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From the editor's desk

Greetings to all our readers, I hope you will all enjoy this compilation of some of the *best* of NOT! THE PENROSE GAZETTE and SQUEAK INTERNATIONAL from the past year.

Firstly, you will notice the new A5 format, copied from BUFFOON magazine, this makes the publication easier to handle, easier to produce, and cheaper to post as well. Circulation has been rising and when the "*unofficial*" photo copied versions are taken into consideration, the circulation is in the hundreds!

You are free to copy and circulate Squeak International to as many people as possible, and hopefully, we can achieve another MILESTONE in the history of amateur radio (or, if you work for the D.T.I. a *MILLSTONE*!)

1993/4 was a notable year for the hobby, amateur radio took centre stage on BBC2 with "**Tuning In**" and was later featured on Radio 4 with the excellent "**Fishing in the Ether**" and also made it onto "**Pick of the Week**". The R.S.G.B.Ltd. paid substantial damages from your subscriptions to a well known amateur, and, the despicable A.R.O.S. was disbanded and "old foulface" Geoff Griffiths stood down as leader of his vigilantes.

Once again thanks to all contributors for press cuttings, cartoons, and other items. We offer complete anonymity to all, and any items can be returned if you enclose a stamp.

I will squeak to you all later!

Rodger "Diddly" Dipole

Phony air controller pleads guilty to charges

Roanoke, Virginia, AP

AN out-of-work janitor who posed on radio as an air traffic controller pleaded guilty Thursday to giving pilots false information.

Rodney Eugene Bocook, 27, dubbed the "Roanoke Phantom" by controllers, told pilots to break off their landings at the last minute and change altitudes and direction.

Some pilots followed his instructions, although no flight mishaps arose because of his radio misinformation.

"The confusion over the airwaves could ultimately have created a midair collision or other aircraft disaster," FBI agent John Butler testified. "During one departing flight, his directions, had they been believed and followed, would have caused the pilot to fly into the mountains surrounding the airport."

The airwave piracy at Roanoke Regional Airport went on for six weeks last fall before Federal Aviation Administration agents using radio receivers and directional antenna equipment tracked him down.

Bocook pleaded guilty to giving pilots false information and using profane language over the airwaves.

Bocook could be sentenced to 22 years in prison and fined up to \$250,000. Assistant US Attorney Rusty Fitzgerald estimated Bocook would serve two years under federal sentencing guidelines. Sentencing was expected within 45 days.

Air hoax disaster warning

BY DENNIS RICE

RADIO hams posing as air traffic controllers are giving bogus instructions to pilots coming in to land at British airports.

One pilot near Luton was ordered to make a left turn at the same time his official controller was telling him to turn right. Others have heard music.

There have been seven recorded incidents so far this year — more than double the number last year. The authorities are so concerned that crews have been given special advice on how to detect hoaxers. Hams are starting to use air traffic control jargon learned from listening in.

Incident

One pilot said: "It could only be a matter of time before one of them gets it right and it could lead to a disastrous crash."

The most serious reports featured an unlicensed ham in Newcastle who pretended to be a pilot and then, on another occasion, an air traffic controller.

His bogus calls were spread across five regional airports and affected both domestic and international flights.

The authorities have been reluctant to publicise incidents for fear of encouraging copycats.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, has the legal backing to take tough action if any hoaxers are caught.

A Department of Trade and Industry spokesman said: "The Secretary of State will not hesitate from prosecuting anyone who is caught offending in this very dangerous way."

These stories, about "radio hams" impersonating air traffic controllers, brought the hobby into disrepute earlier in the year. I know for a fact that several people wrote to the Press Complaints Commission about them, and received just about the same reply as the R.I.S. got at 142A Walter Nash Road!

Several stories referred to "radio hams", but anyone with an ounce of intelligence would know that you don't need a licence to be a radio ham, and anyone who is a radio enthusiast could be described as such!

One of the better things to come out of the trial of George G1MTT was the radical re-think the ***Radio Society of Great Britain Ltd.*** had to undergo after their disreputable **Amateur Radio Observation Society (A.R.O.S.)** had failed to give evidence. The Police & Criminal Evidence Act requires disclosure of names and addresses, and **Geoff "foulface" Griffiths**, the head honcho of this band of volunteer vigilantes, fearing reprisals, had decided not to attend court, and his band of perjurious vigilantes had followed suit!

