

Wimbledon and District ARS SUMMER CAMP 2012 Report

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The following report was provided by kind permission of Kim G6JXA, as two Caterham Radio Group Members assisted with the operating.

Here is my report on the WADARS CAMP 2012. held every year from the last Saturday of July for 8 days at Reigate Hill.

Eric G0KRT Report

As always thanks to all those who made the camp possible including, Jim Gale, Andrew Maish and David Love.

I had a new small pop up tent that requires much less effort to put up and take down.

I think we had the most rain since I first came to camp (1995 I think). (*In fact it was the wettest June, July, August for a hundred years since records began*)

There was no 2 Metre Tent up until the Tuesday. So we missed the club 2 metre net on Monday.

The weather on the Friday evening was fine so we had a very nice BBQ in the dry. I took my tent down on the last Sunday morning, during the rain and at one time thunder. As the tent was wet I had to put it up in my garden on a dry day several days after we got home.

Mary (2E0FMY) was a day visitor several times and worked on 20 metres. She worked several European stations and some very desirable DX in Saudi Arabia and the Philippines.

I think we had the best 20metre propagation for many years, with QSO's (contacts) all over the world.

I had my best spell of HF operating.

Tent and equipment supplied by John G8MNY to whom many thanks are due...
IC735 with Drake L4B Linear Amp. 400 Watts,
3element TH33 with high power traps 3 band antennas at 40ft.

Call: GX3WIM

20Metres 400Watts SSB

2 Aug 2012

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2056	JA1FNO	Japan
2111	VK3MO	Australia
2112	VU2PHD	India
2127	9A/S56CW/P	Croatia
2141	IZ1REP	Italy
2151	PT7AN	Brazil
2202	VE1TV/M	Canada
2208	CT3NG	Madeira

The above is the best period of operating I have ever had.



WDARS Reigate Hill camp Aerial Farm July 2012

Also on 10Metres 400Watts SSB

1729	PU5IK	Brazil
1953	OE3WBA	Austria
2104	IZ5WTC	Italy

I do not have the club logs so cannot give any more information.

Thanks for taking this job on.

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Eric G0KRT

Kim G6JXA Report

Thank you Mary and Eric for your report and participation in this year's camp.

I would like to thank both Mary 2E0FMY and Eric, G0KRT for their very kind donation to the club of their surplus to requirements tent. It was used to house the 2m. station and, I trust, will be out to good use by the club in forthcoming club events.

The highlight for me was 28MHz (10 Metres). On 2 separate days I tuned around the band and found only a Beacon. SK0CT in Stockholm, Sweden. Tuning below the band there was a lot of activity outside the UK. Calling CQ brought a reply from Enfield, Middlesex. Then I called again and Swedish stations were worked followed by Italy, Spain, and stations all around Europe. Working around twenty stations on the first day

I also had a number of QSO's on 14MHz (20 Metres) and also worked a mobile station in Peterborough on 144MHz (2Metres) SSB. Exchanging 5 and 9 reports both ways. The mobile was running around 200 watts to a pair of stacked Haloes on the Car. Yes, he was driving around and not 'sat' on a hill top.

At GX3WIM we were running 200 Watts to an 11 element yagi at 40ft. Horizontal. We could hear a Dutch Beacon PI7CIS in Locator JO22DC on 144.416MHz. But I am not sure if we worked outside the UK on 2metres.

It was a pity that more club members did not visit but, I realize that not everyone can get the time off work.

I had a very good time and would like to thank all those that help and organize the WADERS Summer Camp every Year.

Sorry there are no log extracts from me. I do not have the logs and am working from memory.

Thanks go to 2E0FMY, G0KRT, G4DDY, G4WYJ, G6DTW, and the Family of M3PIC for transport off the site as there is no Bus Service past the site at Reigate Hill in the evenings.

Thank you to June and Dave G4RBQ for the catering, and pictures.

Thank you John G8MNY for your part of the Station, The Pictures, and the technical help you provide each year.

I always enjoy WADARS camp. Yes. As someone said to me. I am extremely fortunate that there people who were willing and able to give me transport off site back to a Bus or Station.

73, Kim, G6JXA