

The Bank Holiday weekend has seen a few changes to previous schedules, but allowed a bit more time than usual to report them:-

RADIO ATLANTIS 1242kHz: 23, Lambeth Walk, Kirkdale, Liverpool L4 1UU.

This station is announcing its schedule as Monday to Friday only, with Noon-3pm Steve Bishop; 3pm-6pm Rick Dane; 6pm-9pm Steve Tyler. The signal strength at my home is only S₁ and there is quite a lot of receiver "hiss" in the background, due to the volume control being so high. Reception during the day is quite clear, but deteriorates later. From about 7pm a heterodyne whistle from a continental station becomes annoying, and at times, the transmitter makes "noises" that were not intended. The station, whenever heard, appears to have adhered to its announced schedule, except on Tuesday night when Rick Dane was on the air until 6:30pm, followed by Steve Tyler till 8pm early close-down. On Friday the transmitter was emitting spurious noises and in spite of going off the air for a few minutes just before 3pm, the signal was not improved when they returned.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz: 74, Big Meadow Road, Woodchurch Estate, Birkenhead,

This station has operated for most of the week with Merseyside L49 9AQ. a much re-shuffled schedule, possibly due to holidays. Miss Gill Sinclair has not been heard, and the 5pm-7pm slot has been filled in by various other DJs. The main difference noted at the weekend has been that Little Di and Chris Sinclair have had their afternoon hours extended, and have largely presented a joint show rather than separate ones. The station was not on the air on Tuesday night, but were back again by 8am on Wednesday morning. Revised schedules have been very well advertised by the station in advance.

ABC RADIO 96.25MHz stereo FM: 4, Glencairn Road, Old Swan, Liverpool L13 2AL.

This station was not noted until 9:50pm on Tuesday, when they were featuring continuous music interspersed with "jingles". They signed-on at 10pm, with Kevin Palmer, followed by Eric Monaghan and Benny James all doing one hour each. I suspect that the station signed-off at 1am without featuring "Mike", who was heard the following night but with incorrect date checks on his tape. Eric Monaghan featured his usual off-shore slot, but there was very little news this week. On Wednesday night the station was already in operation by 9:02pm, but were featuring "MIKE", who presumably should have been broadcast on the previous night. He was followed by "Keith", Phil James and Tom Lodge. The latter went on at some length about the "jamming" of Radio Atlantis, and the subsequent slagging. He reminded both sides of their previous misdemeanours, and hinted that if the jamming continued, Radio Atlantis might suddenly acquire a much more powerful transmitter. Glad to say that the jamming now seems to have stopped. There is still no definite news about the new ABC medium wave outlet, but I don't think that this will be delayed for much longer.

RADIO ELEANOR 1179kHz: 16, Stockbridge Street, Anfield, Liverpool L5 6PB.

This station began to operate their new schedule this weekend. It is now announced as:- Saturday 10am-11am Paul Rogers; 11am-1pm Tony Reeve; 1pm-3pm Mark Wright; 3pm-5pm John Freeman; 5pm-7pm Barry Cullen; 7pm-9pm Paul Rogers. Sundays 10am-11am Paul Rogers; 11am-1pm Tony Reeve; 1pm-3pm Mark Wright; 3pm-5pm John Freeman; 5pm-5:30pm Paul Rogers. This weekend, Paul Rogers was still on the air after 9pm on Saturday, and announcing a 10pm close-down. It seems that Paul Rogers' 5pm slot on Sunday is to be a regular "Free Radio News" programme, which this week featured news from Dublin, West Midlands and Poulton-le-Fylde. It also featured follow-up discussions about Paul Rogers' interview by BBC Radio Merseyside and adverts for "MONITOR" magazine. The station is to operate on Bank Holiday Monday with their Saturday line-up, but with all the DJs playing "Golden Oldies" all day.

BOOTLE COMMUNITY RADIO 1386kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF

This station is now defunct. On Saturday, Jeff Stone signed the station on at 10am, but said that they were using Central Radio's transmitter, as the BCR transmitter was not working. It was also announced that in future, Central Radio would be on the air seven days per week instead of Bootle Community Radio taking over the frequency on Sundays.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1386kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF

As reported above, this station is now operating seven days per week. The station is still advertising for new DJs, but so far as can be determined, their schedule is:- Weekdays and Saturdays 10am-Noon Jeff Stone; Noon-2pm Mark Evans; 2pm-3pm Jim Browne; 3pm-5pm Ian Phillips; 5pm-6pm continuous music until new DJ can be found; 6pm close-down by Jeff Stone; Sundays only: 10am-Noon Jim Browne; Noon-2pm Mark Evans; 2pm-4pm Jeff Stone;

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4pm-6pm Ken Woolfe; 6pm-8pm Pete Murphy; 8pm close-down by Jeff Stone. The 6pm close-down on weekdays ensures that they will be off the air before I arrive home from work most nights, so I hope that Jim Brown, the station manager can keep listeners informed of developments in his Sunday morning programme. A Radio Eleanor style run down of DJs and times at close-down would also be very helpful.

