receiving the award.



John Taylor MØHTE receiving the G4BEQ
CW achievement award

The Travails of a Foundationer, Continued – Part 2

OK, so at the end of the last article, I ended up at the point of starting to attend HDARC meetings to get my practical's for the foundation course done. Naturally, with Roger and Simon tutoring us, this all went very well, and of the practical's, I probably enjoyed the Morse experience the most. Roger has an approach that makes it, well... fun and interesting, and fascinating. Well, I found that anyway! So another project to add to my bag of stuff – learn Morse, using the Koch method at 10 words per minute.

And so to the day of the exam-2, the seventh of July, and the last club session before the exam. I can't remember if it was this one or the previous, where Julia said; "Ofcom are going to close the site for a refurbishment – it'll only be down for a week"

Now, I've worked on Government contracts. I also have a well tuned sceptical mode. It kind of went PING!

Saturday the 9th came, the exam came, and very luckily I passed. Woohoo! I'm a Radio Ham!! - Oh! Except I don't have, and can't get my licence. Oh dear, what a pity.

It turned out to be a political week, namely three of them - luckily, a very short political week. In the meantime, I bought my first transceiver a Baofeng UV-5R. It sat on my desk uncharged until the day the Ofcom site re-opened.

After seeing if the website was back up, I was discussing call signs with my friends at work; I checked again to see if the website was back up, "Big Bad Bill" BBB they said, I checked the website again, I wanted something a bit more whizzy like WTF, Nope, website not back, or VRO, nope, still not back. I wrote down many variations, website still not back – you get the drift?

And then, there it was – I could get further than the "we are sorry but..."

I probably spent about 10 minutes trying various 3 letter combinations that I would have liked, and was getting nowhere. So, in the end I tried BBB, and of course it was free.

It would be wouldn't it. So, here I am M6BBB.

And of course I want to do my intermediate, so here comes membership of the club – apart from the fact that you are a good, friendly bunch.

Now, I have this failing you see, I want to be involved. And when our Chairman Ken, said “We need a treasurer” my brain did its usual thing – go on Bill, you can do this. My wife Elayne said “You can’t do this” . I said “Well, if I give this up, because it isn’t working, that would free up some time – then I could do it. I said to Ken “I can do this” - but a bit more diplomatically.

And so, there I was; The Treasurer. Trust me, I’m an ex-RAF Policeman.

Alex said “Come and join RAYNET.”
“What’s RAYNET?” I replied.

So I joined RAYNET.

I’ve done two events now, the New Forest Marathon and the Butser Hill Challenge (done them as in as a RAYNET member – not “Done Them” - if you get my drift). I’ve been teamed up with two excellent people, Chris Morcam G3VEH from Southwest Hampshire for the New Forest and Kevan, M0PVO for Butser Hill. I have to say that I enjoyed both events very much, learned a lot (especially at how good event organisers are at organising). It seems that I am to be “let out on my own” for the next event.

Oh, and I never did tell you who my first contact was after becoming M6BBB – It was Andy, 2E0REE from the Solent Radio Club, I’d switched it on, tried a CQ and he responded. There you go.

Club Clothing

Sweatshirts Polo-Shirts T-Shirts Fleeces
Sizes: Small = 36 - 38”- Medium = 38 - 40”- Large = 40 - 42”- XL = 42 - 44”
Available with club logo only or logo, name & callsign
Cap - One Size only: with adjustable strap - Stitching in Yellow

Available with callsign only or callsign and/or name

Some items available in various colours, see **Stuart G0FYX** for details

HORNDEAN & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday October 21st 2016 at Deverell Hall, 84 London Road, Purbrook, Waterlooville, PO7 5JU.
Meeting opened at 1930. Present were: 21 members.

1. Apologies for absence:

G3LIK, G8AFZ, MØHTE, MØNAF, GØLUB, G4RGO, G3YSG, G8PUO, M6TPO, 2E1CNM.

2. Minutes of the last AGM and matters arising.

Agreed that these were a true reflection of events. Proposed by GØIUY, and seconded by MØKWN.

3. President's Report

Doug Hotchkiss G4BEQ welcomed everyone to the 40th AGM. He said he would not attempt to cover all club activities over the year, as these will be covered by others. 'I would like to mention that the club is making big inroads with the SDR project being led by Sean MØXAN, with the aim of providing a way for people locally to access amateur bands via the internet. I know many diehards will smirk and say this is not amateur radio, but many amateurs are unable to set up a normal station, but can still maintain contact and their interest in the hobby via their PC. In the past this was not possible, and many had to give up the hobby.

Unfortunately the club had to move venue because of the Anders Hall committee withdrawing our training room facility. Your committee considered it imperative to maintain licence training, so a new venue had to be found. When put to the vote 90% of those who voted were in favour, so here we are. The committee have worked hard to make the club a success that it is, and I congratulate them. Things do not just happen, it takes time and dedication.

I must mention Sean, the Journal Editor, who does an excellent job in producing an interesting and easily readable publication. He does always need articles from you. It is worth remembering that any club is only as good as its members. If members fail to support the committee, a club slowly withers. It is what you, the members, put into the club, not what you take out.