Not long after this, realising that any evidence they were to supply in future radio related prosecutions would have to be supported with their names, addresses etc., the **A.R.O.S.** was disbanded and the **R.S.G.B.Ltd.** News broadcast carried the following story:-

For many years The Amateur Radio Observation Service (AROS) actively monitored the frequencies allocated to the Amateur Services primarily to alert amateurs to unintentional mistakes in the use of facilities specified in the Terms, Provisions and Limitations booklet BR68. In recent years the role has also included the collection of data relating to deliberate jamming and contraventions of the Wireless Telegraphy Act. AROS has a totally different role to the Intruder Watch which monitors unauthorised transmissions in the exclusive Amateur allocations. The Society wishes to acknowledge and record its appreciation for the work done by Geoff Griffiths, G3STG, and a fairly small band of observers and in recent years the assistance they have given to the Radiocommunications Agency (RA). There has been amongst the amateur community, a considerable amount of discussion on the effectiveness and approach of AROS. Council has considered this and has now decided that it is time to review the Structure and role of AROS. Consequently the current AROS organisation has been dissolved. In the meantime any urgent reports should be addressed, Care of R.S.G.B. Headquarters, to the Chairman of the Repeater Management Group or the Licensing advisory committee as appropriate. A working group will be formed to examine the role of the A.R.O.S. within the Amateur Service in the light of changing technology and patterns of activity. It will examine, amongst other things, the American system of Official Observers, the issue of anonymity, and how any future organisation should interact with the authorities. (R.S.G.B.Ltd. News 05.12.93)

One of the most famous, or is it INFAMOUS, radio amateurs in the Midlands is the man who spawned a whole series of magazines about his antics - WILLIAM MALCOLM BOWDEN, GOMAL. 106 Manor Lane, Lapal, Halesowen

Antics Bowden is famed for (*allegedly*) include the following:-

Perjury

Assault with a deadly dictionary

Impersonating a police officer

The “Manor Abbey” road block

Death threats

Assault on Nigel Hopkins G1XYU

Assault on Steven Golds G7KCX

Misuse of the Police National Computer

Conspiracy

Being in possession of a face only a mother could love

Criminal damage to camera equipment

Insulting behavior

Acting in a manner likely to cause a breach of the peace

Walking about with an offensive wife

Trespassing etc. etc.



A double dose of the man with a face like
A BULLDOG LICKING PISS OF A THISTLE

Now forced not to have any further involvement in amateur radio “BY A HIGHER AUTHORITY THAN THE CHIEF CONSTABLE”¹ Bowden is conspicuous by his absence. Being forced to “retire” on medical grounds, from the West Midlands Police Force, he is now to be seen masquerading as a British Rail ticket collector on the Birmingham to Stratford upon Avon line. Not many people know that there is still Bowden family representation in the police force. Bowden junior is a constable in the same discredited force that employed his father. Little Bowden is being trained in the art of intimidation and threats, but has fallen foul of the complaints procedure earlier in his career than Great Bowden apparently did.



¹ See West Midlands Complaints & Internal Discipline Dept. Video

Out stalking one day, the Bowdens came upon a defenseless radio amateur having his hair cut. In true West Midlands Police fashion, they attempted to administer "mouth to boot resuscitation" whilst he was reclining in the stylists chair. Not happy with the time honoured W.M.P. interview technique, his life was also threatened before the two would be assassins ran away! Hard to believe?



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Date: [REDACTED]
Please Ask For: Insp Truman

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

re : COMPLAINT AGAINST THE POLICE

MANOR LANE, HALESOWEN

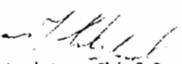
On the 3 July 1993 you made a witness statement to Police Constable Bloomer at Halesowen Police Station regarding the conduct of a retired police officer, Mr William Malcolm Bowden, concerning veiled threats and harassment and possible mis-use of the Police National Computer in respect of checks made on your motor vehicle. Your statement also referred to the conduct of Mr Bowden's son, who is a serving member of this Force, arising from an incident in a hairdressing shop, Manor Lane, Halesowen, the previous day.

