

AN ANALYSIS OF THE CLUB'S HF NETS IN 2011

As I have done for many years I have analysed my records of the 15m and 80m nets for the past year and set out below my findings. The return of better HF conditions towards the end of the year was very marked and the numbers of stations participating in the 15m net rose sharply. The figures for the individual nets are given below.

THE SUNDAY MORNING 80M NET. (8am clock time on 3.738 MHz.)

An improvement over last year in every way. Here we had 21 members taking part including two ladies, Millie, 2E1CCI and Sandy, G0NRX (wife of Phil since we have several Sandys). 24 other amateurs called in including John G0NOK who puts some of our members to shame by calling in almost every weekend. That's a total of 45 participants 5 more than last year. Sean, EI7CV and I completed another 43 contacts bringing our all time total to 1575 since starting all this more that 35 years ago. Thanks also to Gerry EI9DZ who brought a few of his Irish friends with him this year to increase our numbers. It's also been a great way to keep in touch with Terry G0SWS who we wouldn't want to miss.

THE WEEKDAY 15M NET. (1330z on 21.330 MHz.Mon-Friday)

Here the predicted lift in DX conditions really increased our totals. 23 MSARS members, just the same number as last year were supported by 64 others calling in from around the world giving a grand total of 87 individuals compared with 62 in 2010. Best DX was possibly JF3RDE, Taka in Osaka but YB0AJZ David in Jakarta, 7P8JW John in Lesotho and VP8LP Bob McLeod a long time friend gave us all a thrill when they called in proving that Delta Loops put out a very useful signal and it's always better when we are called by the DX rather than when we strive to work them in a number swapping pile up.

Of course we must not forget our regulars Bob N4XAT, David W1GN, and HO K5CX who now has the smaller of his towers up with a beam on top and has joined us again. Each of these three can hear even the weakest 5watt signals from MSARS members and I've been down to 1 watt with David on occasions and still get through.

Yet another logbook filled with the above records and I still enjoy every moment spent in your company on these nets. Thanks to all of you who participated again and let's look forward to another successful years operations in 2012.

This note in the temporary absence of a Newsletter is being sent to all participants by email. I hope that its regular appearance in Mid Sussex Matters will resume next year.

73 Ken, G3WYN