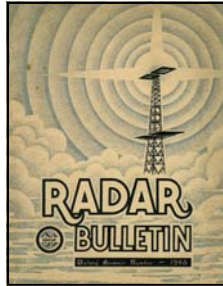


2007 Newsletter

Bawdsey Radar Group

is very grateful for the support it has received over the past year. This newsletter gives a taste of some of the activities we have undertaken and those we plan to undertake in the coming year. We hope it will encourage you to continue supporting us.



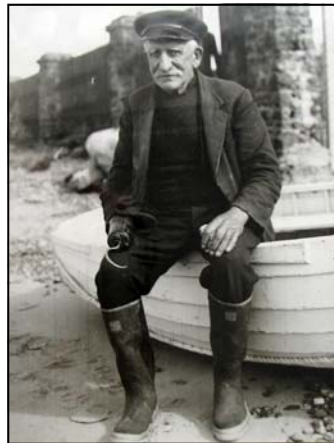
The Transmitter Block will be open again this summer, featuring the 'Magic Ear' exhibition. We aim to build on last year's successful coffee shop by adding a small Gift Shop.

During the Easter weekend, over 160 people visited the Transmitter Block. Our visitors included Lyndall Phelps, who is researching how pigeons were used in WW1 and WW2, and FelixstoweTV. Look on FelixstoweTV's website for the feature on the Transmitter Block: www.felixstowetv.co.uk

We continue to be encouraged by the support of our members and the interest shown by the public. We had about 1500 visitors to the Transmitter Block last year and we took part in various events. At the Maritime Woodbridge weekend we were privileged to



First line of defence!
Russell Smith (centre)



Charlie Brinkley
Bawdsey Ferryman

meet, Roderick, the nephew of Robert Watson Watt. As a young man he spent time with his uncle and aunt and had many first-hand experiences to tell us. He was invited to be part of our Oral History Project, 'Shout and Whisper', for which we have received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

By the end of this month, it is expected that 50 Oral History interviews will have been completed and the process of putting some of these on our website has begun. Interviewees have generously given photographs and other items of interest. A few of these images are included in this newsletter.



Veteran car day

We have continued to give talks to other organisations and have had visits from various groups. We have not been discouraged, either by the very cold and wet day on which we were visited by 60 cars from the veteran car club, or by the night of sub-zero temperatures on which the heating failed as we gave a presentation to the Leiston Air Cadets. We have been made most welcome whatever the weather.

If you know of organisations which would like a presentation on the history of radar and what we are trying to achieve please let us know.

As 2007 is the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of RAF Bawdsey an Open Day will be held on Bawdsey Manor Estate on Saturday 15th September. This is a joint



Jean Coggeshall
Radar Instructor

venture with Bawdsey Manor and Bawdsey Village. Further details will follow.

Bawdsey Radar Group could not continue without the help of our volunteers. The Air Cadets from Woodbridge and Leiston have been invaluable. Here is a picture of them drilling on the roof of the Transmitter Block in an off duty moment!



Air Cadets drilling on roof of T-Block

We hope, very soon, to sign a lease on the Transmitter Block. Having received funding from the Architectural Heritage Fund, we have commissioned the Morton Partnership to carry out an Options Appraisal. The findings of the Options Appraisal will enable us to begin fundraising for the conservation of the Block and the establishment there of a permanent exhibition. Each day the fulfilment of our vision moves a little closer, but it cannot be achieved without the continued support of the public.



Bawdsey Ferry piloted by Tubby Marjoram



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