

Sheigra DXpedition Report

10th to 23rd October 2020 - with Dave Kenny & Alan Pennington

We half-expected to have to cancel the 59th DXpedition to Sheigra on account of the ever-changing Covid-19 regulations, but fortunately there were no restrictions in October on travel from southern England to the remote, far north western tip of the Scottish mainland, just south of Cape Wrath.



left: Sheigra viewed from 2/3rds along the 90° Beverage. Our cottage is nearest.

But the cottage we've stayed at for the past seven years in Sheigra was unavailable this year as the owner is living there at present. So we were grateful to Murdo for arranging for us to stay in a nearby cottage instead. This cottage we had used before as a DX base for nine DXpeditions between 2002 and 2013, although these days it isn't usually available for holiday lets. From here it's always been trickier to put up Beverage aerials towards the Americas because a road needs to be crossed (albeit there is hardly any traffic apart from the weekly bin lorry and the occasional stray tourist, as it's where the road north ends). However, it backs directly onto open moorland to the east and south, so is well positioned for putting up Beverage aerials targeting Asia and Africa. Instead of running wires across the road towards the north west as we've done in the past, we used a EWE loop fed by a coax from the cottage. Additionally, we could receive signals from the Americas off the back of unterminated Asian/African aerials, with

some success. The EWE often gave clearer though weaker reception from the Americas in the mornings: switching between aerials and comparing signals as they faded in and out is one of the benefits of listening in real-time!

All our logs are made in real time using AOR 7030plus receivers. We record using Sony mini disc recorders, long considered obsolete, with blank discs increasingly difficult to source, but ideal for real-time DXing. But with their built-in pre-recording delay you never miss an ID - just press record *after* hearing an ID as the previous 12 seconds are already recorded.

Conditions during the whole of the first week were stable with good reception from the Far East every afternoon from about 1430 right through to about 2200 UTC. The 12th and 14th were particularly good for reception of the Philippines and Japan. **And the highlight on 12th was 5RN ABC Radio National from Adelaide heard on 729 kHz!** As well as being a 'Sheigra First', this may also be the first time Australia has been heard on MW in the UK since the 1930s? Reception was confirmed by matching audio clips with two programmes still available on the ABC website. Though it should have been obvious listening at the time when an Australian accented lady was noted in Alan's logbook mentioning "Guardian Australia" and the "Sydney Opera House"! Reception was confirmed in November with an email QSL from Graham Himmelhoch-Mutton at ABC (*see page 9-10 below*)

585	1547	12/10	R Pakistan, Islamabad	EE cricket commentary. Radio Pakistan ID 1607
594	1631	14/10	DZBB, Quezon City, Philippines	ID inc 97.1, SuperRadio. (+ @ 2127 'DZ double B')
594	1834	12/10	JOAK NHK 1, Tokyo, Japan	Japanese songs // 567 612 675
594	1608	13/10	Myanma R, Naypyidaw	English songs // SW 5985, 576
594	1622	12/10	Xizang PBS, Lhasa, Tibet	"Holy Tibet" px in EE // 4920 etc
603	1507	11/10	CRI, Dongfang, China	fanfare, news in Vietnamese //9550
612	1545	12/10	TWR via Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	TWR interval signal then Russian prog.
612	1835	12/10	JOLK NHK 1, Fukuoka, Japan	Japanese songs // 567 594 675
621	1508	17/10	All India R, Patna	AIR news in English // 918 etc
621	1759	11/10	VOA Deewa via Afghanistan	"Voice of America Deewa", Pashto VOA.
630	1537	22/10	CNR 2, multi-site, China	CC talks, piano mx // CNR 2 6065, 7315 etc
630	1606	11/10	Mor. Thor. Bor. Sip-Et, Bangkok, Thailand.	YL in Thai. 1609: Thai Nat Anthem.
639	1704	11/10	CNR1, Beijing, China	new reports, echoey Chinese //4800
648	1734	15/10	All India R, Indore	AIR news in English // 918 etc
657	1734	15/10	All India R, Kolkata	AIR news in English // 918 etc
666	1512	12/10	Qinghai PBS, Xining, China	CC talk // 9780
666	1700	11/10	JOBK NHK-1 Osaka, Japan	time pips, NHK ID.
675	1515	17/10	All India R, Itanagar	AIR news in English // 918 etc
702	2005	17/10	VOIRI, Kiashahr, Iran	Russian service until 2020 UTC.
711	1525	14/10	AIR Siliguru, India	English news, cricket, Delhi weather. 1530+ VV.
711	1705	11/10	V of Kuanghua, Hsinfeng, Taiwan	CC talk & light mx // 981, ID
729	1700	12/10	JOCK NHK 1, Nagoya, Japan	time pips, "Radio NHK" ID, co-ch Spain
738	1518	11/10	Xinjiang PBS, multi-site, China	CC talk // 5960, 7260, 7310
738	1526	12/10	Fisheries Agency stn, Yuhweh, Taiwan	"Philippine & Friends", EE chat //1143
747	1450	11/10	JOIB NHK 2, Sapporo, Japan	JJ talk (EE lesson @ 1500) // 774 828
747	1733	15/10	All India R, Lucknow	AIR news in English // 918 etc
765	1455	12/10	CNR 5, Fuzhou, Fujian, China	CC talk, light mx // 837, 5925 SW
765	1558	17/10	AIR Dharawada, India	"Akashvani Dharawada", adverts.
774	1450	11/10	JOUB NHK 2, Akita, Japan	JJ talk (EE lesson @ 1500) // 747 828
783	1535	14/10	Voice of the Strait, Fotan, China	in Amoy, weather, music //4900.
801	1526	17/10	AIR Jabalpur, India	English news/weather (under BBC Devon)
819	1550	12/10	KCBS, Pyongyang, DPRK	typical N Korean mx // SW 3959, 6100
819	1733	15/10	All India R, New Delhi	AIR news in English // 918 etc
828	1450	11/10	JOBK NHK 2, Osaka, Japan	JJ talk (EE lesson @ 1500) // 747 774
846	1732	15/10	All India R, Ahmedabad	AIR news in English // 918 etc
837	1523	11/10	CNR 5, Quanzhou, Fujian, China	CC talk, light mx // 765, 5925 SW
864	1653	13/10	TWR via Gavar, Armenia	Russian, TWR interval signal, ID.
873	1732	15/10	All India R, Jalandhar	AIR news in English // 918 etc
891	1513	13/10	NBT R Thailand, Sara Buri	YL nx in Thai, v strong, audible daily.
918	1547	11/10	Nat R Kampuchea, Phnom Penh	Khmer talk & typical mx (anthem s/off at 1700)
918	1730	15/10	All India R, Suratgarh	AIR news in English
918	2155	15/10	Shandong PBS, Jinan, China	Ads, CC ID
927	1735	15/10	All India R, Visakhapatnam	AIR news in English // 918 etc
927	1729	23/10	IRIB Dorud, Iran	Talk, Persian mx, IRIB ID "Inja Tehran..."
945	1457	11/10	CNR 1, Jiaohe, China	CC talks, mx // 4800
954	1401	14/10	JOKR, TBS R, Tokyo, Japan	TBS ID, English pop, YL in JJ.
954	1519	17/10	All India R, Najibad	AIR news in English // 918
972	1510	12/10	KBS World, Dangjin, S Korea	Korean talk & songs // 6015
981	1540	11/10	CNR 1, multi-site, China	YL CC // 4800 etc
981	1705	11/10	V of Kuanghua, Hsinfeng, Taiwan	CC talk & light mx // 711, ID
990	1736	15/10	All India R, Jammu	AIR news in English // 918 etc
1008	1540	17/10	CNR 1, multi-site, China	Chinese talk // 4800
1017	1404	13/10	CRI, Changchun, Jilin, China	CRI Korean svc // 5965
1044	1650	15/10	AIR Mumbai, India	English news, Covid and cricket.
1080	1645	12/10	CRI, Xuanwei, Yunnan, China	CRI English // 6060 etc
1098	1505	18/10	CNR 11, Golmud, China	CRI Tibetan svc // 6010, 7350
1098	1503	18/10	CNR 1, unknown site, China	CNR 1 // 4800 etc (NB audible under CNR 11)
1107	1620	18/10	Xinjiang, Hutubi, China	in Kazakh // 6015 7340, distorted audio
1116	1732	18/10	AIR Srinagar, India	EE news rpt -1740 //918 4950
1125.96	1654	23/10	IRIB Qazvin, Iran	local prog of mainly Persian chat past 1730.

