

CB radio in Llanidloes, and local area

In the second half of the 80s. And early 90s. a novel way of local communication became popular, CB radio (Citizens band radio). This was the time before mobile phones, and it was an easy way to contact people, other than use the ordinary telephone. It was soon discovered that in certain conditions it was possible to make contact over very long distances, even as far as Poland, etc. and on very rare occasions even the USA. This prompted the setting up of a CB club to take advantage of this unexpected advantage. In the early days a licence was required to operate a CB radio, as illustrated by one of my early licences

CITIZENS' BAND RADIO LICENCE

NOTE: THIS LICENCE HAS EFFECT ONLY IF THE LICENSEE IS AGED 14 YEARS OR OVER.

Licence Number	Expires with Last Day of	Fee on issue £	This Licence covers the following number of sets
02689557-3	09/85	10	3

MR WF BAGLEY

GLANSEVERN
EASTGATE ST
LLANIDLOES
POWYS
SY18 6HZ



WIRELESS
TELEGRAPHY
ACT 1949

ANY CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED PROMPTLY BY TAKING THIS LICENCE TO ANY POST OFFICE FOR AMENDMENT.

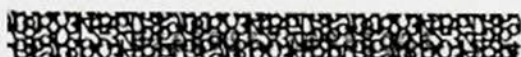
Licence Fee
Stamps
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(hereinafter called 'the licensee') is hereby licensed subject to the terms, provisions and limitations set out below and in the Schedule: (a) to establish and use up to 3 Citizens' Band sending and receiving stations for wireless telegraphy using only apparatus which conforms in all respects to the Department of Trade and Industry specifications MPT 1320 and/or MPT 1321 †; (b) to establish and use additional such stations during the currency of this licence provided that the appropriate renewal fee is paid in respect of those additional stations on or before the next renewal date and the licence is amended accordingly.

This licence shall, subject to clause 13 below, continue in force up to and including the date of expiry specified above and thereafter as long as the licensee pays to the Secretary of State in advance in each year on or before that date such renewal fee as is prescribed by regulations under section 2(1) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949.

Issued on behalf of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

WARNING: This licence is not valid until it has been initialled by the issuing officer and until it bears the appropriate licence fee stamps and date stamp impression.



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To be completed by the Post Office

† See note overleaf.



This is a record of setting up the Mid Wales D X Club. (DX is Long distance)

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THE MID-WALES D.X. CLUB NEWS SHEET N°1 OCT 1984.

On 12th September 1984 a meeting was held at the MYLTON ARMS, Pont-dol-goch to discuss the setting up of a MID-WALES (MIKE WHISKY) D. X. CLUB. Eight people attended the meeting. They were:—

BILL BAGLEY	(SKYLARK)	LLANIDLOES.
STUART INGRAM	(GHOST RIDER)	LLANIDLOES
PAUL BENNETT	(DOMINANT ONE)	LLANIDLOES
KEN PHILIPS	(HAPPY WANDERER)	CARNO
REG ROE	(TRANSAM)	TALERDDIG
COLIN BALLARD	(IRON HORSE)	CAERSWS
DONALD RINGER	(BEE MAN)	PANT-Y-DWR
ELVET DAVIES	(CAVALIER)	NEWTOWN

The idea of a D. X. CLUB had been discussed between Skylark and Ghost-Rider for some time and this first meeting was the first step to bring the club in to being. There were a number of other people interested, but unable to attend the meeting. It was a good meeting, with unanimous decisions taken on all points discussed. Briefly, the following were the main decisions:—

The P.O. Box to be located in Newtown, with Cavalier responsible for collecting and semi-distributing the mail from the box

The cost of the P.O. Box (£34) to be paid for by Skylark, who is to be re-imbursed from money paid into the club by way of membership fees

The membership fee to be set at £2.50p for this first year, hopefully to be reduced next year

The Q.S.L. cards to be designed and printed by Phantom Pharo cards of Newtown at a cost of £55 per 1000, again paid for by Skylark. Skylark will distribute the cards at cost price, in any quantity

The date for the official opening of the club was set for November 1st 1984, at a venue not yet decided, the Mylton Arms not being quite large enough.

