

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 1st July 1984

Firstly this week is a correction to last week's information. Radio Elenore's Listener's Night-out will take place this coming Friday, 6th July. Admission is free, and the night-out will take place at the BRADFORD HOTEL, Tithebarn Street, Liverpool from 8pm to 1am. Storeton Community Radio's "Under-18s" Night-out takes place on the following night, Sat. 7th July from 8pm to midnight, and will be held at TRANMERE ROVERS SOCIAL CLUB, Prenton Park. Admission is 50p and the station will feature their usual entertainments.

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

The station appears to have had a few problems this week. Merseyside, L49 9AQ They operated normally at the beginning of the week, but were not heard at all on either Thursday or Friday night. The problem seems to have been equipment failure, as they were back on the air on Saturday morning. The return might have been unexpected, as the schedule was very disrupted, and Phil Davies has been heard 'elsewhere'. On Sunday, they went off the air very suddenly at approximately 12:15pm. When they returned at 3:20pm, they announced that the station had been raided. Presumably no one was caught and no equipment was taken, as a lot of 'adjustments' were heard prior to the sign-on at 3:20pm. John Smith seems not to have been available on Saturday, and Little Di seems to have taken on most of the extra work.

RADIO ELENORE 1170kHz: 16, Stockbridge Street, Anfield, Liverpool L5 6PB.

The station has had Mark Wright on holiday this weekend, and changes in schedule have taken place to "fill in". The FM frequency was not noted on Friday night, but was on the air on both Saturday and Sunday. Heard Friday were:- Paul Rogers; John Freeman; Paul Jay and Pete Davies. The Saturday schedule was 10am-Midnight with Tony Reeve, John Freeman, Barry Cullen, Paul Rogers and Pete Davies being heard. The Sunday schedule, 10am to 6pm was disrupted during the afternoon by "circumstances beyond our control, but nothing to do with equipment failure". Chris Taylor was heard at 11:10am saying that he had been given an extra hour, to 2pm, but the station was not found at 1:40pm. Shortly before 2pm, Bert Williams apologised for the break "of about 25 minutes". John Freeman then took over from 2pm to 6pm. He said that Bert Williams would be doing a 'guest appearance', probably from 3pm-3:30pm, but this was not noted. The station are announcing that they will be on the air next THURSDAY, to allow all the DJs to attend the night-out on Friday.

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

This station made a welcome return to the airwaves this weekend, but on 1386kHz. They are announcing a weekday schedule (including Saturday?) of 9am to 9pm, consisting of:- 9am-11am Ken Woolfe; 11am-1pm Mark Evans; 1pm-3pm Jim Browne; 3pm-5pm Jeff Stone; 5pm-7pm Miss Howie; 7pm-9pm Ian Phillips. The weekend schedule this week has been somewhat changed with Phil Davies being heard from 5pm-8pm on Saturday, followed by Jim Browne to 9pm. On Sunday the schedule is 10am-8pm, but after initial announcements that Phil Davies would be 'on air' from 5pm-8pm, later announcements say 5pm-Midnight although the station can not be found at 10:55pm. They say that there are still a number of adjustments to be made, and that these will be carried out on Monday 2nd July between 9am and noon. Signal is down to S1 1/2 and modulation could be better, but all-in-all it is a good effort for a first week-end of broadcasting.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1170kHz & 94.8MHz: 23, Birnam Road, Poulton, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 9AF.

This station signed-on at 6pm, following Radio Elenore on 1170kHz in parallel with the FM frequency. Schedule appears to be as last week, with Bert Williams taking over from Paul Jay at 11pm, but showing no sign of imminent close-down at the time of writing.

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

Sign-on time on Saturday was not noted, but Steve West seems to have operated from sign-on to 6pm. The remainder of the schedule appears to have been:- 6pm-8pm Stuart Davies; 8pm-10pm Dave Graham; 10pm-Midnight close-down Frank Xerox: During the Dave Graham Show, it was announced that this was to be the last weekend on the air until they could establish where pirate stood in relation to the "new legislation". Later, Frank Xerox said that they would not be on the air this Sunday, but hoped to have the situation resolved in time for a return next weekend. They were not heard on Sunday.

RADIO ATLAN'TIS 936kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 1UU.

Through the week, Steve Bishop and Rick Dane seem to be running the station between them, but schedule is variable to suit other commitments. Neil Frazer was heard on Sunday only. On Tuesday, after the MW transmitter closed-down, the FM transmitter was putting out a superb signal. They were playing a recording of the "Radio Atlantis Story" Modulation was crisp and tuning very sharp. Unfortunately the FM transmitter has not been noted since this date. On Saturday the station seems to have closed down by 8:30pm, and the first hour on Sunday comprised "tests and adjustments".