

On Wednesday, Phil Davies was in court on two charges: one of setting up and the other of operating Liverpool Pirate Radio. He was fined £50 on each charge and ordered to pay £50 costs. All equipment was confiscated, but the station is believed to have been broadcasting a taped programme at the time of the raid

NORTH COAST RADIO 1350kHz: 18, Downham Drive, Heswall, Wirral, Merseyside L60 5RF.

This station has been heard on Medium Wave only, saying that they hope to restore the FM frequency soon. They opened somewhat late on Friday morning, but then operated normally over Fri/Sat. On Sunday they opened late again and operated normally till 10pm, when only the carrier was on the air. It isn't known whether programming resumed later. Noted have been:-

Fri: 10:27am Tony west; Noon Tony Scott; 2pm Kenny Gee; 4pm Ritchie "C"; 6pm Dave Ross; 8pm DJ Crezzey; 10pm Kenny MG; Midnight Dave Moore; 2am(?) close-down

Sat: 9am Dave Dee; 11am Tony Hollis; 1pm Tony Scott; 3pm Andy Rogers; 5pm Mark Ross + Crezzey; 8pm Andy Davies; 10pm Dave Collins; Midnight Dave Moore; 2am(?) c/down

Sun: 11:17am Kenny Gee; 2pm Joe Williams; 4pm Bob- Lone Ranger; 6pm Phil Roberts; 8pm Tony west; 10pm carrier only

RADIO ATLANTIS 1197kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Liscard, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW.

This station is now Sat/Sun only, but with a full format. The FM frequency is still not being heard. The repeat tapes and large amounts of non-stop music still make it hard to determine an accurate format, but noted were:-

Sat: 10am cont music: 11am Andy Davies; Noon Steve Bishop; 3pm Rick Dane; 5pm cont music 6pm Andy Davies; 9pm Marko Young; 11pm Steve Bishop; Midnight c/down

Sun: 10am Cont music; 11am Andy Davies; Noon Steve Bishop; 3pm Rick Dane; 6pm Cont music 8pm Andy Davies; 11pm Steve Bishop(?); Midnight(?) close-down

RADIO VERONICA 104.7MHZ: c/o 81; Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP.

This station was noted with a very weak signal on Sunday. They were hoping to organise a link-up with Liverpool Pirate Radio, but announcements suggest that this had proved to be impractical. If LPR were on the air, their MW signal wasn't found here. Noted were:-

Sun: 11am Adrian Cooke; Noon Neil Frazer; 1pm Dean Bartlett; 2pm Neil Frazer, 2:15pm c/d

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

This station is now Sat/Sun only, and this Sat they had a few problems. The carrier was first noted at 11:15am, but programming didn't begin till 1pm. At midnight the frequency showed an intermittent carrier and programming still hadn't been restored by 1:25am. There was no sign of the signal at 6am, but by 8:15am, Phil Davies' programme was in progress. Phil was due to do another "All-nighter", Noted were:-

Sat: 11:15am carrier only; 1pm Mark Wright; 3pm Paul Woods; 5pm KtC; 7pm Peter Thomas; 9pm Don Adams; 11pm Tony Marshall; Midnight intermittent carrier

Sun:8:15am Phil Davies; 9am Mark Palmer; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Peter Cetrine; 3pm Burt Williams; 5pm DJC; 6pm Mark Newman; 8pm Don Adams; 10pm Brian Johnson; Midnight KtC; 1am DJ Sidney; 3am(?) close-down

Bedroom radio station busted

Court fines pirate DJ

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By Val Woan

LIVERPOOL Pirate Radio had a captive audience within weeks of hitting the airwaves — many of its listeners were inmates at Walton Jail.

But Pirate DJ Philip Williams and his mates were scuppered when Government investigators started tuning in as well.

They raided the station which had been set up in a back bedroom of Williams' home in Elkstone Road, Norris Green.

And at Liverpool magistrates court, the 40-year-old jobless father of four pleaded guilty to setting up the illegal station and using it from April this year.

But while he admitted he knew

it was against the law, Williams said he did not think he was doing any harm.

Oldies

His solicitor Mr Tony Ostrin said: "He made sure he did not interfere with any other broadcasts especially emergency transmissions.

"He was keen to run the station professionally and believed he did so with the help of local unemployed lads who enjoyed making the best of their free time."

He said that in the three weeks

Liverpool Pirate Radio broadcast on 215 metres, the stations selection of golden oldies and rock music built up a substantial following.

And Mr Ostrin submitted a selection of letters from happy listeners to the court.

"Many of them came from Walton Jail," he said. People from all sections of the community enjoyed this music-only station."

Williams was fined £100 and ordered to pay £50 costs.