You can support your club in many ways, such as taking part in club nets, writing an article for the Journal, helping with special event stations, joining in social activities, giving talks, just to mention a few things. It is not enough just to attend a meeting, then forget about it until the next meeting. If we all did that, the club would not survive.'

4. Chairman's Annual Report – Ken Lindsay GØJWL

We have had a mixed year of trials and tribulations. I thank the committee for their work in bringing the members what they want. Support is two-way of course. I appreciate the difficulty some face in getting to meetings. The SDR and ATV projects show that we are not standing still as a club. We should build on the interest generated by the Space Station, and get schools involved in the hobby via STEM. The club could flourish with new people via that route. If members wished to join in committee work they would find it pays rewards. As Doug said, get involved.

Stuart, our secretary, has done a fantastic job, and supported me and the committee. I have utmost respect for him as a friend and colleague. Bill, our treasurer, took up the challenge, because we needed an urgent replacement. The club must have a treasurer. Thanks Bill for taking it on at short notice, and he has picked it up and doing it with a passion. Howard was a hard act to follow. Doug was involved with RNARS, to which we are affiliated, and is now the public face of HDARC as its President. We are proud to have his support. Julia and Simon have worked hard in various area of club activities, whether at the Fort, helping to find this venue (which is the best we have ever had), social events, training, and getting it right. Chris, our station manager, has done the club proud with organisation of the Museums stations, and the Railways event, and encouraged newer members/licencees to get involved. Sean, our editor, has done a very good job again, and produces a professional journal. I would also like to thank Peter, our printer. Thank you both. Neil took on the membership secretary post at short notice, and also runs our great new website. Thank you to Roger, who stepped in to do CW assessments, and getting involved with Foundation Licence training. Thank you to all who helped the club this year.

We lost three members as silent keys this year; Peter G3PYB, Les GØUHM and John 2E1COC.

5. 2016 Financial Report and Examination - Bill Kenway M6BBB.

Bill distributed copies of the end-of-year financial statement. He started by thanking the previous treasurer Howard G3YZY for the smooth handover. He will be a hard act to follow. Bill thanked Stuart, Simon, Julia and the committee for their support and assistance in getting the books ready for the AGM. Thank you to Simon and Frank for getting the books signed off. Bill took over the spreadsheet that Howard used, and has continued to use it up to the end of this financial year. He will continue to make the accounts available for inspection by club members. The statement of accounts shows the expenditure and income over 2015/2016. Once again, the club's gratitude should go to Julia and Christine for their efforts in raising funds through the raffles and social events, and to Julia for her support and management on the training side. Apart from membership fees, these

represent the club's most significant income. We still owe 6 months room hire rent to Anders Hall, as we are still awaiting their closing invoice. Our main income continues to be from membership fees. We are again not looking to increase fees this year, but with decreasing membership our viability as a club will, in the future, be called into question unless we are able to recruit or find other sources of income. Therefore it is likely that we will have to consider our options. For the club, I hope you would continue to support the committee in the future, as you have in the past in maintaining this vital, enjoyable and educational institution. It is a pleasure for me to finally be a licenced amateur, and to be your treasurer.

Sean MØXAN asked whether we have had a refund from the previous new website designer. Not so far. We are expecting £100 minus expenses.

6. Club Programme for the following year.

Stuart GØFYX listed the club 'talks' for the next few months. He asked if anyone wanted to give a talk to the club, or knew someone that might, please let him know. Forthcoming events are EMC talk, music/Christmas quiz, annual quiz evening, History of Portsmouth Part 2, HCC emergency planning officer.

7. Election of club officers.

Ken Lindsay GØJWL was elected as Chairman, Stuart Swain GØFYX was elected as Secretary, Bill Kenway M6BBB was elected as Treasurer, all duly proposed and seconded, and elected by a unanimous show of hands.

8. Election of committee members.

The following were elected to the committee, all duly proposed and seconded, and elected by a unanimous show of hands: Julia Tribe GØIUY, Chris Jacobs MØKTT, Sean Grant MØXAN, and Neil Stone M6LPI.

9. Presentation of club awards.

Constructors Awards: Novice winner was Neil Stone M6LPI. There was no entry for the Intermediate award. Expert winner was Rob Brown MØRZF.

The Sid Jenkins Memorial Trophy was not contested this year, as no suitable project was decided on.

The HDARC trophy was won by Mick Puttick G3LIK. A participation certificate was awarded to John Taylor MØHTE. Neither were present.

The John Taylor-Cram Scribe of the year award was won by Rob Brown MØRZF for his article on 'Ferrites' in the June/July 2016 issue of the club journal.

The G4BEQ CW achievement award was won by John Taylor MØHTE.

The Alan Blake Memorial Trophy, donated by Alan's family, was awarded to Roger Skinner MØKWN. This award is for significant training services for HDARC during the year.

The 2016 Harold Newton award for service to the club went to Christine Cotton M6UBI. Certificates of merit were awarded to Russ Tribe G4SAQ, Rob Brown MØRZF, and Frank Cotton GØLFI.