Inspector Dickinson was appointed to enquire into the allegations (in respect of Police Constable Bowden) within the provisions of the Police (Complaints) (Informal Resolution) Regulations 1985. I understand that the Inspector, through documentation collated, was able to satisfy you that there had been no mis-use of PNC facilities and that following a discussion you indicated, in writing, that you were content to have the matter dealt with by way of Informal Resolution.

The officer concerned, Constable Bowden, was interviewed by Superintendent Dwyer, his senior officer, and the content of your complaint was fully outlined to him. He was suitably advised and gave an assurance that he would not get involved in any further dispute between yourself and his father. I understand that you intend to seek legal advice regarding harassment by Mr Bowden Snr.

I regret that you felt that you had cause to complain and I trust that this matter has now been resolved to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely


Assistant Chief Constable
(Support)

Fishing in the Ether

Everyone must have heard the BBC Radio 4 programme "Fishing in the Ether", if not on the 3 occasions it was broadcast then certainly on one of the numerous re-broadcasts heard on repeaters up and down the country. The first we knew of BBC Manchester's plans was when this letter came through the letterbox at the Squeak International offices. We were *only too pleased* to send them a copy of "The DTI Song", and offer our help in the selection and editing of the various interviews that were finally broadcast. **RADIO AMATEURS DESCRIBING AMATEUR RADIO IN THEIR OWN WORDS!**



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12th May 1994

Dear [REDACTED],

Many thanks for sending me a copy of your music tape. I'm sure you'll be pleased to hear that we've used a couple of clips of "Who's Afraid of the D.T.I." in the programme.

The programme is now called **Fishing in the Ether** and is due to be broadcast next Monday, 16th May at 9 p.m. on Radio 4. I hope you manage to catch it and enjoy it.

Thanks again for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Woodcock
Administrative Assistant
Radio Features

News just in.....GOMAL William Malcolm Bowden's attempt at a world record for completing a jig-saw puzzle has been rejected by **The Guinness Book of Records**, apparently he completed it in 22 hours 30 mins although it said 7-8 years on the box!

G8 ASSHOLE!

Just as the word **CUNT** is synonymous with William MALCOLM Bowden (GOMAL), so the word **ASSHOLE** is brought to mind whenever **Brian Jones** [12, Woodside Road, Larkhill, Worcester WR5 2EG Tel. 01905 351565] is mentioned. **Brian Jones (G8ASO)** not only is a complete asshole, but has been given a call sign to signify this, he is often referred to as **G8 ASSHOLE** or something similar, and his actions live up to his sobriquet. Not often heard on 2 metres, although his use of GB3VA was recently reported, Asshole Jones confines his activities to 70Cms. He is occasionally heard on GB3MS, but invariably after the use of the call sign G8ASO someone will shout "**ASSHOLE**" and this seems to shut him right up! Being made redundant, Asshole spent his money on a Desk Top Publishing venture, good timing by the old geriatric here as the PC boom made DTP accessible to all for just a few Pounds! So, with his redundancy cheque annihilated, and no prospect of gainful employment in his twilight years, the old loony sits at home all day with his computers linked up to the Packet Network.

We have seen many examples of his vitriolic temperament as he seems to have mounted a one man crusade against the L.P.W.S. and a handful of the membership. Asshole Jones is in the habit of sending out lists of names and addresses of people he alleges are "radio anarchists", and he tries to instill hatred and even violence against them. He has set himself up as some sort of packet radio "guru" conducting surveys and making suggestions as to how others should operate etc. The August 94 edition of Squeak International contained an article about Asshole Jones and the packet network, and how easy it was to send messages country wide, Europe wide, and even world wide. We will be publishing an article in the January 1995 edition specifically aimed at the new comer to packet, and we will explain how to cheat the system, adopt the guise of another station, read anyones mail, answer anyones mail, and deny any one specific station the use of the network or deny any number of stations the use of a specific BBS or access node.

The ASSHOLE's mail can be read by changing your MYCALL to G8ASO and connecting to GB7GLO. You will get a message on screen to tell you when you are connected and you will get the prompt :- Next Brian> type in :- L> G8ASO to read messages TO G8 ASSHOLE, or L< G8ASO to read message from him. GB7GLO can be accessed directly from all midland nodes, although we suggest that you do not use 432.675MHz as this is the frequency the Asshole uses and two stations of the same call sign on the same frequency cause certain problems! More about this in Issue 1 Volume 3 in January.

