

**MELTON MOWBRAY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
ANNUAL D.F. CONTEST (FOXHUNT)**

- a. Participating members should meet on the car park at The South Melton Community Centre, Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray (O.S.Sheet 129 - NGR SK750177) at about 7.15pm on the evening agreed for the event and shown on the Programme of Events.
- b. The hidden station (the "fox") will be located somewhere on OS Map Sheet 129 - 1:50000 "Nottingham & Loughborough".
- c. The fox, using the callsign G7FOX/P, will make a short test call at EXACTLY 7.30pm in order that watches may be synchronised and the operation of equipment checked. No DF bearings are to be taken at this time. This INITIAL transmission WILL be on S22 (145.550MHz).
- d. In the event of QRM, you will be advised to QSY to the next free frequency from the following list: S23, S21, S19, S18, S17 etc. Frequency Modulation (FM) will be used throughout the event.
- e. The first transmission on which a DF bearing may be taken, will be at 7.45pm and will last for FIVE MINUTES.
- f. Each subsequent transmission will be on the quarter-hour, namely 20.00, 20.15, 20.30 etc.
- g. The fox may alter the transmitted power level, but at no time will it be less than the initial test transmission at para (c) above, so DO NOT rely on received signal strengths as a guide.
- h. Other than in an emergency, please do NOT transmit on the frequency in use. Apart from the possibility of inadvertently "clashing" with the fox's transmission, there is the chance that you could assist other members by accidentally transmitting useful information.
- i. If you find the fox, please try and hide your car as best as you can, so that other members are not given clues.
- J. No-one will be left stranded. Sometime around 21.15 - 21.45, the fox will cease normal DF transmissions and will repeatedly transmit the name and location of the "watering hole" to which all members should QSY. If you haven't found the fox by this time, well, better luck next year!
- k. A final warning - please be SAFETY CONSCIOUS at ALL TIMES and drive carefully. The vast majority of British drivers will NOT expect the lunatic in front to suddenly stop dead from 50mph because there's a small patch of earth which can be used as a lay-by! Also, please park sensibly and do not utilize the middle of the road as a suitable place for holding a 22-element beam and waving it about. Other motorists tend to find this off-putting!
- l. Observe the COUNTRY CODE. Although the fox MAY be on private land, it is unlikely to be so. Even if it is, it will be close to the public highway. The fox will NOT, under ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, be on land marked "Private", so DO NOT pass any signs saying "Private". Neither will it be on any site accessed through gates, UNLESS the gates obviously follow "Gated Road Ahead" signs. An example, where the fox may be on private land, within the rules, is when hidden on a disused airfield where there is no public restriction on access and where the land APPEARS to be public.

HAVE A GOOD NIGHT OUT AND SEE YOU IN THE PUB

PS: The winner is not only next year's "fox", but by convention he also buys the first round!