

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 20th December 1987

None of the local stations seems to have any definite plans for their Christmas broadcasting and nothing is known about Central Radio's planned Christmas "special"

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

This station appears to be so dis-organised that on Saturday, Tony Hollis, who is supposed to be the station manager, started to read out the format for the rest of the weekend, but even he gave up when he got to 10pm on Saturday. Many DJs are failing to turn up for their shows and plans to be on the air every day over the holiday period seem very optimistic. On Monday no-one turned up to take over from WJ Cressey and the station was off the air between 10am(?) and 3pm(?). On Friday they didn't open till 11:30am and they weren't on the air till 10:30am on Saturday. The only normal day seems to have been Sunday, but even then, the late-night format seems to have been shuffled. Noted this week have been:-

**Mon:** 8am DJ Cressey; 10:34am carrier only; ...3pm Tony Hollis; 3:30pm Ritchie "C"; 6pm Phil Roberts; 8pm Tony West; 11pm Ritchie "C"; Midnight Roy; 2am(?) close-down  
**Fri:** 11:30am Bob - Lone Ranger; Noon Tony Scott; 2pm Tony Hollis; 3pm Ritchie "C"; 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm DJ Cressey; 10pm Kenny MC; Midnight Dave Moore; 2am(?) c/down  
**Sat:** 10:30am Tony Hollis; 1pm Tony Scott; 3pm Derek Jones; 5pm DJ Cressey; 7pm Andy Davies; 9pm Dave Collins; Midnight Ritchie "C"; 2am(?) close-down  
**Sun:** 8am(?) Tony Hollis; 11am Kenny Gee; 2pm Kenny MC; 4pm Dave Moore; 6pm Phil Roberts; 8am Tony West; 10pm Tony West + Lyn James; Midnight Lyn James; 2am(?) close-down

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

This station returned to the airwaves on Friday and say that they will be on the air next Tuesday to make up for the loss of programming last weekend, though no reason for the latter has been heard. On Saturday they were off the air from time to time and announced that they were installing new equipment. Noted this week were:-

**Fri:** 9:30am Mark Palmer; Noon Coley, 12:30pm carrier only, 12:57pm Coley; 3pm Peter Thomas; 5pm Paul Woods; 7pm Marty "R"; 9pm DJ Sidney; 11pm Tony Marshall; 1am(?)c/d.  
**Sat:** 9am Mark Palmer; 11am Jeff Starr; 1pm Mark Palmer (with an announcement that the station would be off the air from time to time for the installation of new gear); 1:15pm not found; 1:47pm Mark Palmer; 3pm Steve Coltrane; 5pm KtC; 7pm Peter Thomas; 9pm carrier only..10:05pm Kevin Jordan announcement that station would be back on the air soon then "tests" with old Tony Marshall tape(?).....  
**Sun:** ..8:15am Phil Davies (saying that he had been on the air since 2:30am, when Burt Williams got a new aerial up); 9am Mark Palmer; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Pete Cetrine; 3pm Burt Williams; 5pm WJC; 6pm Peter Thomas; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Brian Johnson; Midnight KtC; 1am DJ Sidney; 4am(?) close-down.

Although they say that they will be on the air next Tuesday to make up for last weekend, announcements suggest that they will be on the air throughout the holiday period if KtC can get together some suitable format in time.

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

This station was on the air on Saturday and Sunday, with a more realistic approach to the holiday period. They say that they will be on the air next Saturday, but hope to be able to do some broadcasting on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The long spells on the air by some of the DJs are divided into virtually non-stop music of various sorts, but the format is still difficult to determine and has this weekend been disrupted by changes to announced format. On Saturday they closed down at Midnight rather than extending to 2am with the Rick Dane Rock Show. On Sunday, they closed down at 10:15pm, with an announcement by Steve Bishop that they would be back again next Friday!!

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**Sat:** 9am Steve Bishop (Oldies 9am-10am; Extracts from Caroline and USA stations 9am-10am and Noon-1pm); 1pm Rick Dane; 4pm "Jaymo's Juke Box"; 5pm Andy Davies; 6pm Continuous music; 8pm Gary Noble; 10pm Steve Bishop; Midnight close-down  
**Sun:** 10am Steve Bishop; 1pm Rick Dane's "Charts of Yesteryear"; 4pm cont music; 5pm Jaymo's Juke Box; 6pm Cont music; 7pm Gary Noble Rock Show; 10pm Steve Bishop; 10:15pm close-down.

RADIO VERONICA 104.7MHz. c/o 81, Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP

This station was noted from 3pm on Sunday and at close-down at 10:15pm, they said that they would be on the air again next Sunday, but I find it hard to believe that they don't have something planned for Christmas Day. Noted were:-

**Sun:** 3pm Neil Frazer; 4pm Adrian Cooke; 6pm Dean Bartlett; 8pm Neil Frazer; 10:15pm c/d.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz: 13, Kiplung Avenue, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42DH

This station was on the air at noon on Sunday. They say that over the Christmas holiday period, they like to be on the air every day, but this year, that might not be possible. Listeners were told that they would be on the air from 10am on Christmas Day and next Sunday, but that in the meantime, they should listen out at noon each day  
**Sun:** Noon Jim Lowe; 1:40pm Tom Webb; 3:08pm close-down