1134	1524	11/12	JOQR, Tokyo, Japan	JJ children's px, ID "Bunka Hoso" sung jingle
1143	1520	11/10	Fisheries Station, Penghu, Taiwan	"Philippine & Friends" in EE to 1520
1188	1500	14/10	HLKX Daebu, South Korea	VOA then R Free Asia Korean s/on // 11985
1188	1504	17/10	CRI, Xuanwei, Yunnan, China	CRI news in English // 1323, 7325 etc
1205.97	1555	18/10	Yanbian PBS, Yanji, Jilin, China	Korean ID: "Yo'nbyo'n bangsong". 1600+ music
1206	1504	16/11	All India R, Bhawanipatna	AIR news in English // 918
1224	1600	13/10	Guangxi PBS, Nanning, China	CC ID, light mx
1242	1600	21/10	VO Vietnam, Can Tho, Vietnam	VOV opening theme mx, s/on in pres Khmer
1251	1508	11/10	CNR 1, unknown site	CC talks // 945, 4800 etc
1251	1515	14/10	Qinghai PBS, Xining, China	Tibetan svc – Ethnic singing // v.weak 5990, 9850
1269	1745	11/10	CRI Xuanwei, Yunnan, China	Chinese lesson in Hindi.
1278	1500	12/10	Hebei PBS, China	Time pips, CC ID
1278	1759	12/10	JOFR Fukuoka, Japan	JJ talk "RKB" IDs on hour
1287	1459	11/10	JOHR, HBC, Sapporo, Japan	"HBC Radio" jingle.
1296	1559	22/10	BCC News Network, Chigu, Taiwan	English ID after CC ID @ 1600: "News Radio"
1296	1601	22/10	VOA R Ashna, Kabul, Afghanistan	Dari ID "Inja Radio Ashna". //7495
1296	1601	22/10	CRI, Kunming, Yunnan, China	CRI interval signal in mix.
1323	1503	11/10	CRI, Urumqi, China	news in Russian //1521.
1350	1754	12/10	JOER Hiroshima, Japan	promos "RCC Radio"
1350	2120	14/10	DWUN, Quezon City, Philippines	Nx, ID "UNTV - Radyo La Verdad"
1377	1740	11/10	CNR1 Xinjiang, China	OM/YL in CC //4800
1422	1738	11/10	CNR1, Kashi, China	classical mx, CC //4800
1440	1559	11/10	JOWF, Sapporo, Japan	Mx, ads "STV radio" IDs top of hour
1467	1447	14/10	NHK 2, multi-sites, Japan	English language lessons //747
1467	1608	15/10	TWR PANI, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	Talk in Pashto email info@pashtoradio.org
1467	1657	15/10	Nat.Education R. Pathum Thani, Thailand.	Full ID (as in WRTH), Royal Anthem, off.
1476	1554	15/10	R Thailand, Chiang Mai.	Thai talk, s/off 1602 with Thai Royal Anthem
1494	1530	12/10	Xinjiang PBS, multi-site, China	CC talks // 5960 etc
1521	1430	11/10	CRI, Hutubi, Xinjiang, China	CRI Russian // 5905, 11910
1539	1530	23/10	Pravasi Bharathi, Abu Dhabi, UAE	OM+YL in Malayalam, sub-continent music.
1539	1603	11/10	CNR 1, Golmud, China	CC talk // 4800
1557	1500	13/10	RTI, Kouhu, Taiwan	Nx in CC, said "RTI News" at start
1566	1659	11/10	HLAZ, Jeju, S.Korea	s/off R Teos in RR, s/on VOA Korean EE ID
1575	1654	11/10	VOA Bangkok, Thailand	VOA Special English (not listed Bengali)
1593	1720	11/10	CNR1 Changzhou, China	CC YL, music //4800 kHz.
1611	2127	14/10	DWNX, Naga City, Philippines	Nx "Radio Man Reports... RMN", wx, IDs "RMC"



