

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 13th July 1986

The elusive Radio Veronica have been heard at last, albeit from a different location and on a communications receiver. They appear to currently be the only station operating on the Liverpool side of the river. Radio Mersey Waves and Radio Julie seem to be the only stations operating on the Wirral. While Mersey Waves seem to be short of DJs, Julie are attracting them like bees to a honeypot and are operating much longer hours than previously. The schedules printed this week are partly announced and partly heard.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW.

Monday: 8am-11am Peter Thomas; 11am-1pm Barry Noble; 1pm-3pm Alan Bates; 5pm-7pm Jeff Starr; 7pm-9pm KtC; 9pm-11pm Mark Burgess; 11pm-1am Mark Newman.

It was later announced that Mark Burgess was unable to do his show and that from 9pm-11pm close-down,,Mark Newman would take over. He hadn't turned up by 9:30pm, and KtC wasn't able to stay, so he switched the transmitter off

Friday: 9am-11am Paul James; 11am-1pm DJC; 1pm-3pm Peter Thomas; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-7pm Desa; 7pm-10pm Mark Newman; 10pm-Midnight ??; Midnight-1am KtC.

When checked at 9:55pm, the station had already gone from the air although earlier announcements suggested that they might close-down early for "technical adjustments".

Saturday: 9am-11am Mad Mike; 11am-2pm Paul James; 2pm-4pm DJC; 4pm-6pm KtC & Paul Woods; 6pm-8pm Desa; 8pm-10pm Tara; 10pm-12:20am close-down Mark Newman.

A trouble-free day for a change:

Sunday: ??-11am Peter Thomas; 11am-1pm Wayne Scott; 1pm-3pm Paul Jay; 3pm-5pm Burt Williams; 5pm-7pm Mark Wright; 7pm-9:45pm KtC; 9:45pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am KtC; 1am-3am Paul Woods.

There has been a lot of "re-shuffling" on the station, with Mark Wright being unable to do a Saturday morning show, and Peter Thomas now working seven nights per week. A lot of the stations problems seem due to so many of the DJs working the clubs and discos that they are hard-pressed to find any evening presenters.

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz: 15, Pitch Close, The Crofters, Greasby, Wirral, Merseyside L49 2RR

Some of the "new" presenters heard on this station this weekend have been Tom Webb and Jim Lowe (both ex-Concept, which has presumably closed down), Dave Moore (ex-Commodore) and Phil Smith (ex-Commodore, ex-Slag Off Int). The Friday schedule is very incomplete as the station wasn't expected on the air so soon.

Friday: 6:20pm-7pm Wayne George; 7pm-8pm Andy Davies; 8pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-Midnight Joe Williams; Midnight-2am Tony West; 2am-4am Dave Moore

Saturday: 11am-1pm Dave Moore; 1pm-3pm Tony Coltrane(ex-Mersey Waves); 3pm-5pm Ray Jackson; 5pm-7pm Wayne George; 7pm-8pm Andy Davies; 8pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-Midnight Joe Williams; Midnight-2am Tony West; 2am-4am Phil Smith

Sunday: 11am-1pm Tom Webb; 1pm-3pm Jim Lowe; 3pm-5pm Continuous music in lieu of Dave Moore; 5pm-7pm Wayne George; 7pm-8pm Andy Davies; 8pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-Midnight Dave Collins in for Joe Williams; Midnight-2am Tony West; 2am-4am Phil Smith.

The new schedule for this station is still unclear but seems to be Fri/Sat/Sun from 11am to 4am the following morning

RADIO VERONICA 104.7MHz: 81, Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP

This station was noted on Sunday from 8pm to 8:20pm close-down. Reception was grim due to splatter from Radio Julie and co-channel police interference. The DJ was Neil Frazer who announced stickers and tee-shirts available and was asking for would-be advertisers to contact them. Schedule seems to be Fri/Sat/Sun from 2pm-8pm and they say that they will probably also be on Short Wave next weekend, although no frequency was heard.

Reports say that they use 1017kHz MW, but as nothing has been heard here, it could be that these broadcasts are of an occasional nature

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