CHANNEL FIVE 1242kHz: 23, Rice Hey Road, Egremont, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 0DX.

This station seem to have had a lot of problems on Saturday. They were not noted until 1:56pm, when the carrier only was heard. This was followed by a lot of background talking, when Nick Catford was heard, and after a number of "2,2,2,2"s, the station opened up at 2:03pm with Pete Williams' theme tune. He apologised for being late for the thied week running, but gave no reason. Pete Williams signed off at 3pm and was followed by Steve West till 6pm, Frank Xerox till 8pm, Dave Graham till 10pm and Matt Black till midnight. It was announced that Frank Xerox would be on till 1am, then Steve West to 3am close-down, but later announcements suggested that Nick Catford might also put in an appearance, but not exactly when. On Sunday, the station opened at noon and followed their Pete Williams/Steve West/Frank Xerox/Dave Graham line-up but Matt Black never turned up for his show, and at last check(approx 11pm) Dave Graham was still holding the fort.

STATION "M" INTERNATIONAL 1413kHz: 61, Sandhurst Street, Aigburth, Liverpool L17 7BU

This station appears to have taken advantage of the glorious weather and had a weekend off. No trace of their signal was found on either Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

RADIO MERSEYWAVES 94.8MHz FM & 1197kHz AM: 23, Birnham Road, Poulton, Wallasey,

This station opened up at 6pm on Sunday, with Merseyside L44 9AY the staff back to 100% fitness. They followed what has become their usual Sunday line-up of 6pm-8:30pm Bert Williams; 8:30pm-11:30pm Paul Jay; 11:30pm-Midnight close-down Bert Williams. The format is mainly "Golden Oldies".

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EASTER MONDAY 23rd April 1984

RADIO ELEANOR

The station sprung a surprise on everyone by opening shortly after midnight on Sunday, with Paul Rogers doing a marathon stint till 11am. After this, the normal Saturday schedule was followed, with all the presenters doing "Golden Oldies". Between 5pm and 7pm, Barry Cullen and Mark Wright did an "outside broadcast", meeting people on various parts of the Wirral and capturing "live" requests and dedications. All-day "Oldies" are not really to my taste, but the "outside" broadcast was very successful, and is to be repeated again soon. Other news from the station is that Pete Williams will be back next weekend, and will do the 9pm-11pm slot on Saturdays.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL

The station operated its normal weekday schedule, with Jeff Stone taking over the 5pm-6pm slot. No news has yet has been heard of any new DJs.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO

This station operated their normal Monday schedule until 5pm, when Pablo Brad took over for Gill Sinclair till 7pm. After this, Little Di joined John Sniff for the last hour of his show, and joined Brian "C" for the first hour of his show. This arrangement now seems to be a permanent arrangement for Mondays and Wednesdays.

RADIO ATLANTIS

Have not been heard

CHANNEL FIVE

Have not been heard, but they did not announce any special plans for the Easter period

RADIO JACKIE NORTH

This station were apparently "testing" on 963kHz on Saturday, but were not heard here.

STATION "M" INTERNATIONAL

This station seemed to be having a load of problems, and after playing some old tapes very intermittantly, they finally came on the air at 1:30pm with a good signal. The Roger Dee show was mainly a "slagging" of Steve Bishop, complete with extracts of old tapes featuring Steve Bishop slagging just about everybody else. It seems that Steve Bishop was interviewed on SCR last Sunday, but I missed it, and that this interview was used to air some grievances, particularly the "jamming" of Radio Atlantis. Tom Lodge mentioned the interview in his programme on Wednesday, and pointed out a few facts to Steve Bishop. It is a great



pity that the interview has brought past disagreements to the surface once more, and largely undone some of the good that was brought about by the meetings at the Sessions. Regardless of who is right or wrong, or who started it, the type of programme heard today reflects no credit on either party and certainly does the cause for Free Radio no good, either locally or nationally. The Roger Dee show was followed by new DJ Dave Jansen(?) who handed over at 5pm to Ray Rockford. At first it was thought that both the latter DJs may have been featured on old tapes, but both were giving out the Sandhurst Street mailing address, which only came into operation last weekend. The time checks on the Ray Rockford tape were hopelessly wrong, but this seemed to reflect the problems that were experienced earlier, while the station was trying to get the transmitter on the air. After Ray Rockford only continuous music was heard, and sign-off time was not noted.

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