NORTH AMERICA

540	0733	15/10	WFLF	Pine Hills	FL	'WFLF newscenter...with Florida's news'
540	0820	18/10	CBT	Grand Falls	NL	CBC country music //1400 640
560	0657	15/10	WGAN	Portland	ME	"on Newsradio 985 and AM 560 WGAN"
570	1015	19/10	KNR	Nuuk, Greenland		OM in Greenlandic, pop //650
570	2143	11/10	CFCB	Corner Brook	NL	"here on VOXM" //VOXM 590 etc
580	0712	11/10	CFRA	Ottawa	ON	ads 'Newstalk 5-80 CFRA'
590	2142	11/10	VOXM	St John's	NL	Country mx, "here on VOXM" //620 etc
590	0900	23/10	WEZE	Boston	MA	"visit weze.radio.com ...believing in miracles"
610	0729	15/10	WIOD	Miami	FL	'now #1 for podcasting Newsradio WIOD'
620	2144	11/10	CKCM	Grand Falls	NL	// VOXM 590, 570 etc
640	0810	18/10	CBN	St John's	NL	country music //1400
640	0830	22/10	CFMJ	Toronto	ON	"Global News Radio 640 Toronto"
650	2146	11/10	CKGA	Gander	NL	rock mx //VOXM 590 etc.
650	1015	19/10	KNR	Qeqertarsuaq, Greenland		pop, OM in Greenlandic //570.
670	0736	23/10	WCSR	Chicago	IL	"6-70 The Score - Chicago's sports station"

660	0657	22/10	WFAN	New York	NY	"WFAN sports radio 1019 FM...."
680	0703	15/10	WRKO	Boston	MA	"the voice of Boston WRKO", iHeart app
680	0650	15/10	CJOB	Winnipeg	MB	"CJOB Winnipeg's news & info leader"
680	0853	18/10	CFTR	Toronto	ON	weather, ads, "680 News".
680	0915	23/10	KBRW	Barrow	AL	cont. dance mx, Blondie rcd //webstream
700	0659	22/10	WLW	Cincinnati	OH	"News Radio 700 WLW Cincinnati"
710	0755	15/10	WOR	New York	NY	"WOR and (WASU??) New York"
710	2147	11/10	CKVO	Clareville	NL	country rock // 590 VOCM
720	0803	23/10	KNR	Simiutaq, Greenland		Mx & Greenlandic talk // 650, 570
730	0724	12/10	CKAC	Montreal	QC	FF talk, "Radio Circulation" jingle
740	0834	22/10	CFZM	Toronto	ON	"Zoomer radio, the original greatest hits"
740	2148	11/10	CHCM	Marystown	NL	"email feedback@VOCM.com " //590
750	0839	22/10	WSB	Atlanta	GA	"WSB time is 4.39" "65° in Atlanta.."
750	2149	11/10	CBGY	Bonavista Bay	NL	CBC R1, ann "1400 AM in Gander"
760	0924	16/10	WJR	Detroit	MI	"start your day the WJR way!"
770	0725	14/10	WABC	New York	NY	prog promo "77, WABC".
770	0727	14/10	CHQR	Calgary	AB	Calgary and Alberta ads.
780	0855	18/10	WBBM	Chicago	IL	"News radio 780 and 105.9FM Bloomberg"
790	0700	21/10	WAXY	South Miami	F	"Miami's home for every game.. 790AM 104HD"
800	2210	12/10	VOWR	St Johns	NL	"Your Health" prog, VOWR email
820	0902	18/10	WBAP	Fort Worth	TX	72 degrees next update 5.02... wbap.com
830	0700	14/10	WCRN	Worcester	MA	music of the northside..WCRN Worcester
840	0716	14/10	CFCW	Camrose	AB	Country mx, "840 CFCW" sung jingle
840	0930	16/10	WHAS	Louisville	KY	"News radio 840 WHAS – Bloomberg"
850	0920	14/10	WEEI	Boston	MA	"right here on AM 850 ESPN ... WEEI"
860	0702	22/10	CJBC	Toronto	ON	Radio Canada news in French
870	0658	18/10	WWL	New Orleans	LA	"870 AM WWL New Orleans..."
880	0710	14/10	WCBS	New York	NY	wx, "WCBS newstime is 3.10"
890	0913	16/10	WAMG	Dedham	MA	SS songs, "La Mega" canned IDs.
890	0933	16/10	WLS	Chicago	IL	ads, "discount code WLS".
900	0903	18/10	CHML	Hamilton	ON	"Global News Radio 900" "on 900 CHML"
900	0704	14/10	CKBI	Prince Albert	SK	"sounds for every mood....country, CKBI"
920	0857	13/10	WDMC	Melbourne	FL	EWTN px "WDMC Melbourne" ID
920	1002	14/10	CFRY	Portage La Prairie	MB	"This is CFRY 920AM Portage La Prairie.."
930	0800	22/10	WFXJ	Jacksonville	FL	"WFXJ Jacksonville.. we are The Game"
930	2250	13/10	CJYQ	St John's	NL	weather, C&W, "Kixx Country Classic"
940	0709	22/10	CFNV	Montreal	QC	mx-oldies, FF ID "vous-ecoutez 9-40"
950	0929	16/10	CFAM	Altona	MB	classical music // 1250 CHSM.
950	0914	11/10	CKNB	Cambellton	NB	"95 CKNB – your community, your station"
960	0724	14/10	CFAC	Calgary	AB	Hockey Alberta & Alfa Romeo Calgary ad
960	0834	19/10	WEAV	New York	NY	sports, "960 The Zone" ID.
970	0720	13/10	WZAN	Portland	ME	'970 AM and 101.5 FM The Outlaw"
980	0735	22/10	WCUB	Two Rivers	WI	"..97.1 FM WCUB" country song.
980	0730	22/10	CFPL	London	ON	ads: Ontario law firm Cohen Highley, Winmar.ca
990	0645	15/10	CBY	Corner Brook	NL	CBC px "The World".
1000	0634	13/10	KOMO	Seattle	WA	'Komo newstime 11.34'. 'Komo 24/7 traffic'
1000	0730	19/10	WMVP	Chicago	IL	"follow ESPN Chicago one thousand"
1010	0631	13/10	WINS	New York	NY	Fox 5 news promo, ID "Ten Ten Wins"
1010	0806	22/10	CFRB	Toronto	ON	"only on Newstalk Ten Ten"
1010	1029	14/10	CBR	Calgary	AB	CBC Radio 1 ID (also at 1059).
1020	0830	12/10	KDKA	Pittsburgh	PA	"your day Pittsburgh...on KDKA"
1030	0821	13/10	WBZ	Boston	MA	"WBZ 10-30" CBS nx, iHeart Radio app
1040	0723	18/10	CJMS	Saint-Constant	QC	country mx, French, ID + sung jingle.
1040	0738	23/10	WHO	Des Moines	IA	"News Radio Ten Forty WHO"
1050	0730	18/10	CHUM	Toronto	ON	"TSN 1050", sports
1050	0731	18/10	WEPN	New York	NY	"Overdrive on 90.7 ESPN" "ESPN-1050"
1060	0745	15/10	CKMA	Calgary	AB	"Calgary's all new Funny Radio 1060 AM"
1060	0757	18/10	WQOM	Natick	MA	"Station of the Cross" "Catholic Radio"
1070	0755	14/10	KNX	Los Angeles	CA	"KNX 10-70 News Radio"
1070	0856	18/10	CHOK	Sarnia	ON	"biggest country songs...CHOK.com"