Ghost Rider volunteered to be club secretary, and Skylark

agreed to be treasurer, mainly because of the fact that in the initial stages he would have to pay some of the bills with his own money.

As previously stated, it was agreed by all that the meeting had been very enjoyable, and all were looking forward to the further enjoyment to be obtained by being a member of the MIKE WHISKY D. X. CLUB.

Since the meeting on 12TH Sept, the Post-Office has allocated a P.O. Box N^o which will be available as from 1ST November.

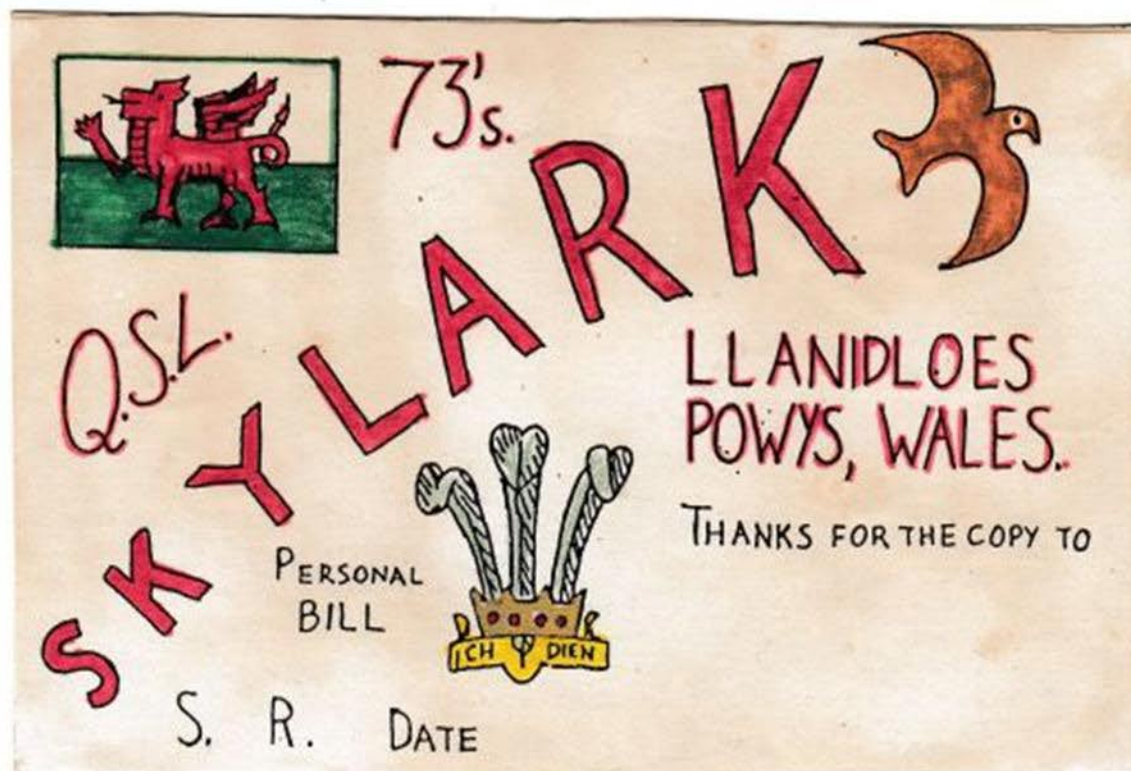
P. O. Box 16,
NEWTOWN
POWYS

LIST OF WOULD-BE MEMBERS, AND MEMBERS (MEMBERSHIP NOT OFFICIAL TILL MEMBERSHIP FEE OF £2.50 P PAID).

