

RESULTS

47 Members, almost all of whom have taken part in our co-ordinated listening events, replied to our questionnaire. The answers will help us to plan and run our CLEs so they are as interesting, enjoyable and worthwhile as possible. Listeners were asked to give their own view each time - not necessarily what they think others might want.

I will go through the replies in the same order they appeared in the questionnaire.

The original questions are repeated in **green**.

I have shown what seem to be the conclusions in **blue**.

Where questions were the same as in the last questionnaire in 2005, the older results are also shown, shaded in grey.

For many of the questions, listeners were asked to choose one of the following answers:

- AA = Agree strongly
- A = Agree
- X = I am neutral or I don't know
- D = Disagree
- DD = Disagree strongly

(Some questions were left without any answer - e.g. if a question was not understood, or for any other reason)

PART 1 - CLEs - HOW OFTEN? WHAT KIND? WHEN?

"In a typical year we have had 12 end-of-the-month listening events plus one or two mid-month extra ones. I would prefer CLEs to be held MORE FREQUENTLY than this. (AA, A, X, D or DD)"

The general feeling is that we have enough CLEs.
Only 1 in 8 of us want them more frequently.
The four who disagreed strongly (that's 1 in 12 of us) probably want fewer CLEs.

Answer	Count	2005
(blank)	2	1
AA	3	1
A	3	5
X	13	8
D	22	25
DD	4	4

<== e.g. 22 replies gave answer 'D' for this question.
(The most frequent answers are flagged in yellow)

"About half of the CLEs have been 'normal' ones, in which we listen for all the NDBs within a specified frequency range. Please say HOW MANY of each type of CLE you would like in a TWO YEAR period of about 25 CLEs."

Thank you for all the thought that went into answering this - and just about all of the replies DID add up to about 25 CLEs! The table shows how many listeners wanted each number of CLEs of each kind. E.g. for **Normal CLEs**, you can see that one listener wanted only 2 in 2 years, 14 wanted to stay with about 14 in 2 years and two wanted as many as 20. I have flagged the 'most wanted' numbers in **yellow**.

TYPE OF CLE	Number of CLEs we want in two years																					(blank)	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		21
Normal (Freq Range; have been about 14 in 2 years)			1				1		1	2			5	4	14	4	6		2	3	2		2
Countries/Islands (specified radio countries)	10	8	22	1	3																		3
DGPS (logging DGPS beacons only)	9	6	20	1	7		1																3
Navtex (logging Navtex beacons only)	9	8	20		6					1													3
DX CLE (logging longer distance NDBs only)	8	10	23	2		1																	3
Middy or 'Field' CLEs (daytime only)	7	10	19		5	1	1		1														3
SPECIALS (like 'A-Z', 'Noah', 'Pyramid', etc.)	13	10	16	2	2	1																	3

The results show that, overall, our preferred mix of CLE types is -

'Normal' CLEs - about 7 in each year
 Each of the other types - about 1 in each year

"If there are any of the SPECIALS that you particularly enjoyed and would like again, please say what kind they were."

The previous answers showed that there is probably a wish for these, but only nine of us gave answers to this question. Several of these emphasised their interest in the other non-normal types of CLE. We have had few 'SPECIALS' in recent years, so many members may not know (or have forgotten) about 'A-Z', 'Noah', 'Pyramid', etc.

"CLEs often give me TOO LITTLE scope (not enough NDBs to search for) (AA, A, X, D or DD)"

The 12 listeners who disagree strongly would probably prefer a smaller frequency range in most 'Normal' events. The 10 listeners who agree would want a wider frequency range.

I checked to see whether there is any geographical pattern to this - e.g. is it the more remote listeners who want a wider range? There were no significant differences to be found.

Answer	Count	2009
(blank)	1	1
AA	4	2
A	6	7
X	4	10
D	20	16
DD	12	8

It seems that the frequency ranges are about right for most of us.

"I think the use of recordings during CLEs (e.g. using an SDR) to find loggings afterwards is acceptable."

Only one in eight of us sees any problem in making use of these more recent aids to listening.

Answer	Count
AA	18
A	19
X	4
D	4
DD	2

"I would like CLEs to be made more competitive (like 'contests')."

There is no doubt at all on our views about this. It has been about the same in all four questionnaires.

It says a lot for our hobby that it provides all the interest and challenge that most of us want without the need to include competitions and 'winners'. As I often say, I reckon that everyone is a winner who takes part and enjoys doing so.

Answer	Count	2005
AA	0	0
A	0	7
X	6	4
D	10	9
DD	29	24

"CLEs can sometimes include public holidays. I would normally prefer this when it applies to my Country."

More than half of us have no view on this, but most of the rest would prefer events that include holidays.

I will try to include holidays on the few occasions that it is practicable.

Answer	Count
AA	6
A	13
X	25
D	3
DD	0

PART 2 - HOW DO YOU MAKE YOUR CLE LOG?

"I use the following as my one (or more) MAIN SOURCES(s) of information on NDBs."

	1st	2nd	3rd
H ENDBH, NANDBH (Michael's)	18	10	3
R REU, RNA, RWW (Andy, Martin, Pat, Vincent, ...)	25	15	2
W WWSU (Alex's)	2	12	8
or O Other (please explain)	1	2	11

Seven members said what their 'Other' source is - three of them quoted 'Air Nav' sites.