1080	2302	13/10	WTIC	Hartford	CT	"WTIC weather team", tc "7-04"
1090	0921	20/10	WBAL	Baltimore	MD	sports, "right here on WBAL"
1100	0705	20/10	WTAM	Cleveland	OH	"News radio WTAM Eleven Hundred"
1110	0730	20/10	WBT	Charlotte	NC	"Newstalk 11-10 and 993 WBT..."
1120	0717	14/10	KMOX	St Louis	MO	KMOX advert / ID
1130	0915	15/10	WBBR	New York	NY	NY traffic "Bloomberg Eleven Three Oh"
1140	0830	12/10	CBI	Sydney	NS	CBC Radio 1 ID
1140	0830	15/10	CHRB	High River	AB	'AM 1140 High River, now back to the Bible'
1150	0900	18/10	WHBY	Kimberley	WI	ID, prog promo "...on WHBY Kimberley"
1160	0700	19/10	WYLL	Chicago	IL	"AM 11-60, Hope for your life"
1170	0710	20/10	WWVA	Wheeling	WV	"News Radio 11-70, WWVA".
1180	0838	12/10	WHAM	Rochester	NY	"News Radio Wham 11-80", Coast to Coast
1190	0918	20/10	WLIB	New York	NY	gospel music, "we are 11-90, WLIB".
1200	0643	17/10	WXKS	Boston	MA	"Boston's conservative talk is Talk 1200"
1200	0659	12/10	KFNW	West Fargo	ND	iHeart promo "12-00 KFNW West Fargo"
1210	0758	13/10	WPHT	Philadelphia	PA	ads, Philadelphia real estate, 0800: ID.
1230	0712	17/10	WCMC	Wildwood	NJ	continuous oldies, "WMID" sung jingle
1250	0802	14/10	CJYE	Oakville	ON	"Joy Radio app"
1250	0937	14/10	CHSM	Steinbach	MB	'SE Manitoba's classical choice AM-1250'
1260	0750	20/10	WBIX	Boston	MA	Portuguese songs, ID "Nossa Radio"
1270	0735	13/10	CJCB	Sydney	NS	"No.1 for new country.... 12-70 CJCB"
1270	0800	20/10	WTSN	Dover	NH	"News Talk 98-1, WTSN Dover..."
1280	0738	12/10	CFMB	Montreal	QC	instrumental mx "on CFMB 12-80"
1280	1020	19/10	WWTC	Minneapolis	MN	"AM 12-80, The Patriot", Liberty Bell.
1290	0733	13/10	WJNO	West Palm Beach	FL	"News Radio 12-90, WJNO"
1290	0729	21/10	WZTI	Greenfield	WI	rock mx, partial ID "100.3 and 107.3"
1290	0730	21/10	WHIO	Dayton	OH	"News talk WHIO" promo
1290	0827	14/10	CFRW	Winnipeg	MB	Winnipeg Jets. "6 to 11 on TSN 1290.."
1290	0830	14/10	CJBK	London	ON	"CJBK.com" "CJBK Radio 12-90"
1300	0858	14/10	WOOD	Grand Rapids	MI	"the news is next on Wood Radio"
1300	0659	20/10	WXRL	Lancaster	NY	"keeping classic country alive WXRL..."
1310	0702	19/10	CIWW	Ottawa	ON	"1310 news – Canada and the world"
1320	0809	15/10	CJMR (pres)	Mississauga	ON	Indian mx, ads+phone nos., tone between.
1320	0900	15/10	WILS	Lansing	MI	"all news, all night...1320 WILS Lansing"
1320	0902	20/10	WLQY	Hollywood	FL	"WLQY" ID in brief peak, Creole
1330	0915	14/10	WRCA	Boston	MA	weather, "Bloomberg 10-6-1 Boston"
1350	0844	13/10	WOYK	York	PA	"sports radio 989 FM and 1350 WOYK"
1350	2200	15/10	CKAD	Middleton	NS	"CKAD, Middleton, an MBS radio station" & "Today's best country...AVR"
1360	0650	18/10	WDRC	Hartford	CT	"WDRC AM.... the talk of Connecticut"
1370	0700	13/10	WDEA	Ellsworth	ME	"this is AM 13-70, WDEA Ellsworth..."
1380	0836	14/10	CKPC	Brantford	ON	"Arise Christian Radio AM 13-80"
1390	0800	13/10	WEGP	Presque Isle	ME	"Relevant Radio....WEGP Presque Isle"
1390	0917	19/10	WFBL	Syracuse	NY	"Syracuse..94.1...103.9... The Dinosaur"
1390	0934	19/10	WGRB	Chicago	IL	"your inspiration station..Chicago"
1390	1000	19/10	WLCM	Holt	MI	"In Touch next, here on Victory 1390 WLCM"
1400	0606	18/10	WOND	Pleasantville	NJ	"on Newstalk 1400 WOND South Jersey.."
1400	2225	15/10	CBG	Gander	NL	CBC R // 750, 1140 etc
1410	0758	20/10	WPOP	Hartford	CT	"WPOP Hartford Fox Sports Radio 14-10"
1420	0822	20/10	WBSM	New Bedford	MA	'New Bedford's Newstalk stn 1420 WBSM'
1420	1015	19/10	KTOE	Mankato	MN	"5.15 here at KTOE, 27 deg in Mankato"
1430	0900	12/10	WENE	Endicott	NY	"14-30 sports radio.. WENE Endicott" Also "Fox Sports 14-30 Binghamton" @0748
1430	2300	17/10	CHKT	Toronto	ON	"..AM 1430 – CHKT ... radio Toronto"
1440	0945	14/10	CKJR	Wetaskiwin	AB	radioplayer Canada, 'W-1440 Wetaskiwin'
1440	0800	20/10	WRED	Westbrook	ME	"..WRED Westbrook,Portland...Big Jab"
1450	2304	12/10	WPGG	Atlantic City	NJ	"WPG....newsroom", "for WPG talk radio"
1460	0815	20/10	CJOY	Guelph	ON	pop, "...Greatest Hits C-JOY" jingle.
1470	0748	21/10	WWNN	Pompano Beach	FL	'95.3FM, 96.9FM 103.9FM & AM 1470, WW..' 'The Florida Money Talk Network'

