

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 24th May 1987

On Tuesday 19th May, Andy Davies of Radio Julie was in court to receive sentence arising from the two raids on the station by the DTI on August 1986 and February 1987. He faced two charges of operating the station and one charge of installing it. He was fined £35 on each of the first charges and £80 on the other, with £50 costs. At one stage it did seem as though the court would impose a much more severe sentence.

RADIO ATLANTIS 936kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW.

Radio 976 was on the air on Monday but identifying as Radio 976, Radio Jackie North and Radio Atlantis at different times of the day. They said that from this weekend they would be on the air Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon. By the weekend they had moved to 936kHz and decided to call the station Radio Atlantis. They are also announcing a mailing address and asking for reception reports. The only DJs heard have been Rick Dane and Steve Bishop. The full schedule hasn't been noted, but is believed to have been:-

- Mon: 10:30am Cont. music; 11am Steve Bishop; 3pm Rick Dane; 5pm Steve Bishop; 6pm c/down
- Fri: 11am Steve Bishop; 3pm Rick Dane; 5pm Steve Bishop; 6pm close-down.
- Sat: 11:30am Cont music; Noon Steve Bishop; 3pm Rick Dane; 4:50pm close-down (due to reasons beyond our control)
- Sun: Noon Steve Bishop; 2pm Rick Dane; 4pm Steve Bishop; 8pm close-down

CHESTER COMMUNITY RADIO 104.2MHz: 66, Aldford Road, Upton, Chester.

On Wed. 20th May, Marcher Sound moved to 103.4MHz forcing Chester Community Radio to move from their usual 103.5MHz frequency. They moved to 104.2MHz and would have been almost directly over Concept Radio, had this station been on the air. Noted this Bank Holiday Sunday were:-

- Sun: 7pm Ken Greenwood; 8pm Stu Bird; 9pm Peter Collins; 10pm Alan Hogg; 11pm Brian James; Midnight close-down.

This station is not due back on the air again till 30th August

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

This station stayed off the air on Monday but opened up again on Friday, as announced. Heard this week have been:-

- Fri: 7am Mark Palmer; 10am T.P.Toppick; Noon Kay Morris; 2pm Tony West; 4pm Peter Thomas; 6:20pm Paul Woods; 8pm DJ Sidney; 10pm Kevin Jordan; Midnight Tony West; 2am c/down
- Sat: 10am Mark Palmer(said late on air because aerial had blown down in the night); 10:30am Mark Wright; Noon Charles Pope; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Mark Newman; 5pm KtC; 8pm Tony West; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight Tony West and Roy; 2am c/down
- Sun: 9am Kevin Jordan; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Tony Coltrane; 3pm Peter Thomas; 5pm DJC; 6pm KtC and Paul Woods; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Mark Newman; Midnight Mark Palmer; 2am(??) c/down.

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz: 112, Greenwood Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead, Merseyside L49 8HU.

This station appears to have had a few problems of an undisclosed nature this week. Like Radio Mersey Waves, they too "played it safe" and stayed off the air on Monday. They weren't noted till 5pm on Friday, with sign-on time being undetermined. It was announced that the station was "Under New Management", with Andy Davies taking over from Phil Smith. They were operating normally at midnight, but on Saturday morning, Mark Ross seemed to be standing in for everyone! At 1pm, Phil Smith started a programme, during which he said that Andy Rogers had arrived and he intimated that Andy Rogers would be starting a show a few minutes later, on the hour. When checked at 2:30pm, the carrier only was on the frequency. Shortly before 4pm, modulation started again with Neil Bishop <sup>asking</sup> for one of the DJs who was present when the station left the air to call round to the location and let them know WHY the station had left the air. Some time after 10pm, when Andy Davies was standing-in for Tom Richie, he announced that 8 or 10 DJs had left the station, which had abandoned its plans to go 24hr over the weekend period. At no time have they been advertising any programmes for Bank Holiday Monday. Noted have been:-

- Fri: .....; 5pm Mark Ross; 7pm Carl "W"; 8pm Crezzey; 10pm Andy Davies; Midnight Paula "P"; ..... 2am(?) BJ the DJ(?)
- Sat: 10am Mark Ross(for Andy Rogers); Noon Mark Ross(for Paul Western); 1pm Phil Smith; 1:56pm Andy Rogers;...2:30pm not on air....4pm Neil Bishop; 6pm Crezzey; 8pm Andy Sloane; 10pm Andy Davies; Midnight Continuous music.....
- Sun: 8am Scott Brennan(?); 10am The Lone Ranger; Noon Kenny Gee; 2pm Joe Williams; 4pm Louise Thompson(for Peter Johnson); 6pm Kenny MG; 8pm Phil Smith; 9pm Mark Ross; 10:15pm Carl "W"; Midnight Mark Ross; 2am Sergeant Bilko; 4am(?) Close-down

**SLAG-OFF INT. 105.2MHz:** 132, Norwood Road, Poulton, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 4EG. This station appear to have been unusually quiet this week. Possibly they are keeping their new, more powerful transmitter well out of the way of the DTI! This week they were noted on Friday from 9:15pm, with Mike Hughes in the "hot seat" at each check, but the station had gone from the air when checked shortly after midnight.

**CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz:** 13, Kipling Avenue, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 2DH. This station is reported to be off the air for the next few Sunday evenings due to other committments in the Liverpool area., although they are expected to be back on the air for Bank Holiday Monday. A polite letter to Chester Community Radio from this station, advising them that 104.3MHz is "occupied" on Sundays might not go amiss and it would be a pity if both stations found themselves on the same frequency on the next Bank Holiday Sunday.

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Raids on Radio Julie FM on 24th Aug 1986 and 15th Feb 1987

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# End of the line for Radio Julie

A FORD Estate flat, which was being used as the base for a pirate radio station, was raided by the Department of Trade and Industry officials, Wirral magistrates were told.

Later, the disc jockey using the name Andy Davies started broadcasting again from a new address using the call sign Radio Julie FN.

A second raid followed and further equipment was confiscated.

### Seized

Andrew William Dobbing, 27, of Beethelton, Woodchurch, admitted two offences of using apparatus for wireless telegraphy without a licence and one offence of installing apparatus for wireless telegraphy.

Mr Stephen McPeake, defending, said Dobbing broke the law through his enthusiasm. There was no profit in it for him.

Mr McPeake said he could not object to an application for the equipment seized to be forfeited.

This would cost Dobbing about £200.

The court imposed fines totalling £100 plus £50 costs and said the penalties would have been much higher had the fact Dobbing was drawing benefit.

The magistrates also made the forfeiture order.