We are very fortunate to have members who have taken on the difficult jobs of researching the NDBs, providing databases, maintaining the details in them and making the information available to us.

"It will be interesting to know the range of methods used by all of us to prepare our CLE logs.

Please answer EACH LINE with a Y or N (for 'yes' or 'no') "

	Y	N	(b)
As I listen, I usually WRITE my reception details onto a 'seeklist' prepared in advance.	16	30	1
As I listen, I usually TYPE the NDB Idents, etc., direct into a computer.	21	25	1
I often make recordings (e.g. using an SDR) and find loggings from them afterwards.	14	32	1
I just type my log without any 'program' help.	14	30	3
The NDB DETAILS are taken from a list or database that I maintain on my PC.	28	17	2
My LOGS are made with the help of a program or database that I set up myself.	17	25	5

in 2005		
Y	N	(b)
21	22	1
14	29	1
-	-	-
19	23	2
20	21	3
17	24	3

What is the main program that you use to generate your actual log?

WWSU has taken over from EXCEL as the most used, but each of the other ways also has several users.

The 4 'Others' each use something different from anyone else.

We use an amazingly wide range of ways of making our logs, from the simplest possible to the most sophisticated.

Program	Count	2005
WWSU	11	3
Weblog	5	6
ACCESS	4	3
EXCEL	9	11
WORD,etc.	7	5
Other	4	7
None	6	9

"The deadline for arrival of CLE Logs (e.g. 08:00 UTC on Wed.) is usually about two days after the CLE ended (e.g. midday on Mon.). I would prefer LESS time than this."

(AA [= one day less], A, X, D or DD [= one day more])

The answers show that about 1 in 10 of us may find it hard to meet the deadline but nearly everyone else seems happy.

Answer	Count
(blank)	2
AA	1
A	3
X	22
D	14
DD	5

PART 3 - VALUE OF THE COMBINED RESULTS?

The next question aims to find out which of the results tables and lists are useful.

"I find the following items USEFUL or INTERESTING (AA, A, X, D or DD for ones that you would never use). If you do not know what an item is, please leave it with no answer"

T A B L E o r L I S T		AA	A	X	D	DD	(bl)
The main list of BEACONS HEARD		30	14	2			1
The top seven items are to be found in the CLE results EXCEL files	The table 'COUNTRIES (& States, etc.) HEARD'	19	20	4	2		2
	The table of counts by 'LISTENING TIMES'	16	18	9	2	1	1
	The table of NDB counts for each FREQUENCY	14	23	7	1	1	1
	The list of 'MINE ONLY BEACONS'	13	26	4	1	2	1
	The table of 'TRANSATLANTIC BEACONS'	14	21	5	5	1	1
	The NOW/THEN progress statistics (same freq.range)	17	21	7			2
The bottom three are lists which are given within the CLE results email.	The list of MOST HEARD beacons	17	26	2			2
	The (new) list of MISSING beacons	17	21	5	1		3
	The 'DX25+10' list (furthest 25, nearest 10)	14	24	7			2

It looks like we should continue with all the existing tables and lists.

PART 4 - GENERAL

"I find the CLE WebPage useful (AA, A, X, D or DD)"
(accessed via <http://www.beaconworld.org.uk/info.htm>)

Answer	Count	2009
(blank)	1	1
AA	13	13
A	16	13
X	14	14
D	3	1
DD	0	0

The CLE page is clearly useful to most of us - thanks Alan.

"Thinking of the last 12 months, please say about HOW MANY CLEs you took part in (just a GUESS is OK)."

Half of the listeners who replied had taken part in 7 or more of the last 12 CLEs. The 47 who replied were a good sample of the 94 listeners who sent logs for one or more of the last 12 CLEs.

"If you have any comments or suggestions on the timing of CLEs (which usually include the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights on the last weekend of each month), on the conduct of CLEs, log making and posting, deadline for sending logs or anything else, please give them here"

Thirteen of the replies added some comments [here](#).
Here are extracts from most of them, including those containing suggestions for changes.

CLEs have encouraged me to try new ideas and to improve my equipment and technique.

I find weekdays sometimes easier; weekends often get swallowed up in family things!

An extra day during the week would allow me a greater chance to participate.

Change to 1st weekend (to avoid the curse of poor CLE reception!).

Add row in results for total number of BCNs logged by each participant.

I would not want to miss the end of year CLE!

It might enrich this group and draw new member interest if we had additional events organized and run by those of you with fresh ideas.

The use of a recording is far more difficult than real (*SDRs, etc.*)

I tried to take part with the DGPS but its difficult to understand the way of writing the logs.

I enjoy CLEs. I get family permission for one night's listen. I prepare myself a target list beforehand, and work my way through it. I'm very slow, because I like to make sure I get the ID right [and my Morse is lousy!]. I only get through my list three or four times before the night is over. The pleasure is in finding the station as I go.

CLE(s) are the main reason why I still keep to the hobby and I'm looking forward to each of them.

[Taking our replies together, we do generally agree about most things and there has been little change over the years. It's impossible to keep everyone happy all the time - but we should occasionally try to cater for the more unusual views.](#)

[Many thanks to all who helped us by replying to this survey.](#)