1470	0842	20/10	WSAN	Allentown	PA	'NBC News Radio', wx 'Craig Fisher for the Newsradio 790 WAEB weather center' & into "iHeart podcast AM 1470"
1470	2226	12/10	WLAM	Lewiston	ME	"the Memories Station, WLAM" +jingle
1480	2230	22/10	WSAR	Fall River	MA	"the legendary WSAR 1480 Fall River"
1480	0849	12/10	WGVU	Kentwood	MI	"Real Oldies 1480 & 850".
1480	0906	12/10	WHBC	Canton	OH	YL ID: ""Newstalk 14-80, WHBC"
1490	2208	11/10	WBAE	Portland	ME	'Relaxation station is 1071... on the Bay'
1490	2200	12/10	WBSS	Pleasantville	NY	"AM 1490 Sports Betting Radio"
1500	0645	12/10	WFED	Washington	DC	ann FM calls, "Federal News Network".
1500	0932	19/10	WLQV	Detroit	MI	lady with "Faith 1500" ann, then hymn
1510	0759	12/10	KPLS	Littleton	CO	"positive life style radio KPLS 1510 & 93.9"
1510	0859	12/10	WLAC	Nashville	TN	iHeart R. "98.3....15-10 WLAC Nashville"
1520	2213	22/10	WWKB	Buffalo	NY	"ESPN 15-20 WWKB Buffalo..radio.com"
1530	0900	13/10	WCKY	Cincinnati	OH	"ESPN 1530", ads, "15-30 WCKY".
1540	0833	12/10	KXEL	Waterloo	IA	wx, "on Newstalk 15-40 KXEL"
1540	0902	12/10	CHIN	Toronto	ON	"Chin....the voice of multicultural Toronto"
1550	0702	14/10	CBEF	Windsor	ON	"Radio Canada" news in French
1560	0915	12/10	WFME	New York	NY	"here at Family Radio", hymns.
1570	2228	15/10	CJLV	Laval	QC	"Radio Maghreb" in AA, FF IDs at 2300.
1580	2250	17/10	CKDO	Oshawa	ON	DJ with "CKDO" ID, oldies.
1590	0707	12/10	WAKR	Akron	OH	"on 93.5 ...WAKR"
1590	0710	18/10	WARV	Warwick	RI	"1590 AM WARV now simulcasting at 92.7 FM"
1590	0700	13/10	WKTP	Jonesborough	TN	"..WKPT Kingsport 1400...WKTP Jonesborough 1590...Tri Cities.."
1600	0630	12/10	WAAM	Ann Arbor	MI	"Waam Radio" promos
1600	2159	18/10	WUNR	Brookline	MA	'live on the web, WUNR' 'Listener's Table'
1620	0849	19/10	WNRP	Gulf Breeze	FL	"News Radio 92.3 AM 16-20"
1630	0637	16/10	KCJJ	Iowa City	IA	'downtown Iowa City', '16-30 KCJJ' jingle
1640	0659	21/10	WSJP	Sussex	WI	"Relevant Radio, 1640 AM and 100.1 FM"
1650	0712	12/10	KCNZ	Cedar Falls	IA	Fox Sports Radio, "16-50 The Fan"
1650	2241	15/10	CINA	Mississauga	ON	"1650 AM Cina Radio" +sung jingle
1660	0748	19/10	WQLR	Kalamazoo	MI	"16-60 The Fan" Fox Sports Radio
1660	0759	19/10	KQWB	West Fargo	ND	"Sports radio KQWB, West Fargo, Fargo.."
1670	0710	13/10	WGME	Dry Branch	GA	"Black Information Network...CBS"
1680	0704	16/10	KRJO	Monroe	LA	country songs, "99.7 The Legend"
1680	0759	16/10	WTTM	Lindenwold	NJ	"1680 WTTM, ?? Philadelphia"
1690	0704	12/10	WPTX	Lexington	MD	"The songs of your life, WPTX"
1700	0700	21/10	WEUP	Huntsville	AL	"1700 WEUP Huntsville, 11-90 WEUV..."
1700	0702	21/10	WRCR	Ramapo	NY	"AM 1700 WRCR, ...WRCR.com"
1700	0702	21/10	KBGG	Des Moines	IA	"Iowa National Guard" "1700 The Champ"
1710	0657	16/10	WQFG689	Hudson County	NJ	NJ Dept of Health Covid-19 info "Do not call 911", road closures, full ID



