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CLUB NEWS

FROM THE EDITOR This newsletter has been put together in some haste to provide latest details of the "do" on the 8th, with a map of how to get there. At the same time it gives me the chance to say hello to club members and to introduce myself. Bren and I really must stop passing newsletter editorships to each other. However, I am sure the present arrangement will be a success, with Bren continuing his sterling work with DX News Sheet, and me putting this together. I will, of course, always be grateful for news from club members for inclusion in these pages, and John's photocopier seems to be able to cope with photographs as well. To remind those of you who may not have it to hand, my address is:

105 Shiplake Bottom, Peppard Common, Henley on Thames, Oxon. RG9 5HJ. Tel: 0734 501359 (Saltmine), 0734 724192 (Home). (Note, not Surrey, as the DTI would have it, and as therefore found its way into the callbook). For those who have advanced into the late 20th century, you can also send messages to me on Telecom Gold. My mailbox is 82:TYD051.

CDXC SOCIAL GATHERING You should have details from the last newsletter. The map in this one gives the exact location.

G3VIE On Thursday 27th, Bren worked Peter who was using his ZLOAHB callsign from ZL1AV's QTH. Peter hopes to be QRV from ZL1IO's QTH on 10, 11, 12, 13th March on 14170kHz from about 0730 GMT. He then flies home via Los Angeles. Peter did try to fix some 80-metre skeds for club members with Randy, KH6XX, who was willing to oblige. However, propagation was less helpful.

SOUTH SANDWICH A telex from QRZDX reports N2AU as saying that VP8WTW "definitely" has a licence for South Sandwich with the callsign VP8BFC. This licence will lapse if not used within 30-45 days (from about 20th Feb.).

BAND REPORTS Lousy! The February aurora broke all records, but didn't do HF DXers any good at all. I have a few new ones in the log for February: RZ1OWA (160), KC2RS/VP5 (80), OE7RKH/YK (40), ZC4! (40) and 5V7AS (20). Hardly anything to write home about. J34LTA, V47A and N4SF/VP9 were, however,

all reported on the Hambank as having been heard this morning (28th) on 160, so perhaps things are looking up. G3UML also reported good signals on the ZL2AAG net on 40, with H44IA, ZL7AA, 3D2ER, FK8FM and T22XL all good signals at 0720 GMT, but fading out on cue 15 minutes later when 'AAG got round to calling in the Gs. I note from one of the US bulletins that 3A2GL was reported on 160. I actually spoke with GL on the phone recently and he told me he has not been on this season at all. He took his topband antenna down because the neighbours felt it was unsightly! I always knew these foreigners had no taste.

NEC Don't forget the Birmingham event. Although the HF side will be limited in terms of lectures, the HF Committee and HF Contests Committee will be manning stands and there will be the high-speed CW run and other activities to interest the HFer. If you are taking a cheque book to buy a new HF rig, beware. The TS930 is now no longer being advertised in Japan, so obviously the punter is expected to fork out a fortune for a 940. And the TS430 now has a successor, the TS440 which, again, will no doubt be an excuse to put up the price. Funny though, how the real DXers so often seem to be running an old faithful. Perhaps the antenna and the linear have more to do with it??

BERMUDA CONTEST Bren takes back all he said about passing gen to Ian on 2/4m. This is strictly against the rules. He is also at pains to point out that this was very much a 'DYO idea and certainly didn't come from Ian! GW4BLE points out that the use of 2m and other spotting nets in any contest immediately puts the entrant into the multi-op category.