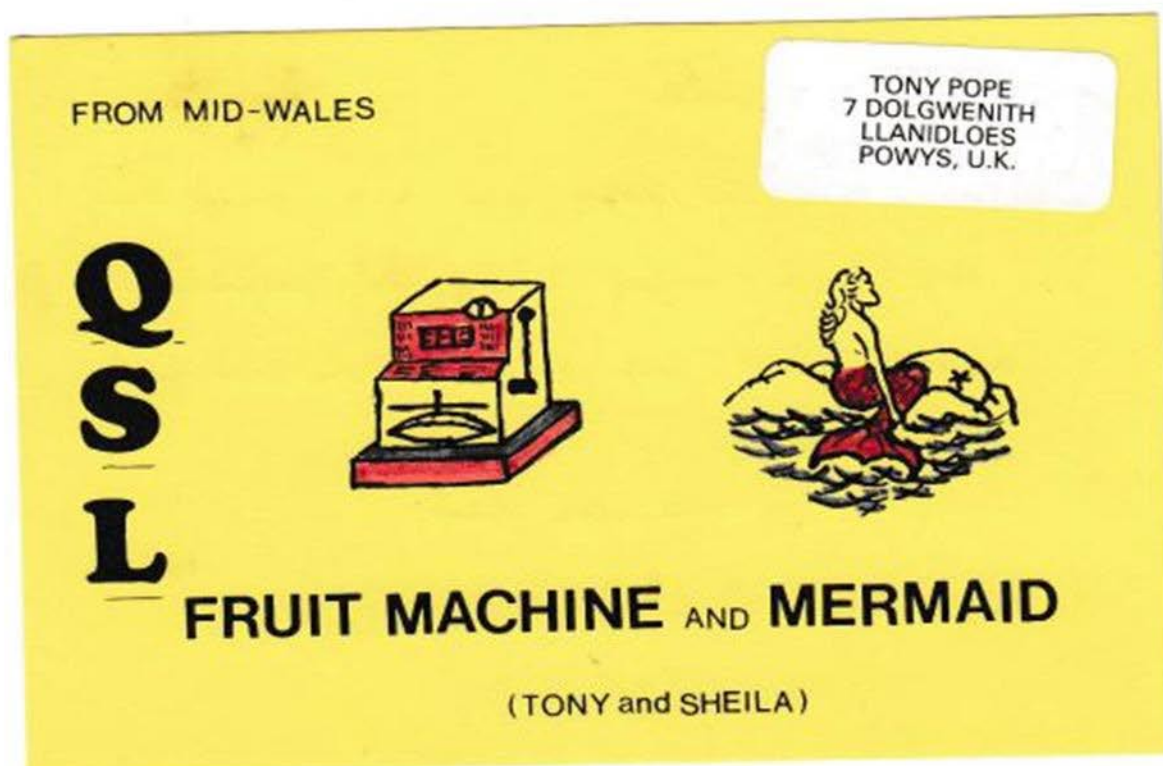
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* GHOST RIDER	MW02	LLANIDLOES	COWBOY	MW12	ABERMULE
DOMINANT ONE	MW03	LLANIDLOES	IRONHORSE	MW14	CAERSWS
RHODE ISLAND RED	MW04	LLANIDLOES	GUITAR MAN	MW15	LLANDRINDOD
HAPPY WANDERER	MW05	CARNO	RINGO ONE	MW16	LLANIDLOES
TRANSAM	MW06	TALERDDIG	BIG J	MW17	LLANGADFAN
* CAVALIER	MW07	NEWTOWN	RIFLEMAN	MW18	NEWTOWN
TOOLBOX	MW08	FOEL	IRONFIGHTER	MW19	FOEL/CANNOCK
* BEE MAN	MW09	PANT-Y-DWR	WILLIAM TELL	MW20	NEWTOWN

* PAID UP MEMBERS. ON 23RD
OCTOBER 1984.