CENTRAL AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

570	0744	16/10	R Reloj, Santa Clara, Cuba	Ticking clock, RR morse ID
600	0815	18/10	R Rebelde, San German, Cuba	Cuban ballad //5025 kHz
630	0647	12/10	WUNO, San Juan, Puerto Rico	'Notiuno 630' iHeart Radio promo, SS
670	0640	13/10	R Rebelde, Pinar del Rio, Cuba	Cuban mx // 5025
710	0806	18/10	R Rebelde, multi-site, Cuba	music //5025 kHz
790	0645	21/10	R Reloj, Pinar del Rio, Cuba	Ticking clock, RR in Morse.
940	0712	18/10	XEQ La Ke Buena, Mexico	ID "La Ke Buena" between records.
1180	0846	13/10	R Rebelde, multi-site, Cuba	Cuban mx // 5025
1350	2218	15/10	WEGA, Las Vegas, Puerto Rico	"Candelita Siete" promos

1400	2207	11//10	Harbour Light of the Windwards, Grenada	ID, inc Windward Islands, fanfare, hymn
1480	0830	14/10	WMDD, Fajardo, Puerto Rico	SS mx, promo/ID "...con El 14-80"
1620	0716	16/10	R Rebelde, multi-site, Cuba	Cuban songs //5025 kHz.
1660	0724	16/10	WGIT, Canovanas, Puerto Rico	"Faro de Santidad" ID between SS songs.
1700	0733	16/10	XEPE Herald R, Tecate BC, Mexico	SS songs, "Heraldo Radio" ID

SOUTH AMERICA

760	2252	22/10	R Uirapuru, Fortaleza, Brazil	"760kHz Radio Uirapuru, Fortaleza, emissora das.."
820	0642	23/10	Caracol R, Cali, Colombia	SS talk, mentions "Cadena Caracol"
920	0635	17/10	R Nac del Paraguay, Asuncion	distinctive Paraguayan mx, "Radio Nacional" IDs
1070	0750	14/10	R Santa Fe, Bogota, Colombia	SS ID/promos, mx
1100	0700	20/10	Caracol R, Barranquilla, Colombia	SS ID, nx "Ultima Hora – Caracol Radio"
1170	0704	20/10	Caracol R, Cartagena, Colombia	bank advert, "Caracol Radio" IDs.
1190	2305	17/10	R Cordillera, Bogota, Colombia	National Anthem, gong, ID
1200	0718	23/10	R Tiempo, Caracas, Venezuela	IDs "mensaje evangelico por Radio Tiempo"
1200.16	0727	23/10	La Voz de la Raza, Medellin, Colombia	Full IDs SS "La Voz de la Raza"
1350	2113	21/10	R Boa Vontade, San Salvador, Brazil	Rel talk in PP mentions Boa Vontade
1350	0632	23/10	R Buenos Aires, Argentina	SS ID "escuchar...Radio Buenos Aires"
1390	2307	22/10	R Farol, Touros, RN, Brazil	"Radio Farol AM 1390kHz..Rio Grande do Norte.."

EUROPE

594	1838	12/10	IRRS via Challenger R, Villa Estense, Italy.	John Pilger on Julian Assange trial.
684	1551	14/10	RS Radonezh, Olgina, RUS	carrier, 1812 overture, ID then choir.
747	1445	11/10	R 0511, Harlingen, HOL	pop mx DD ID "Radio Nul Vive Elf" // 1287
828	1418	13/10	Pravoslavnoye R, St Petersburg	RUS chimes, Russian ID then monks plainsong.
918	1820	11/10	R T-Pot, Gasselternijveen, HOL	cont mx – Blondie etc, YL DD ID
927	2205	19/10	UNID test tx	cont mx – soul etc "testing our systems" anns
1035	1700	23/10	Eli Radio, Estonia	ID in Russian "Radiostantsiya Radio Eli"
1287	1445	11/10	R 0511, Tennard, HOL	pop mx DD ID "Radio Nul Vive Elf" // 747
1314	1145	17/10	Bergen Kringkasting, Norway	Mx, ID start of local discussion in Norwegian
1314	1609	23/10	R Northern Star, Norway	oldies, "Radio Northern Star song of the future"
1386	1200	17/10	R Poland via Lithuania	R Poland px in English
1395	1900	10/10	R Seabreeze, Grou, HOL	DD nx, ID "Radio Seabreeze op AM"
1440	0932	16/10	R 208, Copenhagen, DNK	pop "208 the rock of Copenhagen"
1467	1004	13/10	R Eldorado, Damwald, HOL	Dutch ID and slogan.
1602.16	1451	14/10	R Tsentr. Riga, Latvia	EE religious px "Voice of Truth", 1502+ Russian
1692u	1836	10/10	Norwegian Coastal R South	ID, EE wx reports to 1838, then in Norwegian
1710u	1834	10/10	Norwegian Coastal R North	EE & Norwegian wx reports, ID, off 1836

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Pravoslavnoye Radio, Saint Petersburg 828 kHz ~ QSL letter heading (Alan Pennington)

UK Community / LPAMs

1134	1602	20/10	L&D Hospital R, Luton	ID "11-34 AM L&D" after news, co-ch Gurkha R.
1350	0800	17/10	Mid Downs R, Haywards Heath	News & ID
1350	0914	23/10	URY, Univ of York	"student radio station for the University of York...URY"
1350	0922	23/10	R Cavell, Royal Oldham Hosp.	"24 hours a day...Radio Cavell"
1386	0958	13/10	Carillon R, Loughborough	Disco Dave, 1000: Carillon ID, news //1476
1476	1001	13/10	Carillon Wellbeing R, Coalville	nx // 1386, CWR Carillon Wellbeing Radio ID.