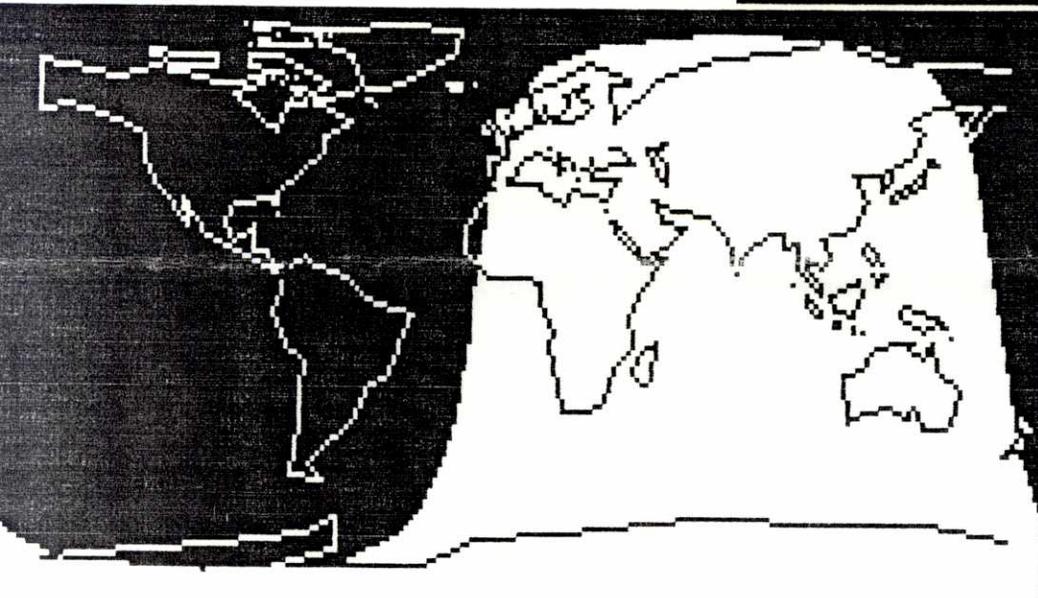
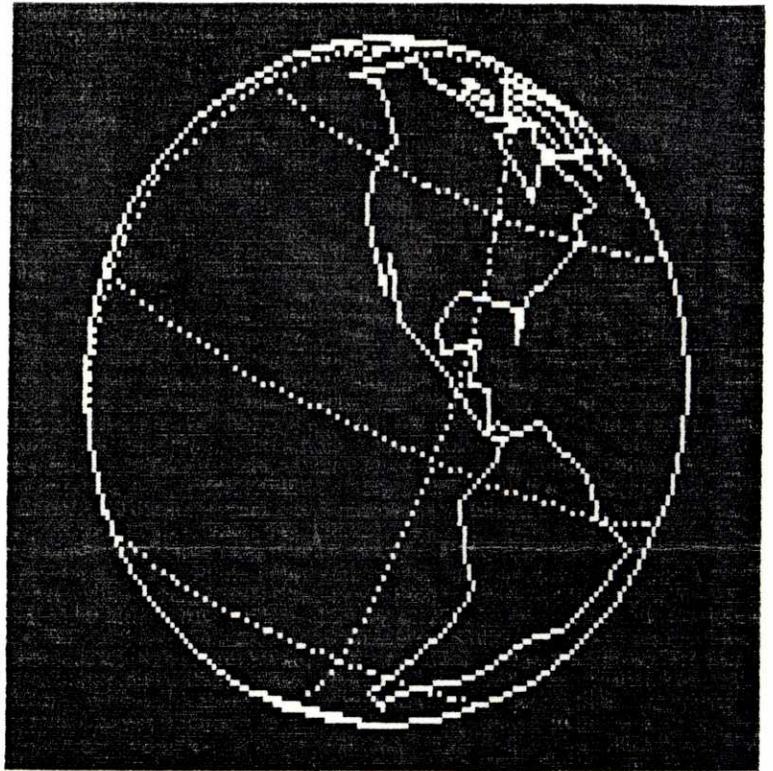
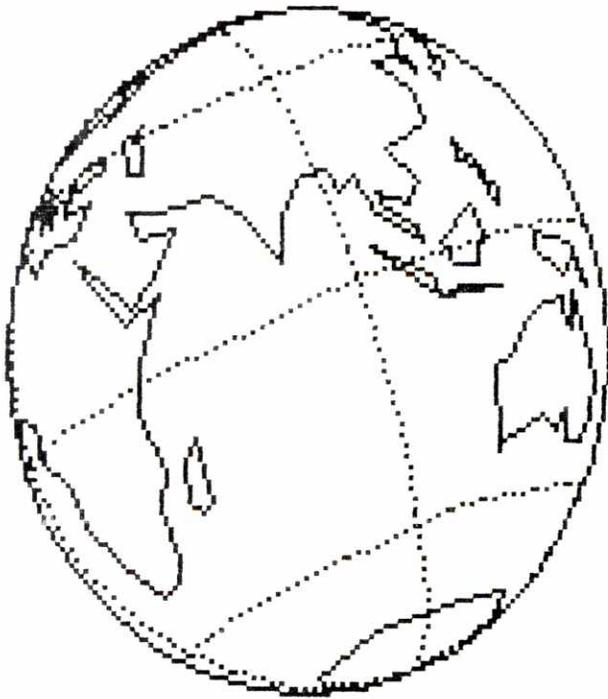
AWARDS BOOK Cris Henderson, G4FAM, is not only back into the CDXC fold, he is also now on the HF Committee (along with myself, G3ZAY, G3GIQ, G3KMA ...) and helping the RSGB revise the outdated awards book. If you know of any awards that ought to be included I am sure Cris would be delighted to hear from you. However, he proposes not to include awards of the "worked all members of the Little Puddlewick in the Marsh Radio Club" variety.

GW4BLE Steve writes to the effect that he is strongly against the mega-station concept (see the last CDXC newsletter). Steve comments that he thought this was amateur radio. Any comments from the rest of the membership?

G3GIQ Henry worked 3C1MB on 40 recently for his 1500th band country. Many congratulations Henry! I am happy to run band scores (including WARC) in this newsletter if there is interest.