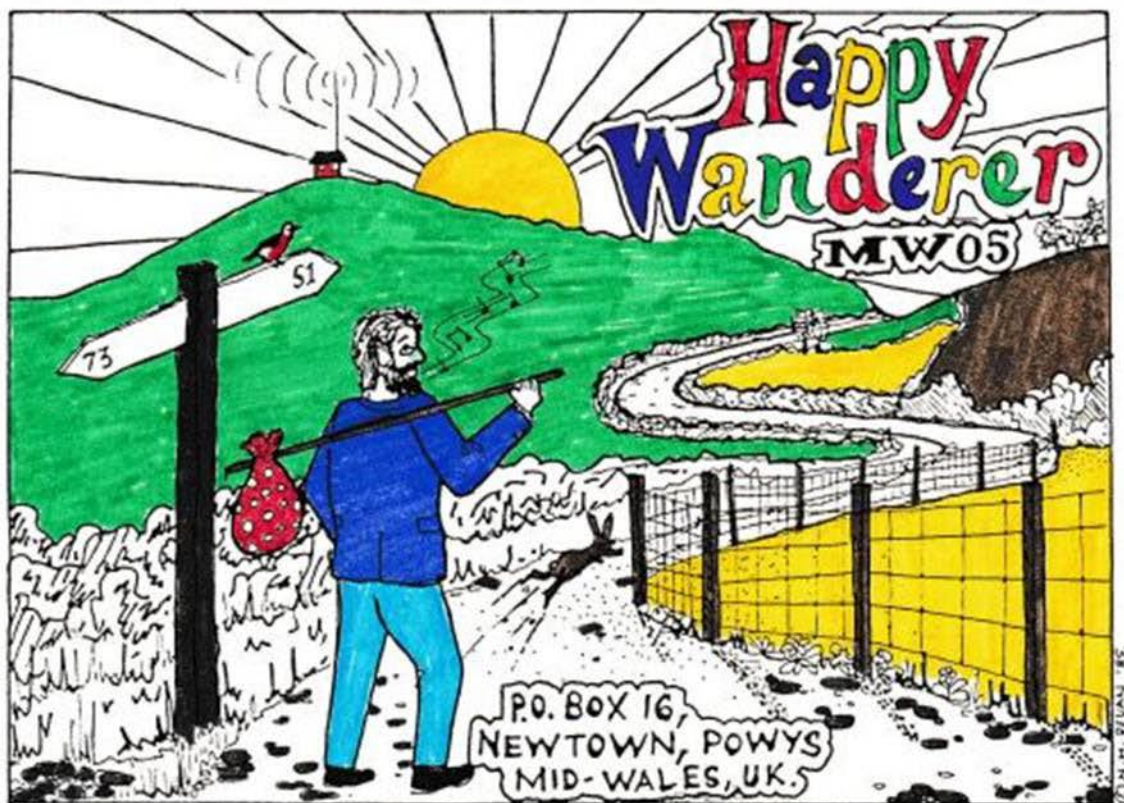
QSL cards, mostly hand produced, were exchanged by members, both as a friendly gesture, and also as proof of contact having been made. Each member designed their own card, and some of these are illustrated.