Sheigra update: Australia heard on MW in UK!

After the initial Sheigra DX-pedition report was published in 'Communication' (November 2020), I had time to listen again to some 'Unidentified' recordings from our fortnight in North West Scotland. One clip included an Australian accented lady in English, down in the mix of stations on 729kHz at 1623UTC on 12th October. My logbook just contained odd words I'd written listening live at the time: 'Guardian Australia' and the 'Sydney Opera House'. But it hadn't clicked at the time (surprisingly!) it might be 50 kilowatt 5RN Adelaide as we'd never heard Australia at Sheigra before. All I knew for sure at the time was it wasn't BBC Essex (by checking 729 on another aerial, then switching back to our 550m 50° Beverage)!



On 729kHz on previous Sheigra DX-peditions, AIR Guwahati and Voice of Vietnam had been logged. And on this one, NHK 1 Nagoya, Japan was a new log half an hour later, also on 12th October, at 1700 UTC. Back home (and now with internet access!) I checked ABC Radio National's online schedule to try and match three recordings I had. 1623UTC was 0253 local time on 13th October in Adelaide (UTC +10:30), but the ABC website unhelpfully converted their schedule back to BST and the 12th October when it knew I was in the UK! But eventually I matched my recordings to two programmes either side of 0300 local Adelaide time. Luckily, ABC have a "listen again" feature for recent Radio National programmes, so **5RN ABC Radio National Adelaide 729kHz** was 100% confirmed! The voice I'd heard at 1623UTC was Larissa Behrendt's ending a "Speaking Out" episode, and at 1638UTC, "Big Ideas" on sustainable fashion had faded in.

This is the first time Australia has been heard at Sheigra on medium wave (and as far as we are aware, maybe the first reception of Australia on medium wave in the UK since the 1930s)! Thanks to Graham Himmelhoch-Mutton at ABC for confirming my report (sent with 3 x MP3 clips) with the email QSL below.



Subject: RE: 5RN Adelaide 729kHz heard in Scotland
From: Graham Himmelhoch-Mutton <Himmelhoch-Mutton.Graham@abc.net.au>
Date: 08/11/2020, 08:06
To: Alan Pennington <alan.pennington1@ntlworld.com>

Hello Alan,

I am happy to verify your reception of:

5RN Adelaide 729kHz @ 1623Z on 12th October, 2020. 5RN broadcasts from our site at Pimpala in the southern suburbs of Adelaide in South Australia at a power of 50kW.

5RN 729 is regularly heard in the far north of Norway, Sweden and Finland, but indeed, this is the first report I've had from the U.K. in many years. Most of the Scandinavian DXers are using Perseus systems with multiple Beverage antennas which of course makes the task considerably easier, but there is no doubt in my mind that many of our signals would routinely reach Scotland, albeit with higher QRM than they have in the Arctic. That said, I do also receive reports from Denmark and Belgium, so I've little doubt you could log more of our stations with a concerted effort, and I would be happy to assist with suggested targets if you wish to mount an Aussie-focussed DXpedition in the future.

I wish you well in your DXing and look forward to receiving future reports from you.

Kind regards,

Graham.

Australia heard on MW in UK!
(continued)

Reception of 5RN Radio National, Adelaide on 729kHz at 1623UTC on 12th October was about an hour before sunset in Sheigra. So most of the reception path was in darkness. Great Circle map distance from Sheigra to the 5RN transmitter site in the Adelaide suburbs at the Pimpala site (Reynella) is around 10,120 miles. 5RN's mast is a 'Monopole - Guyed Diplex Lattice Radiator Mast with Capacitive Top Hat loading' (re Dan Goldfarb's www.mwmasts.com). The same mast is, unusually, also used by local ABC Radio Adelaide on 891kHz.

Now that we have heard an Antipodean station at Sheigra, we will be more aware of possible reception from down under in future!



(Alan Pennington)



Above: Sheigra listening post: Alan tuned to 990 kHz India in the afternoon.



Above: Loch Inchard from Badcall (south of Sheigra and the fishing port of Kinlochbervie)

Shortwave logs Whilst we mainly listened to MW at Sheigra, we do also tune around on SW:

