

SOUTH DORSET RADIO SOCIETY

Promoting and Supporting Amateur Radio since 1961

THE CATSWHISKER - SEPTEMBER 2009

*Keeping members and
SDRS events and news*



*friends informed about
since March 1967*

NEXT SDRS MEETING

Tuesday September the 8th

*A video presentation of Tony Hancock's
'The Radio Ham' and 'The Blood Donor'.*

SDRS MEETING VENUE

The South Dorset Radio Society Society meets at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month (except August) at the Chickerell Youth Club Hall.

Directions: From Weymouth, proceed north-west towards Chickerell along the B3157 (Chickerell Road) from its junction with the B3156, Lanehouse Rocks Road (or the Marquess of Granby junction) for approximately one mile. Passing the Army Camp on your left, at the bottom of a dip, turn right into Glennie Way. Follow this road until you pass the Willow Bed Hall on your left. At the bottom of the hill, take the next turning left into Lower Way and then left again into Rashley Road. Ahead you will see the entrance to Chickerell Primary School with the Chickerell Youth Club building to the left.

Please note that you have to use the entrance at the side of the building accessed from Fairfield.

SDRS AT HAMFEST 2009



Sunday the 9th of August dawned clear and bright, a great start for those of us who were off to Flight Refuellings Hamfest at Wimborne. This year the SDRS had booked a pitch in the outdoor arena. We set up our stall under the club gazebo and the table was soon piled high with a mountain of donated equipment that had been stored and transported by Rob and Carol. As it turned out our pitch was right opposite our friends from the Blackmore Vale ARS. The picture above was taken by Arthur M0VAW.

The fine weather resulted in a good attendance and we were kept busy all day selling to and socialising with hundreds of visitors and friends, including many current and past members of our society. Many thanks to our Vice President Rob, and committee members Carol, Fred and Graham who kept the stall manned all day and of course all the other members and friends who helped and donated the stuff we sold. By the end of the event we had made a profit of over £230.00 - a very welcome addition to our funds, especially when added to the money raised at the SDRS July table-top sale.

Hamfest 2009 was a very well organised event and the obvious enthusiasm of the many visitors I met was very evident. The weather was perfect and we all had a most enjoyable day. Well done Flight Refuelling ARS – see you all next year!

Geoff, G0EVW

ROB AND CAROLS BIRTHDAY BASH

Good and bad news!

There was a good attendance for Rob and Carols '60th Birthday Bash', held at our usual venue on Tuesday the 11th of August. Lots of food and drink and good company made the evening most enjoyable!

Unfortunately shortly after arriving home Carol had a bad fall which Rob described as 'paragliding without wings'. She was taken to Dorchester Hospital where it was discovered that she had a broken femur and had pushed the ball joint through the hip socket.

Carol spent five days in hospital where she was 'bolted back together' and is now at home recuperating, but might yet have to have a hip replacement.

Despite being in considerable pain when I spoke to her recently and having very limited mobility, Carol insisted that we should not be surprised if she still turns up at the next meeting – if only to have a laugh at Tony Hancock, especially the 'Blood Donor' perhaps!

Get well soon Carol.

Geoff, G0EVW

LIGHTHOUSE AND LIGHTSHIPS 2009

Unfortunately the Lighthouses and Lightships on the Air event that was to be held at the Nothe Fort over the weekend 15/16th of August had to be cancelled at the last minute. This was due to a misunderstanding about the booking of the event with the Fort administration.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Unless you have already paid it, the annual subscription to the South Dorset Radio Society for the year 2009/10 is now due. The rates are £10.50 per member, or £5.00 for anyone still in full-time education. Payment should be made to our treasurer and cheques made out to the South Dorset Radio Society please.

CATSWHISKER CHANGES

Eagle-eyed readers might have noticed minor changes to the appearance of Catswhisker this month. This is due to the editor using a different word processor and the fact that some of the previously used fonts are no longer available.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." Albert Einstein

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. 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.