Bill Bagley



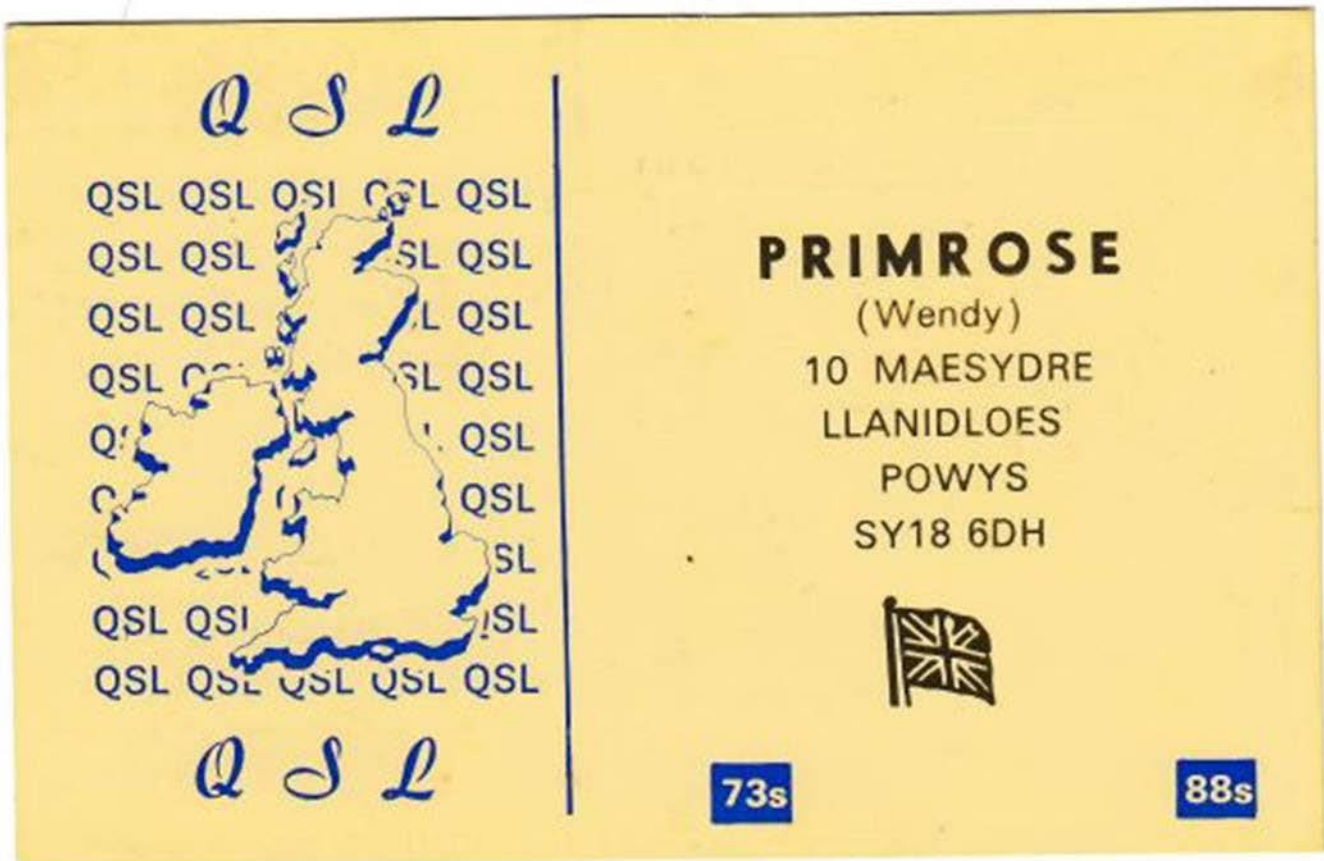
Tony and Sheila Pope



Ken Philips - Carno



Paul Bennet (Dominant 1) and Wendy



Wendy

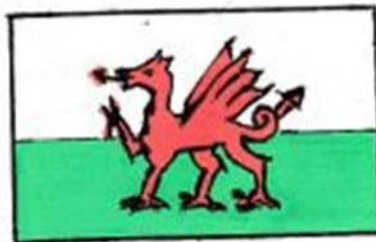
Best Wishes from
the highest Village

LLANGURIG



WALES U.K.

CATHERINE
(Patient)



MALCOLM
(Silver Spanner)



Malcolm and Catherine Parry-Llangurig

BEST WISHES FROM THE HIGHEST
VILLAGE IN WALES

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LLANGURIG

BILL
(SKYLARK)