KHz	UTC	Station, programme details, language etc	SIO	Date	Init.
3320	1812	Pyongyang BS, N Korea – light music.	343	17/10	APs
3325	1718	Vo Indonesia, Palangkaraya – in SS, pulses of QRM. +GG @ 1858	343	11/10	APs
3480	1809	Vo People, S Korea – YL strident talk in Korean //3910	344	17/10	APs
3955	1512	Channel 292, Germany – oldies, YL in GG. “Sound of the 70s”	353	23/10	APs
3995	2208	Life FM via HCJB Germany - talk re Dead Sea scrolls. In English.	344	18/10	DKs
4010.22	1538	Kyrgyz R1, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan – men talking in (pres) Kyrgyz.	252	13/10	APs
4750	1514	Bangladesh Betar Ext Svc. - IS, s/on in Nepali. V distorted audio.	342	11/10	DKs
4760	1546	AIR Leh, India – Indian song. Weak	152	23/10	APs
4775	2229	R Tarma, Peru - SS ads, promos, Radio Tarma ID	343	19/10	DKs
4810	1520	AIR Bhopal, India – news in English //5040, hi-speed tele QRM	354	13/10	APs
4840	0915	WWCR Nashville TN, USA – Brother Stair, tornado damage. EE	354	22/10	APs
4885	1445	Echo of Hope, S Korea - Korean talk, piano mx // 6250 jammed	232	20/10	DKs
4885	1554	Echo of Hope, S Korea (pres) – OM+YL in Korean inc “Hello there”	232	23/10	APs
4885.03	2244	R Clube do Para, Brazil (pres) - OMs in Portuguese.	354	19/10	APs
4890	1820	Echo of Hope, S Korea – YL in Korean //6255J	444	17/10	APs
4900	1535	Vo the Strait, Fuzhou, China – Amoy dialect svce //783kHz	353	14/10	APs
4905	1652	Xizang PBS, China – “Holy Tibet” px //4920 and 594kHz. EE	453	14/10	APs
4910	1500	AIR Jaipur, India. (last day on SW) – nx in EE // 5040. Poor audio	231	23/10	DKs
4920	1620	Tibet PBS, China - “Holy Tibet a friend for life”. EE // 6025 etc	343	12/10	DKs
4930	1802	VOA via Botswana – “VOA News”. audible in LSB only, jammed?	333	17/10	APs
4940	1502	Vo the Strait, Fuzhou, China – Chinese singing.	242	20/10	APs
4940	0623	UNID Colombian? – lively music. (+ 11/10 @ 0730, 19/10 @ 2232)	252	16/10	APs
4950	1503	AIR, Srinagar, India – English news read by YL //5040. V weak.	151	23/10	APs
4950	1732	AIR, Srinagar, India - EE rpt on oxygen production. //918, 1116.	151	18/10	APs
4960	2030	VOA via Sao Tome – music, OM in VV “Salam Alaikum”.	454	20/10	APs
4965	1712	Voice of Hope Africa, Zambia – old 78rpm rcds, rel. talk, EE.	354	11/10	APs
4965	1800	VO Hope Africa, Zambia - Wavescan with Jeff White.	233	18/10	DKs
5000	0817	WWVH, Hawaii - Time pips, YL “at the tone...”	222	17/10	DKs
5009.92	1651	R Nat Malagasy, Madagascar – local music with accordion, ads.	242	19/10	APs
5040	1508	AIR Jeypore, India – news in English to 1530 inc ad breaks.	353	20/10	APs
5050	1500	Beibu Bay R, China – time pips, “Beijing time 11pm”, IDs inc EE.	253	13/10	APs
5129.95	1512	R Sadaye Zindagi, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (pres) – hymns	242	13/10	APs
5805	0805	R 208 Copenhagen. ID, Spirit in the Sky	344	11/10	DKs
5895lsb	1430	R Northern Star, Bergen, Norway. Oldies, canned ID EE	244	19/10	DKs
5940	1715	R Onda, Netherlands. ID in FF, James Bond theme mx	244	11/10	DKs
5945	1008	RNZI. “Retro Cocktail Hour” jazz mx	243	18/10	DKs
5945	1100	RNZI. EE news: Labour win election. tc “5 past midnight”	353	17/10	APs

5985	1550	Myanma R, Yangon. EE px – YL // 576, 594	333	13/10	DKs
5985	1603	NHK R Japan via Myanma. "Friends around the World" EE //594	343	14/10	APs
5985	1658	Myanma R, Yangon. YL in EE "see you tomorrow, good night"	343	14/10	APs
5995	1850	R Mali, Bamako. Weekly news magazine in English	344	10/10	DKs
6000	1900	Adygey R, Russia. s/on ID in Adygey. (also @1800 on 12/10)	322	11/10	DKs
6005	1840	R Belarus via Kall. EE, rpts from Gurdip Gill + Patrick Travers.	444	13/10	APs
6055	1430	CRI, Nanning, China. Khmer talk //9880 (SIO444)	444	22/10	APs
6065	1837	Vo Hope Africa, Zambia. Country music // 4965. EE.	443	13/10	APs
6100usb	1528	KCBS, Pyongyang. Typical N Korean singing // 9665	232	20/10	DKs
6110	1833	R Fana, Geja, Ethiopia. Horn of Africa music, weak, low mod.	252	13/10	APs
6115	1048	R SE-TA 2, Hartenstein. Oldies – Lyn Anderson, CCR, Stones.	353	17/10	APs
6170	1430	RNZI. RNZ Music px.	344	13/10	DKs
6185	0850	R Educacion, Mexico. Piano mx. SS ID 0900	142	15/10	DKs
6906.1	2140	ROVV, Tigre, Venezuela. Pop & LA mx "La Voz del Tigre" ID	242	15/10	DKs
7365	1154	HCJB Germany. children's choir //3995.	353	17/10	APs
7490.05	2100	WBCQ, USA. World of Radio	243	14/10	DKs
7500	2018	Canadian Armed Forces Europe (CAE) via Armenia. 1970 px.	454	18/10	APs
9405	1620	R Taiwan Int. "Status Update" px. Listeners' letters	344	13/10	DKs
9635	1700	R Mali, Bamako. Ethnic singing	344	13/10	DKs
9505	1755	VO Africa, Sudan. Mx, ID FF "La Voix du Afrique", VV at 1800	233	22/10	DKs
9509.93	0839	Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, China. YL in Mongolian //7230	242	21/10	APs
9650	1710	R Guinea, Conakry reactivated on SW! Guinean mx, ID FF	344	23/10	DKs
9695	0840	KNLS, Alaska. EE, "Your New Life Station brings you..", -0859*	252	21/10	APs
9795	1230	KNLS, Alaska. "Hope & conflict" px. Mx EE	243	17/10	DKs
9960	1730	R Pilipinas. s/on "Radio Pilipinas, the voice of the Philippines"	243	18/10	DKs
11630	0905	CNR17 Lingshi, China. YL in Kazakh //12055.	454	21/10	APs
11769.9	1654	VO Nigeria, Abuja. News in English.	344	10/10	DKs
12055	0905	CNR17 Lingshi, China. VV song, YL in Kazakh //11630	353	21/10	APs
12084.9	0900	Vo Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar. Int sig, YL in EE, too weak to copy.	151	21/10	APs
15034usb	1650	CHR, Canada. Weather reports – Trenton Military etc	243	10/10	DKs
15150	1540	R Tamazuj via Madagascar. Talks in VV, News in EE @1543	344	20/10	DKs
15475	1706	Almedia Bible Reading via Issoudun. Automated readings EE	344	23/10	DKs
15770	1300	WWCR, USA. World of Radio. EE (Saturday)	455	17/10	DKs

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Below: Sheigra viewed from the north.

