

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 15th March 1987

This week has been another period when very few stations have been noted. Radio Julie have not been heard but others report unmodulated carriers on both 1530kHz and 103.8MHz. If the usual pattern is repeated, all the stations in the area will make a special effort to be on the air at Easter.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz; 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L44 1AU. This week has seen further revision to the normal line-up to cover for absent DJs. They have announced that from Sat. 21st March, an ex-Radio City DJ will take over the 6pm-8pm slot for a period of four weeks. They are keeping the name of this DJ secret until he actually appears on his first show. Noted this week were:-

- Mon: 8am Dave Collins; 10:22am Jeff Starr; Noon Jeff Starr + Mark Newman; 1pm Peter Thomas(for DJC); 3pm Peter Thomas; 5pm Mark Palmer; 7pm DJ Sidney; 9pm Mark Newman; 11pm Mark Wright; 12:30am DJ Sidney; 3am close-down
- Fri: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Mark Palmer(for Mad Mike); Noon Mark Palmer; 2pm Mark Palmer(for Paul James); 4pm Peter Thomas; 6pm Paul Woods; 8pm DJ Sidney; 10pm Kevin Jordan; Midnight Peter Thomas; 2am c/down
- Sat: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Mark Wright; Noon Charles Pope; 2pm Charles Pope(for Paul James); 4pm KtC; 6pm Kevin Jordan(for "B" + Paul James); 8pm Kevin Jordan; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight Dave Collins; 2am close-down
- Sun: 9am Kevin Jordan; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Wayne Scott(for Tony Coltrane); Don La One (for Tony Coltrane); 3pm Burt Williams; 5pm Peter Thonas(for DJC); 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Mark Newman; Midnight Tony Hollis; 2am c/down

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO 1404kHz: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD. This station was noted from 10:05am on Sunday after apparently opening at 10am. The only DJ heard was Phil Davies, who closed the station down at 3pm. Last weekend it seems that their signal was heard in Blackpool although there was no trace of it here in Wallasey or in Bootle.

RADIO MERSEYLAND 1395kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF. This station was also heard in Blackpool last weekend and are reported to have a much improved signal. This weekend they were noted from 10:20am on Sunday but they say that their full schedule was:-

- Sun: 7:30am Continuous music; 8am Mark Evans; 9am Dave Starr; 10am Mark Evans; Noon Jim Browne; 2pm Dave Starr; 3pm Mark Evans; 3:15pm close-down

LATE NEWS

A letter from CONCEPT RADIO tells me that they heard Radio Julie "testing" on Friday around mid-day, but that the station wasn't heard at their location on either Saturday or Sunday. They also inform me that Keith of KDA ~~heard~~ briefly heard Slag-Off International very late on Friday evening. Widnes FM were also on the air on Sunday, though the broadcast times weren't noted, and Keith taped part of their programming, which Jim Lowe and Tom Webb have kindly forwarded to myself.

IT'S RADIO ST HELENS

St. Helens could soon have its own BBC radio station if the plans of one Radio Merseyside man come to fruition.

Ian Judson is the new station manager at Radio Merseyside and his plans include a number of one-man 'satellite' stations.

The stations will be based in the Wirral, Southport and St. Helens, and will be linked to the main studios in Paradise Street, Liverpool.

"St. Helens is a very lively news area," Mr. Judson told the Leader. "Staff who go out to do stories in the town can go back to the St. Helens studio where there will be a telephone, microphone and editing equipment. "They can then send their

story already prepared and edited down the telephone line to Liverpool where it will go on air."

The studio could also be used to do live interviews without the interviewee having to go into Liverpool.

Mr. Judson hopes to be meeting with St. Helens Council within the coming weeks.

"We have an agreement in principle with St. Helens Council that they will find premises for the studio.

"All we are looking for is a place the size of a broom cupboard but it needs to be available for as many hours as possible."

Radio Merseyside already have a satellite station in the County Council offices in Chester.

Mr. Judson said he would like to get moving on the St. Helens studio within the next six months.

That's the BBC's plan

ST. HELENS LEADER

DATE UNKNOWN.