

# SOUTH DORSET RADIO SOCIETY

*Promoting and Supporting Amateur Radio since 1961*

## THE CATSWHISKER - NOVEMBER 2009

*Keeping members and  
SDRS events and news*



*friends informed about  
since March 1967*

### NEXT SDRS MEETING

Tuesday November the 10<sup>th</sup>

Robert, GORYL will be showing a couple of DVDs by the BVWS

### OCTOBER SDRS MEETING

### 2012 YEARBOOK



The new RSGB Yearbook and CD was available to view at the last meeting.

The newly expanded RSGB Yearbook 2010 contains 528 pages and over 1.25 million words. Now with over 200 pages of information it remains the most comprehensive guide to amateur radio in the UK and worldwide.

Packed with bonus material the RSGB Yearbook CD is a great extra benefit of buying this great book. The CD contains nearly 300MB of amateur radio software and pages of extra information about RSGB affiliated clubs. There is a searchable copy of the information page of the Yearbook and a bunch of samples from other RSGB books.

SDRS members can borrow the club's copy - please contact John, M0BQO.

## A NEW MEETING PLACE FOR THE SDRS

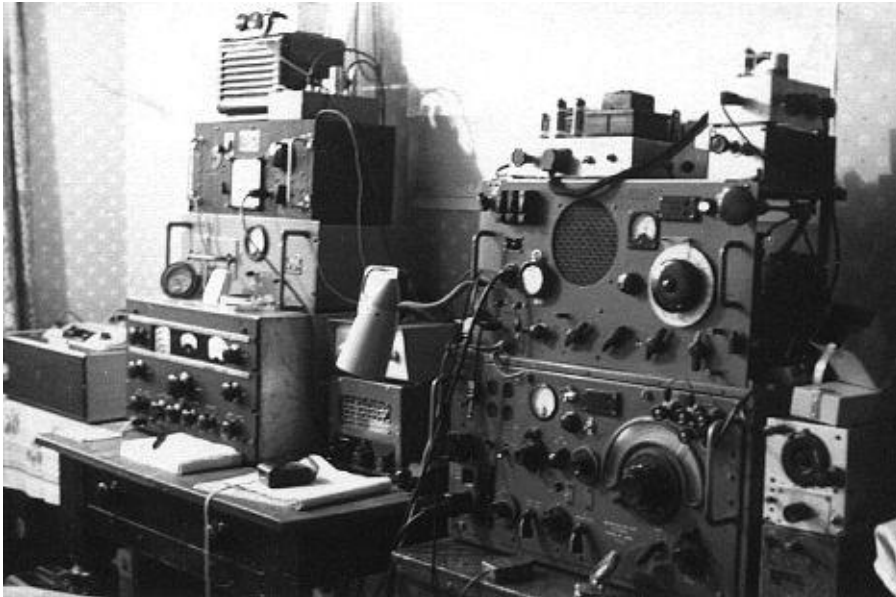
It seems that we will have to find a new venue in the New Year as the hall we now use will no longer be available. A possible alternative at Southill is being investigated. This will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Our secretary, Carol, 2E1RBH informs us that there will be a Committee Meeting on the 24th November 2009.

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## GOEVW - RADIO HISTORY



This is my Radio Shack as it was circa 1960. I wonder how much of my equipment our older members recognise? One of the receivers shown above was sold as the 'Sputnik Special' can anyone remember which one it was and why?

At the time I did not hold an amateur licence but was a very enthusiastic SWL (A1652). I was lucky, as we were at the peak of a very good sunspot cycle as my logbooks of the time clearly show!

Next month I will show how my Shack looks now, which is by the way, still located in the same room!

If any of our members have pictures of their past and/or present stations why not share them with us? It would be nice to make this a regular feature in Catswhisker. Images can be e-mailed to me in any of the usual formats and I can scan prints if you don't have the facility.

Geoff, G0EVW

# **OFCOM PUBLISHES PLANS FOR THE LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES**

## **'Some Amateur Bands might be lost for the duration'**

On Monday 19 October, the UK regulator OFCOM published its Spectrum Plan for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

It seems that 4m, 2m, 70cm, the top of 23cm, 13cm and many GHz bands could all, potentially, be utilised for 2012 and 'lost' to amateur radio for the duration!

Weymouth and Portland get a specific mention in the document which is available to read in PDF form from this link: [Spectrum Plan for the London 2012 Olympic Games](#)

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## **SDRG 2000 AGM REPORT**

### **Alternative Site Considered**

There was a good attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the South Dorset Repeater Group held at the Masonic Hall, Alington Street, Dorchester on Tuesday the 20th of October 2009.

The Annual Subscription was fixed at £15.00 and £25.00 for family membership. Life membership is £150.00.

The Committee Membership and Structure remain unchanged.

After the formal business, Rob, G0ECX gave a presentation with photographs regarding an alternative site that the Group has been offered. The results of computer generated coverage predictions for both the current and proposed new site was also given. This stimulated a lively and informed debate about the problems being experienced at the current site and the pros and cons of a move.

Eventually, it was decided that the possibility of moving to a different location should be costed and the full implications be considered and presented to the members in due course. Any formal decision to move would only take place after it was approved at an EGM of the Group.

The usual bumper raffle with coffee and biscuits rounded off the evening.

More information on the SDRG can be found at [www.gb3sd.radiouk.com](http://www.gb3sd.radiouk.com)

Geoff, G0EVW

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## WORDS OF WISDOM

***"The most useful piece of learning for the uses of life is to unlearn what is untrue."***

Antisthenes

## THE CATSWHISKER

Our Society's Newsletter has been called 'The Catswhisker' since its inception. The word is defined thus in the Oxford Concise Dictionary.

*cat's whisker n.*  
*a fine adjustable wire in a crystal radio receiver.*  
*the cat's whiskers (or pyjamas) slang an excellent person or thing.*

## NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION

Until a new editor/producer can be found, the SDRS Newsletter is being produced and edited by our President, Geoff Watts, G0EVW. Please send any material for inclusion in Catswhisker to Geoff using e-mail [g0evw@g3sds.org.uk](mailto:g0evw@g3sds.org.uk). Or by post to: 46 Links Road, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 0PE. You can also phone or send a text message to Geoff on 07502198447. Please note that news material needs to arrive *at least* 10 - 14 days before each meeting.