

# OLDHAM AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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## **OLD HAMS NEWS**

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**RSGB Affiliated Society**

## **AGM 2008**

Oldham Amateur Radio Club held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2008 at 20:30. As usual a good turn out of members was present, more than enough for a quorum.

Proceedings were opened by our President Geoff Oliver G0BJR as our Chairman Ian Moth G8ZHC could not be present. Geoff guided the meeting through the agenda up to the point where the Chairman would normally give his report. But in the absence of the Chairman, club Secretary Chris Cunliffe G7OOD delivered a combined report incorporating both the Chairman's and Secretary's report and used a PowerPoint display to illustrate it.

Club Treasurer, Peter Rushton G7PMZ gave his financial report which detailed the items on the accounts summary sheet that he had previously handed out to members.

The President then took control of the meeting for the election of club officers. There was only one nomination for each post and the named nominees were elected unanimously.

Ian Firby G7VCG was elected Chairman, Chris Cunliffe G7OOD was elected Secretary and Peter Rushton G7PMZ was elected Treasurer.

Much the same situation occurred with the election of ordinary committee members where there was only one nomination received over the number required but the extra person declined the nomination and the remainder were elected unanimously.

There were no items for "Any Other Business" so the President closed the meeting which turned out to be a record short meeting, lasting just about 30 minutes.

In summary your officers and committee charged with running our club for the next 12 months are as shown below.

**Chairman** – Ian Firby G7VCG

**Secretary** – Chris Cunliffe G7OOD,    **Treasurer** – Peter Rushton G7PMZ

### **Ordinary Committee Members**

Sue Burgess G0RKE            Alan Burgess G4GLV  
Stuart Wilson G7MFK        Jeff Hollowood G7LMI  
Jack Elliot G3KIQ

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Sue Burgess G0RKE and she will make these available to any member who wishes to see them. Or they will be published in full in the July 2009 edition of Old Hams News.

As always, if any member has any suggestions for activities which he/she believes the club should become involved with, or has any questions/suggestions about the running of our club, please approach any committee member. Contact details for each officer can be found on the last page of this edition.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE

It's that time of year again. Yes, I know it doesn't seem five minutes since we last coughed up. But there's no avoiding it. It's time for our subscriptions to be paid once again. Treasurer Peter Rushton G7PMZ will be looking out for you on Thursday evenings if you have not already paid.

Please note that as per the decision made at the AGM in 2006 that subs are £25 per annum with the OAP rate at £12.50. There is no change to these levels.



Those members under the age of 18 of age still have free membership but you must register as such with 'The Hand' to keep your membership current.

Cartoon by Tom Roscoe G1UVR

Don't forget that this article is the only written reminder you will receive and if your subs remain unpaid your membership will cease and this edition of Old Hams News will be the last one you'll receive.

## ATC

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008 the ATC was inspected by a high ranking RAF Officer, and this event was fully reported in the July edition of Old Hams News. Since then it has been a nerve-racking wait for ATC OC Flt Lt Mark Hamilton, his staff and the cadets to hear the result of the inspection.

**Well it turned out that 1855 Squadron (Royton) ATC was judged to be the top ATC squadron in the country.**

A further inspection and award presentation ceremony was held at the ATC on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008. Being a Thursday Mark Hamilton requested that we cancel our normal club meeting to enable to inspection and presentation to take place. He further requested that the members who had represented OARC during the June inspection be present at this one.

On the Monday evening before the event Ian Firby G7VCG, Peter Rushton G7PMZ, Chris Cunliffe G7OOD, Geoff Ashton M0AUG, Geoff Oliver G0BJR and Lynda Cunliffe G7EDG made a big clean up of our cabin in preparation for the inspection. Then on the night Chris, Ian, Peter and the two Geoff's were joined by Alan Burgess G4GLV.

The shacks were fully set up with rigs and computers and the mast was raised to its full height. (See Front Page Photo by Alan Burgess G4GLV)

The Cadets were all assembled and spick and span and at 19:20 the first of the VIPs arrived. This was Air Commodore Stewart, he was greeted by Flt Lt Hamilton

At 19:30 Air Vice Marshall Richard (Dick) Garwood arrived with his Aide De Camp Flt Lt Ruth Shackleton to a Bugle Fanfare played by Cadets. They were greeted by AC Stewart and Flt Lt Hamilton. There was a brief photo session in the Parade Room with Oldham Chronicle Photographer Anthony Miller.

Then the formal inspection began. All Cadets were assembled on the parade ground and the AVM and his entourage walked along the lines of Cadets boustrophedon style and pausing to chat with every Cadet on parade.

The AVM was then introduced to the members of the civilian staffs who run and manage the ATC. After which he was taken on a guided tour of the facility including the Flight Simulator room, the Rifle Range and of course our shacks. He showed a keen interest in what we do and spent some time with us before returning to the parade room to see a PowerPoint display made by cadets of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards Expedition.



At 20:30 the Mayor of Oldham, Councillor Shoab Akhtar arrived to join in with the fun.

During the period between the parade inspection and the arrival of the Mayor, parents of the Cadets were arriving for the finale, and at 20:45 the Parade Ground was packed with onlookers as the ATC Band began it's display of music and formation marching. It was an excellent performance of popular and formal music played on drums, trumpets and glockenspiels.

All cadets were led onto the parade ground by the band and assembled before the dais where after a short speech AVM Garwood presented the Morris Trophy for the best ATC squadron in the country to Flt Lt Mark Hamilton. Then all turned to face the Ensign which was lowered to the fanfare 'Sunset'.

The parade was dismissed and the VIPs and staff adjourned to the parade room for refreshments where fine fare provided by the squadron's ladies was enjoyed by all.

Throughout the proceedings our President, Geoff Oliver G0BJR was positioned on the roof of the lecture block recording the event on video. He was frozen stiff by the end of the event but hopefully he recorded some good footage.

Once again the ATC showed just what it is capable of and the presentation of the Morris Trophy is acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication shown by the staff and cadets.

Congratulations and Well Done to all involved. (Photo by Alan Burgess G4GLV).

## **OLD HAMS NEWS**

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For reference the officers and committee members are listed below and will be happy to help with any enquiries you may have.

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