Caller I.D. on B.T.

Announced in November, the B.T. call return service is completely free, and gives you the chance, with a tone 'phone, to get the number of the last caller. This service can be very useful as some of the "paraffin lamps" are in the habit of calling you up and putting the 'phone down when you answer. This seems to be the mature radio amateur's version of the children's prank of knocking on doors and then running away.

With B.T.s call return service just dial 1471 and a nice lady will tell you the number of the last caller. To completely bar YOUR number from being recorded, dial 150 and ask for the facility to be removed from your line, again, there is no charge. Well done B.T.!

By popular request, reprinted from one of last years Christmas cards

BEWARE BOWDEN ON THE LOOSE!



"I'M A RADIO HAM.....ME!"

Two radio enthusiasts hacked their way into police frequencies to broadcast music and dateline advertisements to Hampshire control rooms. Doxford magistrates heard the pair from Portsmouth started the broadcasts as a joke using amateur radio equipment and scanners.

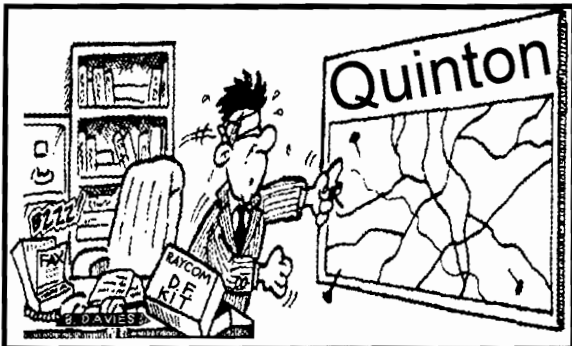
Michael Roantree, 20, and Peter Taylor, 18, sent transmissions to the Isle of Wight control room and Hampshire motorway control room at Winchester. Police traced the signals to Taylor's address.

They pleaded guilty to using a transmitter without a licence and sending radio messages likely to interfere with emergency services.

Roantree also admitted two burglaries and three motoring offences and was ordered to do 60 hours community service and pay £35 compensation for damaging a car.

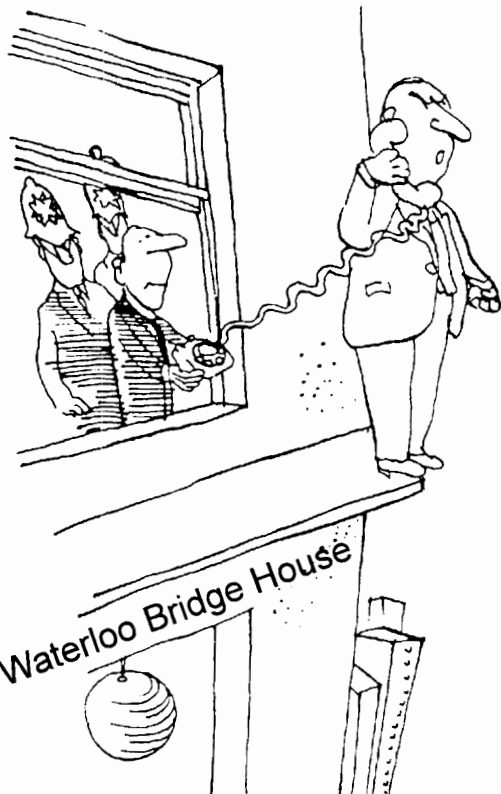
Taylor, who admitted receiving a radio and motoring offences, was sentenced to 50 hours community service, banned from driving, and ordered to pay £35 compensation for damaging a car.

Nigel Hodgkinson, defending Roantree, said "It was a challenge to see if they could actually get into police frequencies"



BRUCE DAVIES attempts to locate the secret whereabouts of station G7KCX, with the help of a Ray Withers "RAYCOM" D.F. Kit

New Moves by "Barmy" Barry Maxwell (DTI)



It's no good, it was my fault G7GDR got his licence back, I appointed SSL!

"I feel responsible. The phrase 'you cunt' is hardly the sort of language people expect to hear on a family trip to the zoo," confessed Jack Corney to reporters. "But it is difficult to teach a parrot control. I may well have to sack Bluey from the kiddies' show."