10. Proposal from Doug Hotchkiss G4BEQ to grant life membership of HDARC to Ken Lindsay GØJWL and Stuart Swain GØFYX for their long service and dedication to the Club.

Agreed by a unanimous show of hands, proposed by M6UBI, seconded by G4SAQ.

Other business:

From Julia GØIUY

Asked whether any club member would be willing to step in and train up as a club officer. Having people ready to take over is something we need to do. Stuart GØFYX said that all members had a chance to apply as all had been sent an AGM nomination form, either hard copy or e-mailed, but we shouldn't let the current situation continue. Julia also asked if anyone wanted to help her with the Social Secretary job, please come forward. Ken GØJWL asked the members to think about it, and let him know if anyone wanted to shadow the officers, or wanted to join the committee. The subject will be mentioned in the weekly e-mail sent out by Stuart.

From Roger MØKWN

A comment on the financial statement. Subs do not cover expenses, so may need to raise subs? It was replied that if subs were raised, some members would walk away. Do we have any fundraising ideas? It was noted that our subs are not excessive in comparison with other clubs, radio and other hobbies. Ken GØJWL commented on our concerns, and had some ideas on how we meet the challenges; training, new technologies. Several members agreed that the scale of our subs was low in comparison.

The AGM finished at 2042.

SWS/25/10/2016



AGM top table: GØFYX, G4BEQ, GØJWL, M6BBB



Medals table



Christine M6UBI receiving the Harold Newton award



Frank Cotton G0LFI receiving his Harold Newton Certificate of Merit



Mick Puttick G3LIK receiving the HDARC Trophy



Russ Tribe G4SAQ receiving his Harold Newton Certificate of Merit

The presentation of Awards to Club Members



Rob Brown M0RZF receiving the Constructors Expert Award



Neil Stone M6LPI receiving the Constructors Novice Award



Rob Brown M0RZF receiving the J.T.C. Scribe Award



Roger Skinner M0KWN receiving the Alan Blake Memorial Trophy

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CLUB NEWS/DIARY Compiled by Stuart GØFYX

News of club members

Congratulations to all those who received awards/certificates at the AGM. Ken GØJWL and Stuart GØFYX were given Life Member status, to join Doug G4BEQ and Peter G8PIQ.

Well done to Russ G4SAQ, who represented the club, and the hobby, by assisting the RSGB team at the Principia event which was held in Portsmouth on November 1st, aimed at schoolchildren. This was an event organised to follow-on from the interest generated by Major Tim Peake's space trip aboard the ISS.

Diary

Friday December 2nd Natter night/social evening

Friday December 9th Club Christmas Meal at Southwick Park Golf Club

Friday December 16th Music, a Christmas Quiz, and Mince Pies!

*****A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL *****

2017

Friday January 6th Natter night/social evening

Sunday January 8th RSGB AFS CW contest 1400-1800 (see below)

Saturday January 14th RSGB AFS SSB contest 1400-1800 (see below)

Friday January 20th Annual Quiz evening. Trophy to the winning team to retain for a year. Other clubs are being invited to take part.

This 'n' that

HDARC Trophy award for 2017. Phrase chosen by the 2016 winner Mick G3LIK. **THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR WAS ONE OF THE ROYAL NAVY'S MOST DECISIVE VICTORIES.** (62 LETTERS). You need to contact the 62 stations (HF, VHF, CW, SSB or data), and construct this phrase using the last letter of their callsign. The qualifying period is October 1st 2016 until September 30th 2017. Please send a copy of your log info to Stuart GØFYX, details on committee page, or hand in a copy at a club meeting before October 5th 2017.

The RSGB Affiliated Societies Contest take place again in January (see Diary above). Stations operate from home and the scores for each team of 4 are added for a team entry. The CW contest is on 3510-3560 and 7000-7040, and the SSB is 3602-3775 and 7060-7200.

***** There is a change to the rules from previous years. Logs have to be submitted by 23.59.59 on the day following the contest. *****

Rules at <http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2017/afs80402017.shtml> .

If anyone would like club clothing ordered, please let me know. See page 15.

Horndean & District A.R.C Information.



Club Call signs *G4FBS (Held by MØKTT); G6RST (Held by G4WQZ)*

Club Website <http://www.hdarc.co.uk>
(Maintained by Neil M6LPI)

Club Yahoo Group *Administrator is Stuart GØFYX*

Club Meetings *Held at Deverell Hall, 84 London Road, Purbrook,
Waterlooville, PO7 5JU on the 1st and 3rd Friday each month.
Commencing at 1900.*

Club Nets *All times are local and frequencies plus/minus QRM.*

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*2000 FM 433.450 MHz
Net controller:- John G4WQZ*

Monday *1930 SSB 1950kHz
Net controller:- Stuart GØFYX*

Wednesday *1930 FM 145.375 MHz
Net controller:- John G4WQZ*

Club Membership

Joining fee £2 . Annual fee £26. Those aged 10-18 pay half this rate, and under 10's have free junior membership. For Europe and rest of the World fees please contact the Membership Secretary. All annual fees payable on November 1st. If fees not paid by the following January 31st, membership is ended.

Club Awards

Full details from Stuart GØFYX (details on committee page).



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