Amateur Radio Society

We are pleased to announce that Kalveks R. J. has passed the Radio Amateurs' examination and that Aggus P. D. has passed the G.P.O. Morse Test. Aggus at present holds a G.P.O. Radio Certificate and he will soon be applying for an Amateur Radio Licence.

On the transmitting side the Society has confirmed contacts with all continents, the farthest contact being with Melbourne, Australia, 10,630 miles away. Recently we have spoken with several U.S. amateurs on the East coast, and with the much rarer locations of Jan Mayen and Liechtenstein. We have also contacted DM0DDR, situated in East Berlin. This was an exhibition station to commemorate 20 years of independence in East Germany.

We are continuing to give instruction for the Radio Amateurs' Examination but this term we have had a rather low attendance. Several radios and items of test gear have been repaired and two communications receivers have been successfully constructed.

We would like to thank Dr. J. I. Bennet for the donation of a Murphy communications receiver and Mr. MacManus for the donation of several items and components.

So, from the dimly lit Radio Room the Society now signs clear until next term.

J.K.C.

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The first event of significance this term was the long-expected licensing of R. T. Kalveks. He received the call sign G3ZJM. This brings the Society’s total of Radio Amateurs up to five; not to mention, of course, out-other members who sit and listen to proceedings.

As is the custom in the summer months, windows are opened and the cards stuck on the walls become unstuck. Recently certain members were mobilised to stick the cards back up again but this time with better sellotape. On display now are many colourful cards from locations such as Guadaloupe, Ecuador, Liechtenstein, and the Bahamas.

There too have been many interesting contacts, one of the notable ones being with a Scotsman in La Ceiba, Honduras. The main event, on the transmitting side, has been the new Linear amplifier. This has effectively boosted the output power from 15 watts peak to 400 watts peak. At the time of writing, the Linear has only been in operation for a day: the most interesting contact being with YT2REE/MM, a Yugoslavian ship contacted 40 miles south of Monaco and heading for Genoa.

At the Summer Fair the society will be, as usual, providing background music and the public address system. There will again be an exhibition station using the new equipment and the Linear amplifier.

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Owing to the loss of two of our licensed operators at the end of the summer term, the society has been a little depleted, but we hope to restore it before too long as we are giving instructions for the Radio Amateurs’ Examination to four prospective licencees.

On the practical side, an oscilloscope for monitoring the station’s transmissions is under construction. This will enable us to transmit a consistently high quality signal.

W.M.A.