Corney, owner of the Isle of Wight Zoo, Sandown, acknowledged that his star parrot's career was now under review. "Where he learned it from we don't know, but the language he uses is more suited to a stag night than a family show, F-words, B-words, the lot. We've had no formal complaints, and it always brings the house down when he tells the female presenters to 'show us yer tits', but it really won't do."

"Bluey is not as big a problem as Charlie, our Capuchin monkey, though. He rattles the bars of his cage and whoops until he's attracted a crowd of schoolgirls, and then relieves himself. I duck every time I pass him by. It's not nice."

• The publishers of Squeak International would like to apologise for any confusion between the phrase **"YOU CUNT"** in this press cutting, and the reference to *Michael Heseltine* below. Any similarity is purely coincidental.



Radio frequencies may be auctioned

By Raymond Snoddy

The government is considering radical proposals for management of the radio spectrum including the possibility of holding auctions and even creating a secondary market in spectrum assignments.

The possibility of radical change came yesterday in a consultative document from the Department of Trade and Industry.

The radio spectrum is the complete range of useful radio frequencies governing everything from radio and television to mobile communications, microwave telecommunications links and satellite services.

Mr Michael Heseltine, trade and industry secretary, said yesterday that the document envisaged "an extended role

for the private sector in planning the spectrum and assigning frequencies".

The Radiocommunications Agency, which assigns frequencies now, would retain responsibility for a number of core activities that had to be performed by the government.

The document comes eight years after a DTI report by consultants CSP International argued that the allocation of frequencies through licences designed to meet only the cost of regulation had led to the inefficient use of a scarce resource.

The report suggested that the existing method of allocation should be progressively replaced by one "which gives greater scope for the operation of market forces". The DTI said yesterday that there had since

been a big increase in demand on the radio spectrum.

The DTI is asking for comments on two main options for the future, administrative pricing or selective auctions.

Setting flexible fees linked to the types of frequency bands used or the efficiency of equipment would encourage users to apply for and retain only the spectrum they needed.

What the DTI describes as "a more radical approach" would involve the creation of a system of tradeable property rights in the spectrum.

Auctions could either sell parts of the spectrum direct to users or rights could be sold to private spectrum management organisation which would assign licences in either the fixed link or private mobile radio bands on a commercial basis.

Everybody had a good laugh when George G1MTT was found guilty of 5 of the 10 charges against him (50% success for the DTI!), the first to be shut up good and proper was **William Malcolm Bowden GOMAL** who was lurking about Hereford on the last day of the hearing (having been barred from the court building following certain "incidents"¹). He was heard to put a call out for Ian G4SVL "G4SVL, G4SVL, this is GOMAL - I'd call G1MTT, but he hasn't got his licence anymore, ha ha ha". True to type, Bowden had little knowledge of the law and DID NOT realise that the courts have no authority over the issue of licences and as George had his radio with him, he made Bowden instantly aware of this fact, and for good measure called him a "NUTRITIONALLY, FOLICALLY, AND VERTICALLY CHALLENGED, FORNICATING SON OF A BATCHELOR, AND A PUDENDUM", or remarks of a similar character! That had, partially, the desired effect, and shut him right up - unfortunately the cardiac arrest did NOT follow, much to everyone's dismay.

The fine and cost George incurred, £9500.00 in total, were paid on the spot and the cheque writing recorded by the TV crew, this went out on the news twice that day. Everyone had a good laugh until the money started coming back in! First to capitulated was the Birmingham Evening Mail, followed a few weeks later by the Wolverhampton Express & Star. They had both published a story sent them by a free-lance, who just happened to be a radio ham, that said the charges against George were for the use of grossly offensive language on GB3BM leading to its forced closure, when the facts were that ALL 10 charges related to the playing of music, The Laughing Policeman & The D.T.I. Song on 145.025Mhz. the input frequency of GB3MH! Faced with the facts, both papers agreed an out of court settlement and published a retraction and an apology for the defamatory statements they had made. Whilst this was going on, the **R.S.G.B.Ltd.** published the same story in their news broadcast of July 4th. This was also transmitted by dozens of amateurs up and down the country. Swift action was taken by George's lawyers, and after an initial dismissal of the approach, George's side indicated their intention to proceed against each individual person who had read out the defamatory and false allegations. Not only did they change their minds swiftly, they were only too pleased to discuss terms.

