

On Tuesday night, BBC 2 TV in its final item on NEWSNIGHT carried a report on Free Radio. Only the last few seconds were heard, but this was sufficient to hear an opinion expressed that the "authorities" had been told to "lay off" the larger of the London stations for fear of a public outcry. In contrast, London Greek Radio stated that they had "lost" 30 transmitters in the past twelve months!

The number of local stations appears to be shrinking, and there is not too much news this week.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1386kHz: 18, Glynn Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6TF

This station continues to be heard on Saturdays and Sundays only. Schedule is fairly regular, although in the latter part of each day the line up of DJs tends to be a little re-shuffled depending on who is available. The station continues to promise "7-Day operation" soon. Their schedule still seems to be noon to 8pm on Saturday, and 10am to 8pm on Sunday. From this week's announcements, it would seem that the station disco is no longer heard in their local pub on Sundays.

RADIO ATLANTIS 936kHz & 102.7MHz: 150, Rake Lane, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW

This station has not been noted again this week

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

This station also failed to make an appearance for their normal Sunday-only schedule.

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

The station was noted on Friday night with an apparently normal schedule, but on Saturday they were not noted until 4:15pm. Transmission suddenly ceased again at about 4:30pm, but the station was back again by 5:20pm and seemed to have fulfilled the rest of their schedule. They were heard at 10am on Sunday, but appear to have been off the air between 1pm and 3pm. The remainder of the DJs did one hour each to 6pm close-down. News from the station is that in a couple of weeks time, Chris Taylor will be leaving the station to work on the VOICE OF PEACE, initially for a six-month contract period

RADIO MERSEYWAVES 1179kHz & 94.8MHz: 23 Birnam Road, Poulton, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 9AY

This station opened at 6:02pm on Sunday, with Bert Williams reporting problems. He said that he had spent all afternoon erecting a new FM antenna, but the meter readings were indicating that something was wrong. The station then played continuous music for approximately one hour while the problem was sorted out. Tina Christian's programme was aired from approximately 7pm to 8pm, but the remainder of the schedule and close-down time was not noted. In his intro, Bert said that Radio Elenore's aerials had been brought down at regular interval during the day.

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STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz: 23, The Meadow, Woodchurch Estate, Birkenhead, Mersey-

Nearly forgot Merseyside's longest-operating station! side L49 8HX.

They appear to be fulfilling their announced schedule, although there is still a certain amount of DJ re-shuffling to cover for the holiday period, ie T.P.Toppick(?) standing-in for Wayne Scott on Sunday. On either Friday or Saturday night, the station seems to have left the air early, and was not heard at 10:20pm.