TO C.B. BREAKER

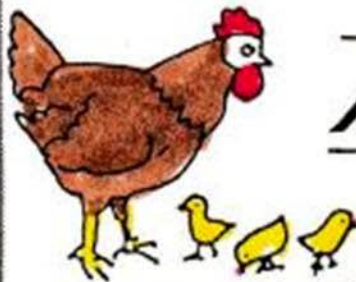
PERSONAL
MALCOLM PARRY
2 MAES-Y-LLAN
LLANGURIG, LLANIDLOES, POWYS SY18 6RW

MY COPY S7 lbs. RADIO 5
ON CH. FM 20 DATE 20/11/83

Malcolm Parry

73's from the FIRST TOWN on the RIVER SEVERN

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No 1 Chick

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—Mike Whisky 04—

— P.O. Box 16 • Newtown • Powys • Wales • SY16 IZZ • UK —

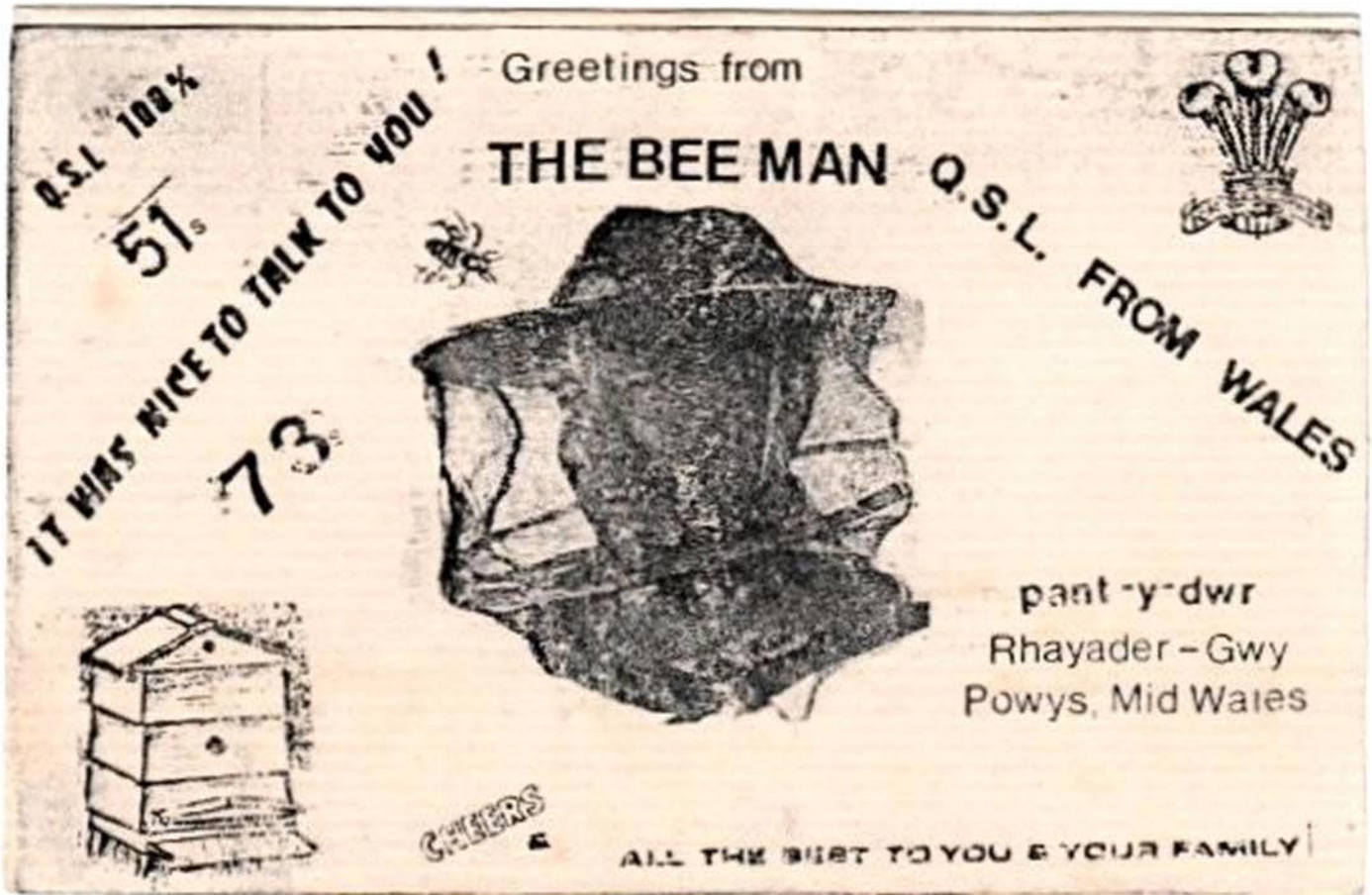
Delwyn Morgan and Beat



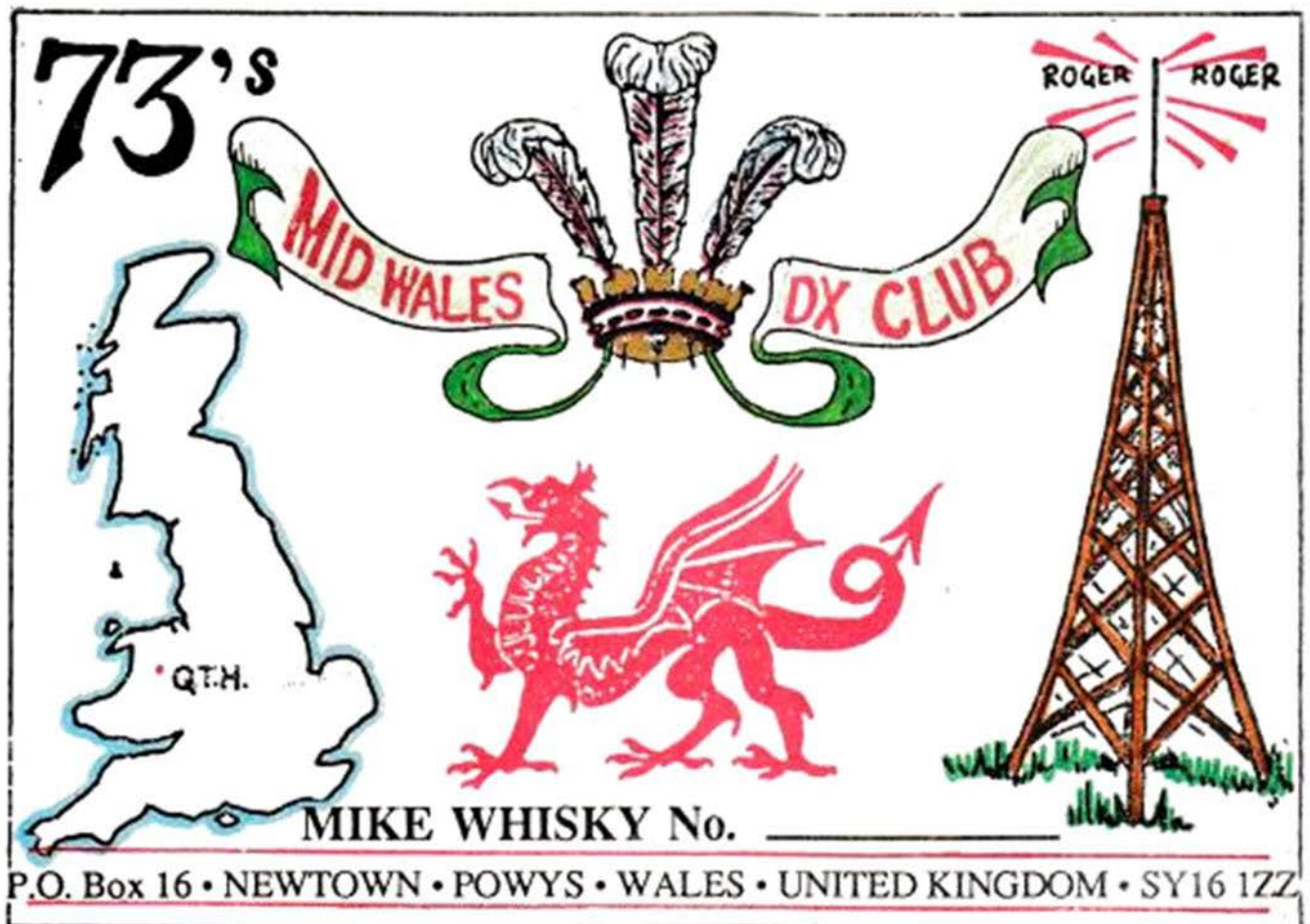
Elvet Davies



Reg Roe (Brother to Alan Roe)