After a few days bargaining the final deal was struck whereby George received substantial damages, had his costs paid, and the R.S.G.B.Ltd. agreed to publish a retraction to be transmitted in the same way as every defamatory remark had been in the first place! The truth often hurts, and the packet network "spiked" the news broadcast of 22nd

August, as they did not want the grovelling apology seen by anyone! Unfortunately, this was checked and reported on by many people and George's brief, once again leapt into action as the terms of the settlement had not been met. Interestingly, all Bulletin Board licences are held by the **R.S.G.B.Ltd.** (with the exception of GB7BBS) and as such, the company should have direct control over the traffic they carry. The company had to contact each SYSOP in turn and TELL them that the August 22nd news MUST be carried, and a few days later their lawyers were in touch to check that George's side was satisfied, which they now were. This settled one part of the deformation settlement, the second part was the payment made by the way of damages. Try as we might, we cannot get George to divulge the amount, he told us "Part of the agreement was that we would not divulge the actual amount to anyone, although I would not be giving too much away to say that it was between £1000.00 and £10,000.00"

So, even with only RAE maths, you can see that the entire cost of the case was covered by damages, costs, and fees arising out of this memorable case, we say **BEST OF LUCK TO HIM!**

In our bulletin for Sunday the 4th of July, we ran a story concerning George Hitchcock, G1MTT, who had been fined for a number of radio-related offences. We stated incorrectly that the offences were related to the transmission of abuse and obscenities. We unreservedly apologise to Mr.Hitchcock for this and regret any embarrassment this may have caused him. Mr.Hitchcock has asked us to point out that the charges were as follows:- eight counts of using apparatus for wireless telegraphy without a licence and two counts of unlawful broadcasting. Four charges were withdrawn, one was returned not guilty by direction of the judge and of the five counts on which he was found guilty, four charges related to the playing of music and one related to not using a callsign at the commencement of transmission. In all cases, it was alleged the same frequency was used, namely 145.025MHz. the input frequency of the Malvern Hills repeater GB3MH. No charges were brought concerning abuse or obscenities or the use of any other repeater or frequency. The Society has agreed to pay Mr.Hitchcock his legal costs and damages

R.S.G.B.Ltd. News August 22nd.

Arena Radio Night, was something of a disappointment, focussing only slightly on aspects of radio that are of interest to radio hams. The programme George was involved with was postponed until 23rd December and re-named **"TUNING IN"**.

This was another matter, all manner of "anoraks" were shown scuttling about in fields with generators desperately trying to make 200 contacts in an hour, the general public must have wondered what purpose a conversation of a few seconds could serve, as do I!

Filmed in potting sheds up and down the country, various old G2's were droning on about Morse code and the necessity of being able to send the phrase "best beef essence" to each other around the world, no doubt the new recruits to the hobby will be shown in the figures shortly and the decline to only 60,000 licensed amateurs will be boosted by all the new recruits this programme must have attracted to such an interesting hobby.

The brightest part was **George G1MTT** seen driving up the road in his Ferrari to the D.T.I. Song! The interview, though short, was punctuated by many comic moments, including a full screen shot of one of MY efforts from an old magazine...the bum in the witness box cartoon!

I had expected George's interview to be the highlight of the show, but even I was amazed to see what was previously only reported in the London area.

Being ever thrifty with our money, the DTI had hired a helicopter to make a "bust" on a bunch of our ethnic cousins who were transmitting from the top of a block of flats on the FM broadcast band. How they can justify this expence I just cannot imagine! To top it all an old fart from the RIS shows several transmitters he has seized in the past, pointing out how crude they are. *EACH ONE SHOWN WAS CONSTRUCTED ON A PURPOSE MADE, DOUBLE SIDED PCB WITH TORROIDAL POWER SUPPLY*, far from crude but showing remarkable ingenuity. This is another example of the DTI making grossly false statements in a similar fashion to the way they trot out the old "interference to emergency services" criticism when giving evidence about pirate broadcast radio stations! This side of the RIS/DTI was evident at George's trial when the prosecution alleged that George had transmitted on a broadcast receive FM aerial through a masthead amplifier! When confronted with a photograph of the aerial and masthead pre-amp, all RIS men withdrew from the allegation with the exception of **Roy**

"WALNUT FEATURES"

Ratcliffe who did his best to convince the jury that it was perfectly possible to transmit on the wrong size aerial, through a masthead pre-amp's transistor! It makes you wonder what qualifications you need to do his job, he obviously knows little about RF, as he **was** under oath!

