

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

Radio Merseywaves are still the only Merseyside station operating at this time, although announcements heard over the weekend say that they are hoping to arrange a joint Listener's Night-out with Storeton Community Radio. The station is currently announcing a schedule of Mid-day to Midnight on both Saturdays and Sundays, but this is not being met. On Saturday they were not noted until 3:25pm, after apparently signing on at 2pm. The announced line-up was:- 2pm-4pm Paul Henderson; 4pm-6pm Steve Jones; 6pm-8pm Tara; 8pm-10pm Martin Miller; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman. Shortly after 6pm the station sounded as though it was being heavily "jammed" but all was back to normal by 6:35pm, when Tara announced that they were having a few technical problems, which they hoped that had then been sorted out. Martin Miller appears to have only operated from 8pm-9pm as Tara was heard signing-off for a second time at 10pm.

On Sunday the station was already on the air when checked at 11:33am, with the Steve Jones Show in progress. He announced that he would be doing a 10am-1pm slot next weekend. Line-up was 11am(?) - 1pm Steve Jones; 1pm-3pm Jim Lowe; 3pm-4pm Tom Webb; 4pm-6pm Paul Jay; 6pm-8pm Mark Newman; 8pm-10pm Martin Miller; 10pm-Midnight Paul Henderson. The station was last noted shortly after 11pm and the close-down time was not heard. Burt Williams was missing from the line-up on Sunday (unable to make it) and Paul Jay's Show was apparently taped and intended to be broadcast on 17th March. Also missed was Tony Hennessey, although he has always maintained that his appearances will be "occasional" and that he isn't a regular presenter.

Speech level on Mark Newman's programmes is much improved and he is now being heard clearly. Although the signal strength at my location isn't as good as previously, it is still more than adequate and the signal apparently gets out really well in other directions. One announcement over the weekend gave the station's ID and said that they broadcast to Merseyside, Cheshire, North Wales "and most other parts of Britain, judging by the mail".

The station have not been heard this weekend on their FM frequency. Since the DTI raids on the Manchester stations (Southside Radio, Radio Carousel and KFM) on 15th/16th March, Radio Merseywaves have now become the only Free Radio currently being heard in this area on either Medium Wave or FM.
