

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 20th January 1985

This week has not been a good one, with Storeton Community Radio (and possibly Radio Merseywaves) being raided yet again by the Department of Trade and Industry inspectors.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1035kHz: 23, The Meadow, Woodchurch Estate, Wirral, Merseyside L49 8HX.

At the beginning of the week this station seem to have fulfilled their 18-hours per day schedule although some of the DJs were still apparently "missing" and a certain amount of re-shuffling was done. The schedule, promised for Tuesday never materialised so it probably wasn't finalised in time. The station was not found on Thursday evening and have not been heard since. At the close-down of Central Radio programmes on Sunday, Jim Browne sent his commiserations to SCR and revealed that they had been raided by the DTI on Thursday afternoon.

RADIO MERSEYWAVES 1242kHz: 18, Mallard Way, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7SL

The station was not on the air at 11am on Sunday, as scheduled, and were not found at any spot checks up to about 1:30pm. They were first noted at 4:05pm, with the Paul Jay Show in progress. He announced that he would not be on the air from 5pm-6pm and that there would not be a phone-in, due to "circumstances beyond our control". At Central Radio's close-down, Jim Browne was heard to say "this can't be right, surely - Merseywaves raided at 2am this morning!". It is not known whether the station was on the air at that time or whether it actually was raided. The Sunday evening schedule was:-

...-5pm Paul Jay; 5pm-6pm Martin Miller; 6pm-7pm Ray Rockford; 7pm-10pm Mark Newman. At 10pm, Martin Miller took over again, saying that he would be on the air until midnight, but the station was not found at 11:37pm. Signal was superb in Liscard but was reported to be weaker than usual in Liverpool.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1404kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF

The station were noted on Thursday night with a "test" broadcast. They were not noted until 11:50pm and were announcing a mid-night close-down. The signal is a bit stronger this weekend and modulation was much clearer. Heard on Sunday were:- 11am-Noon Paul Allen; Noon-1pm Jim Browne; 1pm-2pm Steve Tyler; 2pm-3:30pm Phil Davies; 3:30pm-5pm Jeff Stone & "Pam"; 5pm-6pm Brian Green; 6pm Jim Browne with the close-down announcements. The signal strength wasn't noted this weekend but the station can now be heard across the room on a pocket-portable. Conditions toward the end of the day's programming are still quite difficult due to continental interference

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