Rodger "Diddly" Dipole

I am writing to thank you very much for your contribution to our film TUNING IN.

ARENA RADIO NIGHT has now expanded into a week of programmes on BBC2, starting with the interactive evening itself on 18th December. This will be transmitted on both television and on Radio 4, with the two media operating together as never attempted before. Unfortunately, partly owing to the experimental nature of this enterprise, only fully interactive programmes will be shown at this time.

TUNING IN will be broadcast as part of a compilation of programmes about radio, but on television only, on Thursday 23rd December, at 3.00 p.m.

We hope you enjoy it, and the other programmes in this mini-season.

yours sincerely,



Alex Marengo
Producer
ARENA



LEGAL NEWS

Another Radio Amateur in court

In the July issue of 'Radio Today' we told you of a court case due to be held in Dudley Magistrates Court in April. We've received information that Mr David Giles-Probert of Copse Road, has appeared in court charged with transmitting Nazi songs, obscene words and playing Rule Britannia. Mr Giles-Probert denies three charges of using wireless telegraphy not in accordance with his licence, and says he was with

a friend when one of the alleged offenses was committed. The case was adjourned until July 8th 1993, and Mr Giles-Probert was jailed.

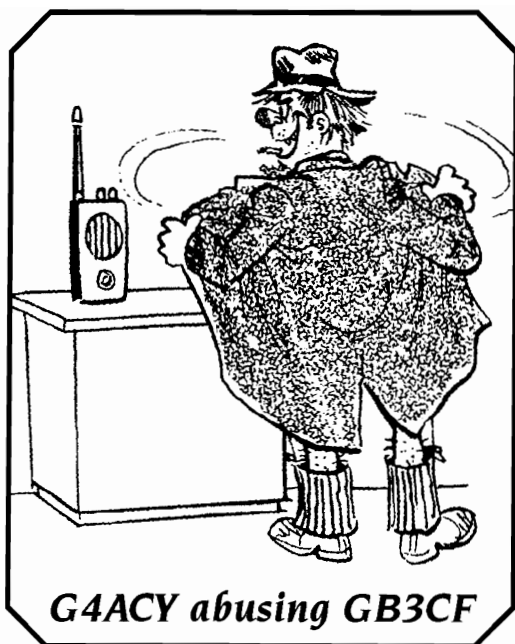
Amateurs in West Midlands have compiled a large amount of data which has helped to bring about this case. It is this sort of co-operation that will help to ensure that more cases of a similar nature are brought to the courts. For more details on how you can help, contact; AROS, 11 The Grove, Asfordby, Melton Mowbray, Leics LE14 3UF

This is the well publicised address of "OLD FOULFACE" Geoff Griffiths, we request that you **DO NOT** use it for any anti-social purpose



George wasn't the only radio enthusiast to be brought before the courts in the midlands, David Giles-Probert fell foul of Michael John BOTHMA (no spelling mistake!). David's luck was in, and the magistrates, although finding him guilty on three counts of contravention of Section 1 of The Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949, gave him a conditional discharge on all three - *with no fines!* AND, as his licence had lapsed before he went to court, it could not be revoked, and upon receipt of £15.00 S.S.L. duly re-issued it earlier this year, much to the disgust of BOTHMA and his henchmen Royston Marcus HOWELLS and John Frederick James "the performing" SEAL!

The outcome of this FIASCO, another waste of public funds!