Donald Ringer—Pant y Dwr



Club card, For use by all members

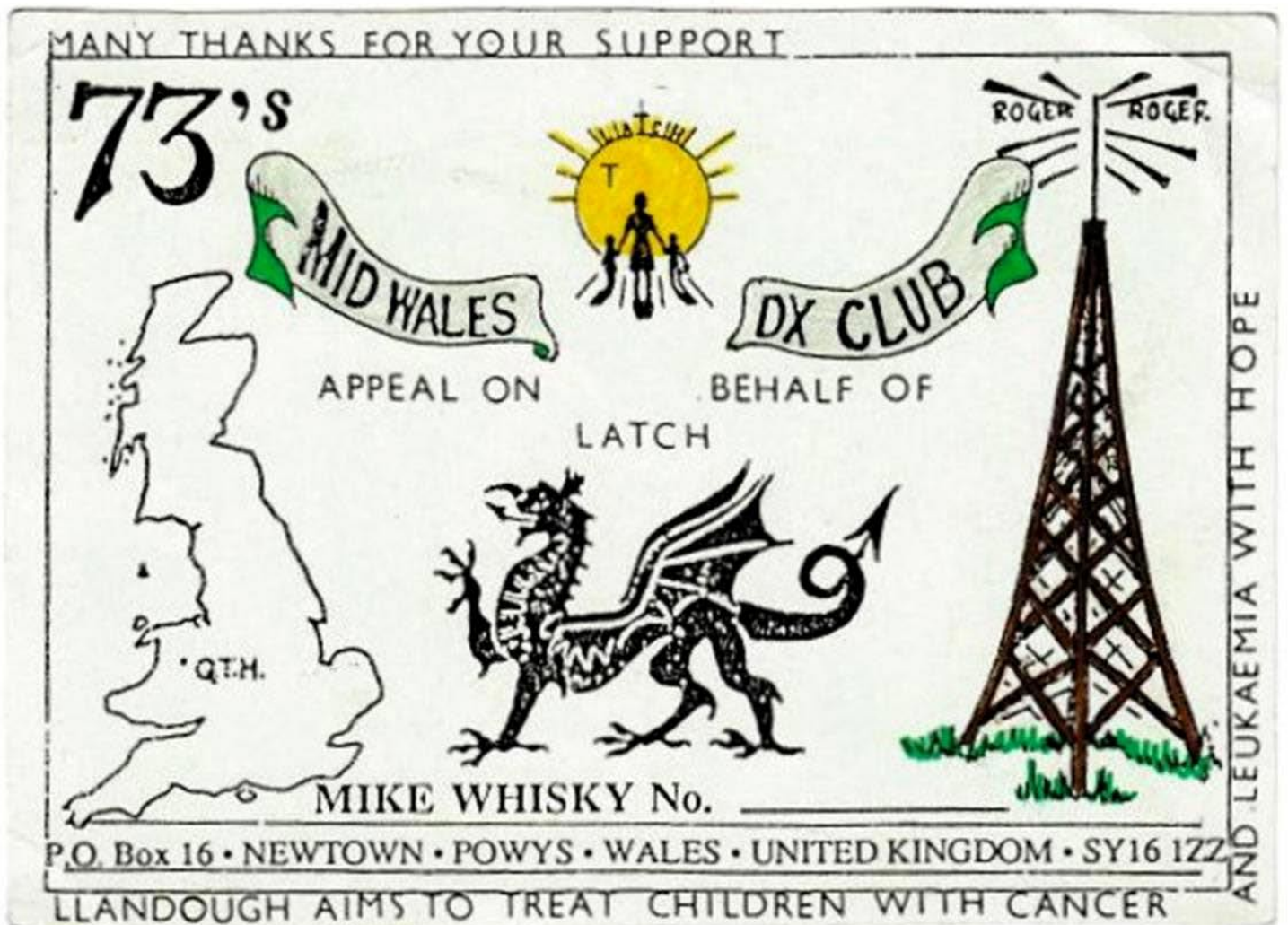
On several occasions, club members organised fund raising events for different charities. A hill-top would be chosen to set up a radio station, and members would take it in turn to operate the transmitter, and appeal for donations over the air



Bone Marrow Research fund 1985



Cancer Relief, shortly after the death of Transam (Reg Roe)



November 1989. This was an appeal on behalf of LATCH (Children with cancer). We set up a station close to the transmitter mast in Llangurig. We had a small caravan, and the transmitter antenna was supplied by John Knight. This particular event sticks in my mind because of a near disaster. There were about six of us in this very small caravan. Donald Ringer (Bee man) was designated to make the tea. We noticed an awful smell in the caravan. Donald had mistaken the Paraffin container for water, and was trying to boil a couple of pints of paraffin on the camping stove.

The club eventually faded and closed for two reasons Firstly more modern communications came into use, and secondly the airwaves became infected with anti-social operators who used very foul language, and had no thoughts for the respect of other users. These rouge operators were called “ Bucket mouths “

In the late 90,s for a short time, myself and the Rev,d Powell would take a CB up on a hill and have a bit of fun. He was the Good Shepherd, and I adopted a new handle Flagpole. I remember one contact especially. It was with a Light house keeper in Anglesey.



Finally, back to the beginning, and my apologies to Stuart Ingram (Ghost Rider). He was instrumental in forming the club, but I simply can not find his card. This is the first ever Llanidloes club card.