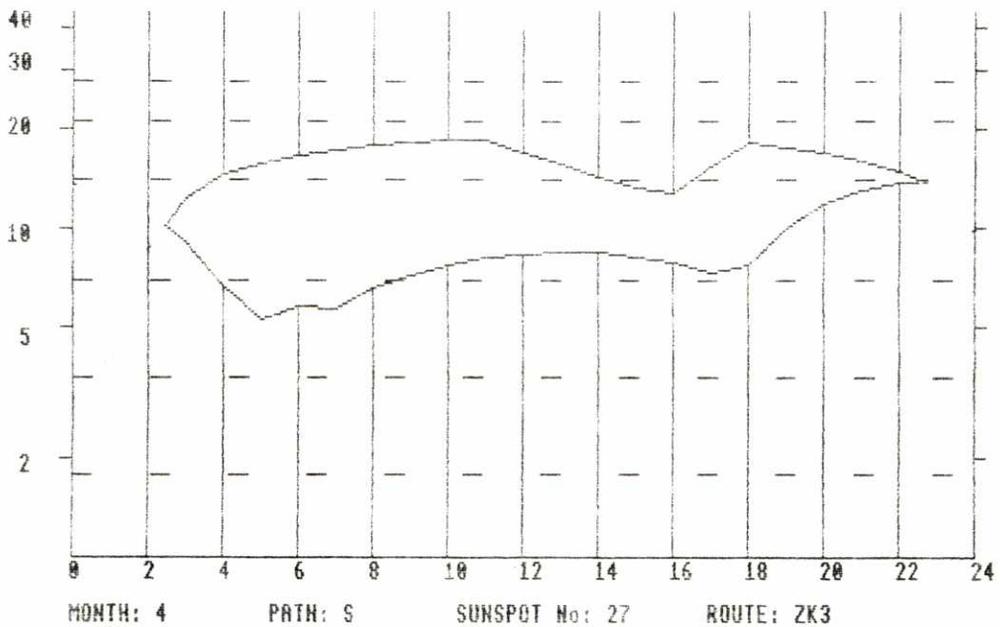
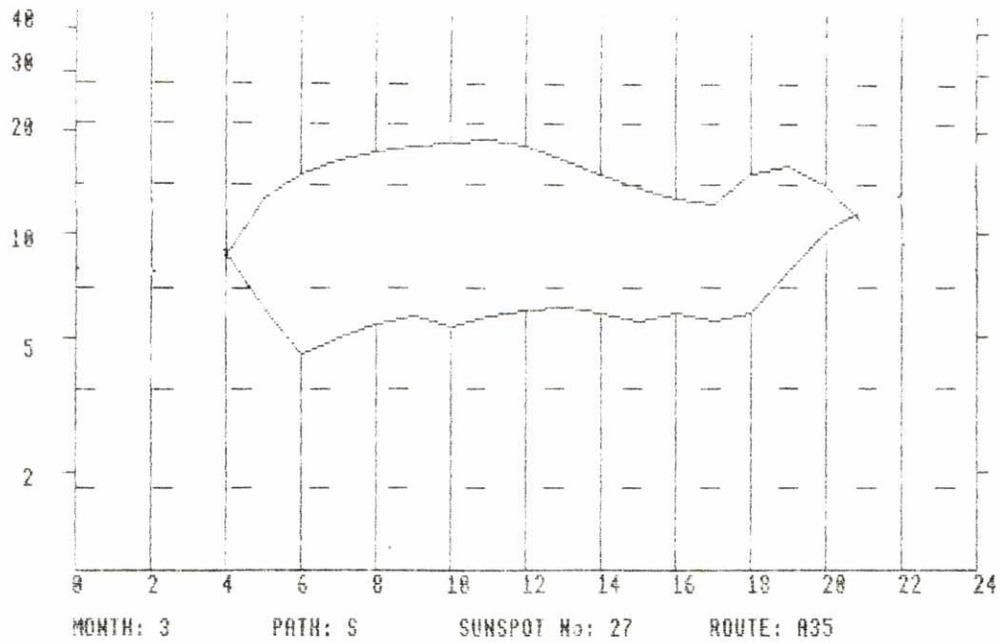
That's it for now. A mixed bag. I'm not entirely sure what to include in here because I don't really know how much gen members pick up over 2/4 metres, from DXNS, and from the Hambank. Any comments would be welcome. I promise to make the next issue a more meaty one. Sorry, but I won't be able to make the "do". Hope to see some of you at the NEC. 73.

Don, G3XTT



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RAY-LINE PATHS The above computer produced map shows the position of the terminator at UK Sunrise on 1 March, 1986. (Similar to DX-Edge)



SUNRISE/SUNSET TIMES FOR ZLIAMO OPERATIONS

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| A35 | Tonga | March 1st - 1736/0609 | March 10th - 1739/0602 |
| 5W | W Samoa | March 14th - 1729/0544 | |
| ZK3 | Tokelaus | March 15th - 1731/0534 | March 30th - 1733/0527 |
| | | April 15th - 1733/0520 | |

The above graphs were plotted using a 10cm Solar Flux figure of 85, which is a reasonable average of recent readings. Both refer to the Short Path.