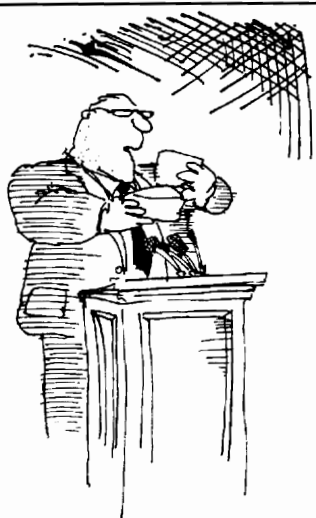
G4ACY abusing GB3CF



Scenes from Hereford
Crown Court



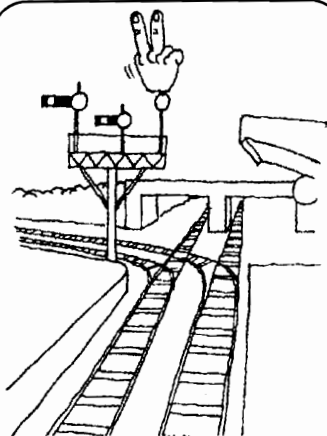
GUILTY M'LUD!



**"and this years *Whitbread*
Prize For Fiction goes
to,....THE WEST MIDLANDS
POLICE FORCE!"**

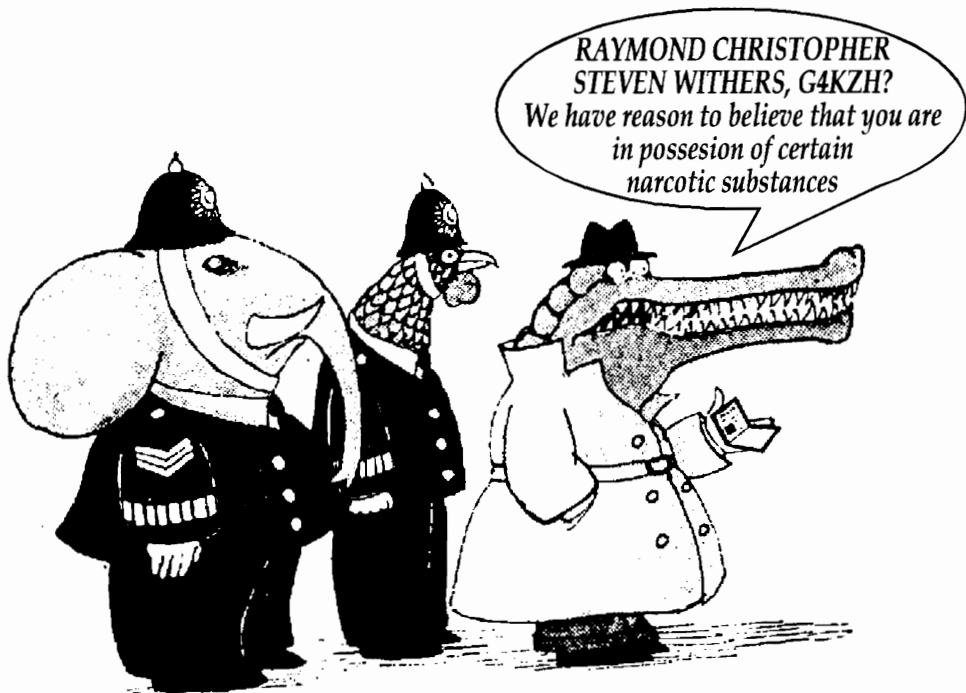


"Come on in BOWDEN, we know you're out there"



**After only a few weeks in
his new job as a B.R.
ticket collector, BOWDEN
is "welcomed" by his
workmates.**





We reported in the September issue that **William Malcolm Bowden** (ex West Midlands Police Sergeant 3116) had found a new job as a cleaner at the Albany Hotel in Birmingham. In his usual way he lost this job very quickly when it was noticed that he had spent 2 whole days cleaning the lifts 28 times! His excuse was that he thought they were different ones on each floor.

His attempt at fish farming also failed when it turned out he had planted them all too close.

Keep them coming, in the January issue we will have details of our latest project that will be of interest to all with a computer and a modem. **The L.P.W.S. BBS.** You will be able to log on to an L.P.W.S. database and leave messages and down-load information that is of interest to us. We also have the entire R.S.G.B.Ltd. U.K. Call Book on a CD Rom, and it can be reverse searched by Name, Road, Town, County, and Postcode. A simple search reveals all the paraffin lamps around you, *more than you may think*. Anyone who is "ex-directory" in the 1994 book may be able to be located in the 93 & 92 disc based books. Leave a request for the SYSOP. Up to 14,400 baud supported.